

Stratton's Office Is Breaking Fees Record

Fees collected by the corporation department of Secretary of State William J. Stratton's office in November of this year exceeded the collection for the same month last year by \$30,129.77, the secretary of state announced today.

The November 1929 collection totalled \$83,679.95 as compared with \$53,550.18 collected in November last year.

In announcing the increase Secretary of State Stratton declared it is indicative of the confidence of investors in the continued prosperity of the state's financial institutions.

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HAS ORIGINAL BONE OF NEANDERTHALOR

Fragment of Skull from Child of Earliest Race of Humans at Museum

The only authenticated piece of original bone from the remains of a Neanderthaler ever brought to America is in the possession of Field Museum of Natural History, which acquired it among collections made by a recent expedition to Europe sponsored by Marshall Field Jr.

The Neanderthalers are the earliest race of human beings of whom complete skeletal remains have been found by archaeologists, and only a relatively few skeletons and bone fragments have been obtained anywhere, all of which, with the exception of the Field Museum piece, are in the repositories of various European countries. The Neanderthal race flourished in western Europe about 50,000 years ago, according to the estimates of scientists.

Part of Child's Skull

The bone obtained by the museum is part of a child's skull, apparently from an infant who died or was killed before he was two years old. This deduction is made from the condition of the lines of suture and other indications.

The bone was obtained in Germany by Henry Field, assistant curator of physical anthropology, and leader of the European expedition which made a vast collection of flint implements and other objects representing the cultures of prehistoric man. The skull fragment was traced as coming from a prehistoric rock shelter at Le Moustier, France, whence a European collector had brought it to Germany. It had passed through the hands of several people who did not realize what it was, before it came into the possession of the Chicago scientist. Consultation with leading anthropologists of England and France confirmed Mr. Field's recognition of it as a priceless relic of the dim ages of man's past.

Replica of Cave Home

Field Museum recently installed the world's only scientifically constructed life-size replica of a Neanderthal family and their cave, and the institution is rapidly taking a leading place in the collection of prehistoric artifacts and the conducting of research in connection with the early races of man.

New System Shows Big Saving at Co. Hospital

The saving at the Lake County General hospital for the last 90 days, during which time the drastic resolution of the county board making it almost entirely a pauper institution, has reached \$2,710.45 according to Supervisor David Van Patten, of Russell.

The amount of the saving is based on the expenditures made during September, October and November of 1928 and 1929. A year ago operating expenses were \$21,688.30 against \$19,849.12 for this year. By cutting down the number of patients, which accounted for the saving, the payroll dropped from \$8,462.24 to \$7,539.97 over the same period, according to Mr. Van Patten, who is chairman of the hospital committee.

Lyons Makes Voting Record at Capital

Representative Richard J. Lyons of Mundelein has made a remarkable voting record during his first term at Springfield. According to the House Journal records of the last season, there were 653 votes taken in the house on all matters and Rep. Lyons voted on 579 roll calls. This is the highest voting record of any of the legislators from this district, Waukegan papers report.

According to figures, Rep. Lyons

voted many more times than the majority of the members of the house. The records also show that Rep. Lyons was not absent once during the entire session, and voted 100% on roll calls for attendance of members.

He voted "Yes" or "No" on every bill and not once did he vote "Present but not voting," which many members of the house do in order not to go on record.

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