

FIVE COUNTIES HAVE NEVER HAD HANGING

SOME ILLINOIS HISTORY

Other Sections Which Have Not Imposed Extreme Penalty in Generation; Figures Given

At least five counties of the state have never imposed the death penalty. According to reports compiled by the Department of Public Welfare these counties are Brown, Bureau, Fulton, Jersey and Ogle.

Although efforts have been made to secure reports from every county in the state, records are incomplete. It is possible Jasper, Mercer and Platt counties should be added to the list of those in which no legal execution has ever been held.

Six Hold One Hanging
Six of the counties of the state report but one legal execution taking place within its boundaries. These counties are: Carroll, May 16, 1873; Christian, about 1878; Hamilton, Dec. 4, 1896; Knox, date not given; Lawrence, about sixty years ago, and Wabash, about 1850.

Other counties of the state report: Adams—Last about 1893. Edgar—About 25 years ago. Franklin—None in 25 years. JoDaviess—None since 1870. Jasper—Oldest resident says never any in county. Lake—None in 30 to 35 years. McHenry—Last about 40 years ago. Mercer—Thought to be none. Piatt—None to knowledge of sheriff.

Rock Island—Last in 1912. Winnebago—Last in 1910.

Modes of Capital Punishment
Including Illinois, in which hanging is still the legal punishment for capital offenses committed prior to July 1, 1927, twenty-one states, together with the territory of Alaska, still maintain the gallows:

These states are: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Electrocution is the legal punishment in sixteen states and the District of Columbia. These states are Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia. To these should be added Illinois for capital offenses committed after July 1, 1927.

Other methods for the infliction of the death penalty are Nevada, lethal gas; Utah, condemned given the choice between shooting and hanging.

Abolish Death Penalty
The following states have abolished the death penalty:

Kansas—Abolished in 1907, but no executions in the state since 1872. Maine—Abolished in 1847, re-established in 1882, but again abolished in 1887.

Michigan—Abolished in 1847, except for treason.

Minnesota—Abolished in 1911.

North Dakota—Only provision for infliction is for murderous attacks on prison guards.

Rhode Island—Abolished in 1852, except for attacks on guards.

Wisconsin—Abolished in 1853, with only three executions in the state prior to abolishment.

Restored in Six States
Six states have restored capital punishment after having once abolished this penalty:

Abolished	Restored
Washington	1913 1919
Iowa	1872 1878
Colorado	1897 1901
Oregon	1914 1920
Arizona	1916 1918
Missouri	1917 1919

Record for Ten Year Period
During the ten year period of 1917 to 1926, inclusive, a total of fifty-three legal executions were held in the state of Illinois, as shown by the records of the Department of Public Welfare. Of this number thirty-five were held in Cook county. Two each were held in St. Clair, Vermillion and Will counties, with one each in Champaign, Dupage, Livingston, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Morgan, Peoria, Pulaski, White and Williamson counties.

The record by years shows the following figures:

1917	1
1918	5
1919	3
1920	9
1921	13
1922	2
1923	3
1924	6
1925	3
1926	8
Total	53

Eighty-six of the counties of the state held no legal executions during the ten year period.

SAYS GOLF LOSING AS BUSINESS GETTER

Conditions Different From Days When Few Played Game, Says Writer

Golf is losing out as a business getter according to Nation's Business Magazine.

Since the habit of playing has become nearly universal among executives, more common interest in the sport no longer brings individuals together. Devotion to the game has become so general that it has lost its competitive advantage as a business asset to a large extent. In the early days of the ancient Scotch game, when golf players were few in number, a common interest in the same hobby made buddies out of bankers and customers, lawyers and clients. Now, golf—like all non-business activities—serves merely to create an attitude of friendliness and to break down the formality of purely business contacts. But a mere capacity to play golf is no longer enough to bring in business. In this sense, the collateral advantages of golf have been diminished because the sport has been overdone. Popularity breeds innocuousness.

Incidentally, the tremendous expansion of facilities for playing golf in this country is tending to keep many men of wealth, who formerly went abroad each year, at home during the summer.

President Coolidge exhorts the American people to manifest industry, and yet he declines to take hold and work four years more as president.

BLIND STUDENT CAN DISTINGUISH TREES

NAMES MANY CORRECTLY

Studies Woodcraft and Has Deep Sense of Discrimination in Selecting Different Kinds, Report

Blind from birth, David McDaniels, a fifteen year old student at the Illinois school for the blind at Jacksonville, is able to correctly name twenty-one varieties of trees native to Illinois, through the feel of the bark, the leaves or fruit.

Born in Hamletburg, a small village on the Ohio river in Pope county, David received his first instruction in woodcraft from an elder brother. With his entrance as a student of the Illinois School for the Blind, he enrolled as a member of the Boy Scout troop, expressing a desire to take up nature study as a specialty.

Night Patrols

During the past summer, in company with other blind students, mem-

bers of the Boy Scout Patrol, he has enjoyed a number of hikes and overnight camps in the woods, during which he closely applied himself to nature study, especially in getting acquainted with the different varieties of trees in the section visited.

A few months ago with the issuance of a "Tree Book" of Illinois, containing a description of ninety-nine trees native to Illinois, Mr. E. B. Miller, chief forester, department of conservation, David made application for one of the publications, stating he was making a study of trees and another boy would read the book to him, and he believed it would be a great help to him in his studies. Since receiving the book it has been one of his most cherished possessions and has been carried constantly by him on hikes with the Boy Scout patrol. He is considering making a Braille translation of the publication for the benefit of other blind students who may be interested in nature study.

David is planning to fit himself as a stenographer when the academic course of the Illinois School for the Blind is completed, with the expectation of securing work in a law office where he will pursue his studies looking toward practice of the legal profession.

TRAVEL AND SCIENCE LECTURES AT MUSEUM

Five of Them to Be Given During Remainder of January, Report

Five of the twenty illustrated travel and science lectures begun last fall at Field Museum of Natural History, and interrupted during the holiday season, remain to be given during the early weeks of the new year.

They will be resumed next Saturday, January 14, when William K. Finley, director of wild life conservation for the State of Oregon, will lecture on "Birds and Animals of Alaska." Mr. Finley will repeat his lecture on Sunday, Jan. 15.

The other lectures are as follows: "The Way of the Sperm Whaler," by Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, on Sunday, Jan. 22; "Explorations in Plant Life," by Arthur C. Pillsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 28; and "The Malay Peninsula," by Carveth Wells, on Sunday, Jan. 29.

While a certain number of seats are reserved for members of Field Museum, several hundred will be available to the general public. All lectures

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