

State Caring for 673 Children of Veterans Normal Orphan Home

Determined to exert its utmost efforts to discharge the obligations that the public owes the men that served their country under arms, the present administration of Illinois state government is now caring for 673 children in the soldiers' orphans' home at Normal. They range from infancy up to 18 years of age. Their educational advantages extend to scholarship in the State Normal university in order that their opportunities in life may not be limited in any avoidable degree, because of the fact that their fathers sacrificed their lives for the Republic. There are still four children of Civil War veterans in the home. Spanish-American War veterans' children total 71. The fathers of 22 were in the regular army or navy. Children of World War veterans total 460. This home has been maintained by Illinois since 1868, when it was established as a refuge for 196 children that the Civil War made homeless.

State Employees Give Day's Pay a Month to Unemployment Relief

The first allotment of funds contributed at the rate of one day's pay per month by state employes in the departments under Gov. Louis L. Emerson has been distributed. The initial distribution, approximately \$32,000, was divided as follows: about \$12,000 went to relieve want due to unemployment in places the committee found demands most urgent; another \$11,000 to unemployment relief committees set up in the various counties by the governor's committee. The balance was awarded local philanthropic organizations, as directed by the donors. Another \$20,000 is to follow immediately to agencies the state employes that contributed it designate. Most of the donors preferred to have the governor's committee determine where the funds are most needed.

Must Seek Redress in Civil Courts, Decision

A consumer, whose service has been discontinued by a utility company as the result of alleged theft of service by that consumer, must seek redress in a civil court and not before the Illinois Commerce Commission.

When a utility company stops service to a customer arbitrarily and without cause, the commission should order the service resumed, as the company has no right to take such action. When such discontinuance of service, however, has its basis on a charge of service theft, made by the utility in good faith and upon probable cause but denied by the customer, then the commission will not decide as to the guilt or innocence of the customer but will permit him to seek his remedy in court.

The industrial and business slump has struck bottom so often during the past few weeks that we are afraid the bottom may wear out.

Recent Proceedings in the Probate Court

Recent proceedings in probate court, of interest in this part of the county, are reported as follows:

James H. Douglas, Lake Forest—Will admitted to probate. Estate of \$3,000,000 given to members of family in various amount with bequests of \$5,000 to the Sunday Evening club of Chicago, and \$20,000 to the Chicago Community Trust. Heirship

proved. Letters testamentary issued to Inez B. Douglas, Donald B. Douglas and James H. Douglas, Jr. Bond of \$6,000,000.

John Melville Brown, Lake Bluff—Waiver of widow's award and inventory approved.

Frank Williams, Lake Forest—Petition for probate of will filed and set for hearing March 16.

Francis A. Hayner, et al., minors, Lake Forest—First report approved. Guardian authorized to spend income for care of wards.

Amy Unbehaun, incompetent, Highland Park—Fifth report approved.

John Engels, Highland Park—Inventory and appraisal bill approved.

One financial expert says the foundations for many future fortunes will be laid this year. But personally we haven't been able to get hold of any rocks to start a foundation.

One of our unmarried friends was cruel enough to say, the other day, that paying the bachelor's tax is just like buying accident insurance.



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