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OF GENERAL INTEREST

ITEMS STOLEN FROM COLUMNS OF EXCHANGES

SANDWICH MAN GETS \$14500

Damages Paid by Burlington Railroad for Loss of Both Feet—Gladstone Deserts Father's Creed

B. Mansfield, Sandwich junk dealer, run over by a passenger train in that city, has been given \$14,500 by the Burlington railroad for the loss of both legs. He sued the railroad company for \$100,000 in Aurora City court and Monday it was announced that the suit would be dismissed by the payment of the above amount.

Gladstone Dowie, only son of the late John Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion city and a religious cult with which it was populated, has deserted his father's creed and is studying for the Episcopalian ministry.

Jacob May, an aged wealthy bachelor, was found in his home at Marinette, Wis., in a starving condition. When taken to a hospital \$1,200 in currency and \$5,000 in certificates of deposit were found on his person. His unwillingness to spend money for fuel and food may result in his death.

Of that little band of men who drove the stage coaches during the pioneer era of Illinois, prior to the advent of the railroads, but one so far as known, survives. He is Henry A. Posson, now living in retirement in Winnebago county, in his eightieth year.

Charles A. Lemmers, editor of the Woodstock Republican, has been the clerk of Woodstock camp of Modern Woodmen for twenty-five years, a record that is not often equalled.

A young man down at Kewanee made application for a marriage license but could tell only the first name of the girl he wanted to marry. He was advised to go and get an introduction to the young lady and learn her name. He agreed that it would be a good scheme, saying "I wouldn't mind knowing what her name is myself."

The county clerk's office has heard from the state board of equalization and the clerical force in the office is busily engaged in fixing up the necessary tax data for the use of DeKalb county. The state rate this year is 35 cents on the hundred dollars an increase of five cents over last year. The DeKalb county rate is 51 cents whereas it was 53 cents last year.

Cornell Brothers, who operate milk bottling plants at Huntley, Harmony, Coral, Garden Prairie and Maple Park, Ill., and at Lake Geneva and Zenda, Wis., recently made a voluntary assignment in the county court of Kane County. The assignee will ask permission of the creditors to operate the plants on the dividend plan. The company owes the patrons of the plants for all milk furnished since Oct. 1. Cornell Bros. have been identified with the creamery business for years. Their financial trouble is attributed to the high prices paid for milk last winter, when every bottling plant in the country lost money.

Genoa Camp No. 163 M. W. A.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Visiting neighbors welcome. B. C. Awe, V. C. E. H. Browne, Clerk

A. M. Hill, M. D.

Office over Martin's jewelry store. Hours: 12:30 to 2 p. m. 6:30 to 8 p. m. Residence on East Main St. Calls promptly attended to day or night

Mrs. Jessie Ellwood Ray, who recently inherited \$500,000 from her father, the late Isaac Ellwood of DeKalb, was last week granted a divorce in Denver, Col., from Benjamin Franklin Ray, Denver manager for Harris & Winthrop, Chicago and New York brokers, on the ground of mental and physical cruelty.

The color line was drawn at Union Saturday when "Professor" James Hudson, colored chiropodist, was set upon by twenty white men and roughly handled, says the Elgin News. He suffered a "black" eye, had his "stovepipe" hat demolished, lost six dozen eggs and says he was robbed of \$40.

Moving pictures afford a field for the adventurer scarcely less exciting than the hunting of big game. A party of photographers have climbed Mt. Etna during an eruption and taken pictures within a few hundred feet of the crater. They were next ordered to Tripoli to secure a photographic record of the war more picturesque and more reliable than that of historian's pen can ever be.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kolbe, of Elgin believe that they have a baby daughter who breaks all records for size. She is eight months and eleven days old and weighs 32 pounds. She weighed nine pounds at birth.

McHenry Plaindealer: The latest railroad news is to the effect that the Woodstock & Sycamore Traction company has sold out to the Chicago and Waukegan company and that cars will be running into this village no later than June 15 next. We are still from Missouri.

Rabbits are well known to be the curse of Australia; notwithstanding the fact that, according to the view of the commonwealth meteorologist, Mr. H. A. Hunt, the burrows of these animals, by keeping the ground broken up, make it more retentive of rainfall—a philosophical consideration that strongly suggests Mark Tapley. Latterly, the Australians have been trying with considerable success to turn their curse into a blessing by marketing their surplus rabbits [dressed] in European countries.

A mammoth cheese, weighing 12,000 pounds, or six tons, which was exhibited at the Dairy Show in Chicago last week, was purchased by the Fair store, Chicago, and was placed on sale in their grocery department on the seventh floor. The cheese was too large and too heavy for any elevator to the grocery department, so it had to be cut into four pieces and placed together again when displayed in the department. Six large horses drew the cheese to the store, and it was necessary to take out door casings both at the sides and top to get the mammoth cheese thru the opening. It was four feet high and eight in diameter.

Like Father, Like Son

B. T. Abbott of Morrison, son of Representative A. N. Abbott of this district, has been named as one of the instructors in animal husbandry for the "short course" in Lebanon, Ill. This course which bids fair to become one of the most popular educational institutions in the state, will be held the first two weeks in January. It is the first course of its kind in southern Illinois.

Slamece Tobacco Cultivation. The tobacco fields of Slam embrace 6,000 acres.

CORN CONTEST AGAIN

SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS IN PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

FOR THE SEASON OF 1912

Exchange Bank of Brown & Brown Has Inaugurated Second Contest, Being Well Pleas'd with First

Believing that much good has been derived from the boys' contest for the best acre of corn this season, and that future contests will bring still better results, the Exchange Bank of Brown & Brown offer the following prizes for best acre of corn for the season of 1912:

First, \$25.00; second, \$20.00; third, \$15.00; fourth, \$10.00; fifth, \$5.00.

Competition for the first prize will be open to all under 21 years of age at the time of planting corn; second, third, fourth and fifth premiums open to any aged 17 or under at the time of planting, all to be patrons of the Exchange Bank. The object in limiting the contestants to patrons of the bank is simply for the purpose of limiting the territory. Any boy can become a patron by depositing one dollar.

The reason for making the contest for first premium open to all is that some of the boys in the 1911 contest are now past the seventeen year limit, and it is hoped that all in the 1912 contest will enter for 1912. Some boy under seventeen may take the first at that, for in the last a thirteen-year-old boy captured first.

Following are the rules of the contest:

The acre must be an exact acre, ten by sixteen rods.

Corn must be planted not nearer than eighteen inches of boundary line of said acre.

Rows not less than 3 feet 4 inches.

Corn must be checked. Corn may be any dent variety. Each contestant may prepare, treat and cultivate his acre of corn to his own notion.

This corn must not be harvested before ripe.

Corn may be harvested at any time after it becomes ripe and prior to the 10th day of November, but only under the supervision of some disinterested party or parties chosen by the directors of the Genoa Farmers Institute.

Corn to be measured by weight on dry corn basis of 50 lbs. to the bushel.

The entire acre must be planted on same day.

In determining the best acre judges shall take into consideration the quality, quantity and cost of production.

The judges shall be selected by the directors of the Genoa Farmers Institute.

Each contestant shall write and deliver to the directors of the Genoa Farmers Institute a paper giving the history of the previous use of the land at least three years prior to time of planting, history and description of his seed, treatment, preparation of soil, time of planting, method of cultivation and time of maturity and harvesting and whatever else of interest in connection with the growing of said crop that he may be able to state.

All desiring to enter contest will please call at the Exchange Bank of Brown & Brown and subscribe to above, before March 1 1912.

STARVED ROCK

Purchased for Park by the Illinois Park Commissioners

Starved Rock passed into the hands of the state of Illinois Friday when negotiations were concluded between the Illinois park commission and Ferdinand Walthers, who had owned the property for the last twenty-two years.

The papers signed and exchanged show that the state paid the sum of \$146,000 for the 290 acre tract, which it is expected will prove to be the nucleus of one of the finest state parks in the country.

The new state park preserve lies ten miles west of Ottawa on the south side of the Illinois river and in addition to Starved Rock proper consists of precipitous cliffs, canyons, and glens, which rival many of America's most beautiful scenic wonders.

No spot in Illinois is richer in history or legend than Starved Rock, which was visited by the early French missionary explorers and was the scene of numerous bloody conflicts between Indian tribes.

AURORA BOY KILLED

Shotgun Shell With Which He Was Playing Explodes

George Hartwick, 7 years old, of Aurora, was instantly killed last week and his playmate Wm. Menke, 3 years old, sustained probably fatal injuries when a shotgun shell with which they were playing was exploded.

Two boys were playing in the kitchen. Their parents were in a front room. In a drawer of the kitchen table the older boy found a shell loaded with buckshot.

"I can shoot it off" he said, picking up a hammer. The smaller boy watching him wonderingly. The hammer fell, striking the percussion cap.

Mrs. Hartwick rushed in to find her son dead, with a buckshot in his heart. The brass portion of the shell had struck the Menke boy in the head.

DEATH AT COUNTY FARM

Kirkland Man Died Saturday After Long Illness

John Knappenberg, of Kirkland, who has been at the county farm since April, suffering from a dropsical affection, died there yesterday afternoon. He was about sixty years of age. Had suffered greatly during the last weeks of his illness, being unable to lie down at all.

His body was taken to the home of a brother in Kirkland for funeral services and burial.

Church Announcement

On Christmas eve, Dec. 24, at 7:30, the pupils of the German Luth. school will render appropriate exercises at the church. A tree will be decorated for the occasion and presents given to the children. The exercises will be partly in the English language. Everybody welcome.

On first and second Christmas day, that is December 25, and 26, services will be held at the church at 10:30 a. m.

Little Left.

"What's the matter here?" asked the caller, noticing the barren appearance of the house. "Sent your goods away to be stored?" "No," replied the hostess. "Not at all. My daughter was married last week and she has merely taken away the things that she thought belonged to her."

BODY LAID TO REST

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MORGAN DUNN HELD SUNDAY

BURIAL AT MONROE CENTER

Odd Fellows Attend Services in Genoa in a Body—Woodmen Services at the Grave—Rev. Bellamy Officiates

The body of Morgan Dunn, whose death occurred at Shawano, Wis., on the 14th of this month, was brought to Genoa last Friday evening and taken to the home of G. H. Martin, a brother Odd Fellow, who kindly opened his home. Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Bellamy officiating. The local lodge of Odd Fellows, of which the deceased became a member a short time before his death, and the local camp of Modern Woodmen attended in a body. After the regular services at the church Odd Fellow services were conducted by Noble Grand E. C. Oberg and Chaplain H. H. Shurtleff. The music was furnished by Mesdames D. E. Campbell, Arthur Eiklor and C. A. Patterson.

The body was taken to Monroe Center Monday where burial services were conducted by the Woodmen of that place. Several Genoa Woodmen were in attendance.

The following obituary was read by Rev. Bellamy at the church services:

"Morgan Dunn was born November 21, 1852, at Bethel, New York. At two years of age his parents moved to Battle Creek, Mich., where he spent his youth. He married Miss Clara Tichenor at Stanton, Mich., November 24, 1872. The young couple began their happy wedded life on a farm at which vocation he continued for a number of years. In 1881 they made their first move, going to Rockford, Ill. Five years later they moved to Monroe Center where Mr. Dunn found employment as a carpenter. Their last move was made to Genoa in 1906, where he continued his trade.

"Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, of whom five survive him; Charles E., Shawano, Wis.; Mrs. E. J. Carey, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. R. E. Sunderlin, Sunfield, Mich.; Mrs. B. F. Rudolph and Ray of Genoa; also six grand children and one brother, Walter. Mr. Dunn was a member of two orders, the Modern Woodmen and the I. O. O. F. Six weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Dunn discontinued house keeping to spend the winter with their children. They went first to the home of their oldest child, Charles, at Shawano, Wis. The following Monday Mr. Dunn was taken ill and the anticipations of a winter spent in pleasant visiting was rapidly dispelled as the character of the fatal illness gradually revealed itself. His death occurred December 14 while all the children but Mrs. Carey were present. Blood poison was the direct cause of death.

"Mr. Dunn attained and merited creditable mention among his fellows. He was an industrious citizen and a loving and indulgent father. While his friends will miss him, his children will feel that God gave to them a father who was very mindful of them and whose last days were spent among them."

RED CROSS SEALS

Now on Sale at the Exchange Bank of Brown & Brown—Fight Tuberculosis

Red cross Christmas seals at the Exchange Bank of Brown & Brown. The funds derived from the sale of these seals is used in the fight against consumption or tuberculosis. They sell at one cent each.

Here are three reasons why you should buy and use these seals and thus join in the fight for the elimination of the plague:

Because one death in every ten is caused by tuberculosis.

Because every seal you buy will be used to fight consumption.

Because tuberculosis cannot be stamped out unless you do your part.

BEN STILLING SHIPS CARP

15,000 Pounds Are Shipped From McHenry and Cary

This is carp shipping week for B. Stilling, the Fox Lake carp seiner. This year about 15,000 pounds of the carp are being shipped. The carp were taken from the waters of Pistakee bay, Fox lake, Slocum's lake and Fox river.

In speaking to Mr. Stilling regarding the carp he stated that Pistakee bay is practically free from this species of fish and went on to say that their hauls from this body of water amounted to very little and to use his own expression, "Pistakee bay will be free from carp for some years to come."

The carp that have been seined this year have all been kept alive and will be shipped that way.

The first shipment took place from Cary, Ill., on Tuesday of this week, while shipments from McHenry were made yesterday and today. The carp were shipped by express. When the fish reach Chicago they are given immediate attention and are soon conveyed to large artificial pools where they are fed and kept alive until disposed of.

Big Night's Bill

The Ideal Amusement Co., at the opera house Saturday night, 5000 feet of high-class motion pictures, consisting of Scenic, Dramatic and Comic selections. Christmas, turkey given away. One and one-half hours' entertainment.

We submit to your approval the following program:

1. "The Wrong Trail"—Western.

2. "The Count of Montbello, he wasn't much account,"—Dramatic.

3. "Son of the Executioner, Chosen Marksman"—Comedy.

4. "Girl Scout"—Western.

5. "Dorothea Scare Crow"—Fairytale.

Every picture a feature having a moral. Good music. Saturday night is the night. Admission 10c.

Goes Up For Life

Henry W. Morris of Plano must spend the remainder of his life in the penitentiary for the murder of Mrs. Estelle Dumas at Montgomery on the afternoon of December 17, 1910.

Sewing Machines in Japan. The Japanese government has three modern factories equipped with sewing machines to produce uniforms and other clothing, etc., required in the various branches of its service. Tailors are large users of the sewing machine and shoemakers are finding it a profitable assistant.

CITY DADS GET BUSY

TAKE INITIAL STEP FOR SEWER SYSTEM IN GENOA

WILL ENGAGE AN ENGINEER

Long Suffering Public will Halt the News with Joy—Work of Survey and Map to Begin at Once

The first mayor and city council have taken a step which will mark them as progressive men as well as having the honor of being the first representatives of Genoa under the new city government. At a special meeting on Monday evening of this week it was voted unanimously by the council to engage a civil engineer to make a map of the city showing surveys for the proposed sewer system. It is necessary to have this survey made before an estimate of the probable cost can be determined. When this has been accomplished it will be up to the property owners to be benefitted whether they want a proper system of disposing of the sewerage or whether they desire to adhere to the old, unsanitary and unsatisfactory cess pool system with which the city is now compelled to contend.

A petition will be circulated along the proposed line of the sewer mains, it requiring a majority of the frontage to start the work.

There is little doubt that the proposition will go thru with but little opposition. It would be difficult to imagine any fighting against it, for sanitary reasons alone. It is bound to enhance the value of property benefitted.

Another special meeting of the city council will be held on Friday evening of this week at which time an engineer will be engaged. The work will then be under way at once.

Malta and Good Roads

The enterprising village of Malta has declared by an overwhelming majority in favor of good roads and by so doing has showed that it's citizens have an appreciation of modern progress. The election was held last week at Malta and there were 172 votes cast on the proposition, 136 of them voting in favor of good roads and but 36 voting against. One very pat reason for the sentiment in favor of good roads was the fact that a large share of the vote in the township was kept away from the polls because the roads leading to the polling place were so bad as to be impassable.

Thompson Still Growing

News comes from Australia that Johnny Thompson is still growing in weight, and has signed with the big negro Sam Langford for a 20-round bout to be staged at Sydney, N. S. W., the second week in January. When Thompson went to Australia the first time he was a light weight, he came back a middleweight, and it now looks likely he is to come back a heavy-weight—if anything.

Chas. Dowell of Wauconda lost his right hand in a corn shredder Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Dr. L. G. Hemenway

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GENOA LODGE

No. 768

I. O. O. F.

Meets every Monday evening in Odd Fellow Hall. E. C. Oberg, N. G. G. W. Sowers, Sec.

EVALINE LODGE

No. 344

Meets 4th Tuesday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall

C. H. Attenberg, Precy Fannie M. Heed, Secy

DENTIST

Hours: 8:30 to 12:00 a. m. 1:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Office in Exchange Bank Building

C. A. Patterson

Dr. E. A. Robinson

Physician and Surgeon.

Hours: 10:00 to 12:00 a. m. 1:00 to 3:00 p. m.

Office and residence cor. Monroe & 1st Sts. Calls promptly attended.

Experiments have been made in an English aquarium with regard to the sleep of fishes, says Harper's Weekly. It is necessary to remember that sleep is the rest of the brain, and that the need of it will be in proportion to the animal's cerebral activity. Now the brain of a fish is ridiculously small in relation to the actual size of the animal. It is merely a double row of tiny protuberances, with a leaf-like portion corresponding to the cerebellum of other animals. Since they have so little brain tissue, the waste to be repaired by sleep is slight among fishes. The result of careful experiment has shown that among fresh water fishes the roach, dace, gudgeon, carp, tench and minnow are known to sleep periodically, like land animals; among marine fishes the wrasse, conger eel, dory, dogfish, bass and all flat fish do the like, while the goldfish, pike and angler fish never sleep, but rest periodically. Fish seem to have no preference for the night as their sleeping time. A naturalist traveling from Constantinople to London in a small schooner reported that one morning he noticed a pilot fish a few inches from the side of the vessel, swimming so steadily that it seemed to be attached to one particular spot. All day long it remained there, neither advancing nor lagging behind, and so it happened for several days. Then came a gale of wind, and the vessel was separated from its little companion. It was evident that the fish could not have slept during all this time, as the vessel was sailing quite rapidly. The captain, moreover, asserted that he had known a pilot fish to accompany a vessel thus for more than a fortnight.

England has suddenly awakened to a realization of the fact that 95 per cent. of Canadian post-graduate students go to American or German universities to complete their education. Naturally she wonders why such a situation exists. Are not Oxford and Cambridge the equals of any foreign institutions? They are, indeed, but they take no particular pains to let any one know it, says the Boston Transcript. Clinging to their old conservative traditions, they are about a century behind the rest of the world in the matter of publicity, and have never been known to set forth the opportunities they offer for advanced work. On the other hand, foreign universities not only advertise themselves extensively, but they even grant fellowships to post-graduate students, often awarding them on the nomination of the college sending the student.

The report that a disease resembling trichina is rife this year among the deer in northern Wisconsin is not likely to whet the public's appetite for venison. If it co-operates with the game law in giving the deer a chance for their lives, it may be beneficial in two directions—first in conserving the deer and second in reducing the mortality among Wisconsin hunters, for the smaller the crowd of men with guns that goes into the northern wood, the fewer will be the fatal accidents whose victims are human beings. Indians say that the disease now prevailing among the deer broke out seventy winters ago, and killed many deer and many Indians. To make the flesh of deer harmless it should be well cooked.

Eighty-nine people have been killed and over 850 injured in automobile accidents in New York city since the first of the year. It is an appalling sacrifice to something which is a luxury not a necessity of life, and the more appalling since the majority of such accidents are avoidable. It is time that accidents-prevention, as well as fire-prevention, be introduced in all large communities, on the principle that what is avoidable, need not occur.

While it is very well that all reasonable precautions should be taken to prevent the spread of rabies, it is not at all desirable that the public should be worked up into a frenzy on the subject. For every authenticated case of rabies there are scores and perhaps hundreds of cases of nervousness simulating the reputed symptoms of that dread disease, which, indeed, is so rare that there still are very intelligent people who are unconvinced that it exists.

Possibly the clergyman who says a successful business man cannot be honest has been speculating in Wall street.

A clergyman refers to Adam and Eve as models. Up to a certain episode they certainly did pose in the nude.

Arabs in Tunis are getting restless, feeling that their kindred in Tripoli are showing a better batting average.

WRECK KILLS TEN

FAST CHICAGO TRAIN ON ST. PAUL RAILROAD IS STRUCK BY SPECIAL.

DISASTER AT ODESSA, MINN.

Rear Sleepers Smashed When Second Section Runs Into First—Latter Composed of All-Steel Cars—List of Dead and Injured.

Odesa, Minn., Dec. 19.—A wreck on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad here killed ten persons and severely injured many others when the second section of train No. 13, the Columbian, from Seattle, crashed into the first section, an all-steel limited train, which had been stopped on signal. The injured persons were taken to Minneapolis.

Second Section Carries Silk. The accident occurred a short distance from the signal tower at Odesa. The first section had been stopped by the tower man because of a freight in the block ahead of it. The second section was what is known as a "silk" train, carrying merchandise. Railway officials attribute the accident to the failure of the operator to set the signal against the second section. They also believe the brakeman of the first section failed to run back to flag the second section.

Because of the darkness the engineer of the second section did not see the rear lights of the train in front in time.

List of Dead in the Wreck. Following is a list of the dead:— Alexander, second cook on diner. Mrs. C. W. Barber, Ferry, Mont. Mrs. R. C. Myers, Newcastle, Ind. —McCone, sleeping car conductor. Miss Peterson, Green Bay, Wis. Mrs. J. J. Richards, Moberge, N. D., wife of superintendent of trans-Missouri slope division of St. Paul road. Daughter of Mrs. Richards. Dr. R. F. Whetstone, Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. R. F. Whetstone. One unidentified man. Long List of Injured Persons. Ralph Amy, Aberdeen, S. D., ankle broken. Mrs. Addie Deutsch, Butte, Mont.; ankle broken. Miss Leola Kennedy, Newcastle, Ind.; back injured. Mrs. E. Leblan, Seattle; back injured. Dr. Sherman Levy, Montana; back injured. Mrs. F. J. Mather, Butte, Mont.; bruised. Miraldis Pierce, Seattle, Wash.; back injured. L. Revier, Three Forks, Mont.; bruised. Mrs. L. Revier, Three Forks, Mont.; slightly injured. John Samuelson, Aberdeen, S. D.; head injured. Joseph Sandal, body badly bruised. Two sisters, unidentified. Mrs. V. A. Williams, Lemmon, S. D.; back strained.

Victims Were in Rear Car. The rear car of the first section was telescoped and the car next to it was shattered. The dead were occupants of the last car, as were most of the injured persons.

The wreck tore down telegraph wires and there was delay in getting word to the headquarters of the road. The seriously injured were taken to a hospital at Ortonville, Minn. Heroic work was done by those on board the train in assisting the wounded and aiding those not injured to escape from the wrecked cars.

COUPLE MARRIED 75 TIMES

New York Police Looking for Unique Swindlers—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Weller Reap Harvest.

New York, Dec. 20.—The police started a wide search here for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Weller, who, it is believed, have been married no less than seventy-five times in New York city and vicinity at a net profit of \$750.

Rev. W. S. Kearney of this city complained that he married the couple the other day, receiving in payment a bogus \$20 check and giving the bridegroom \$10 real money as change. The police declare Mr. and Mrs. Weller have been married twenty-two times in Manhattan; eleven times in the Bronx, three or four times in Staten Island, a few in Queens and thirty-five times in Brooklyn, averaging \$10 on each ceremony.

EMPEROR JOSEF IS VERY ILL

Physicians Fear That Aged Ruler of Austria Cannot Recover—Fear Pneumonia May Develop.

Vienna, Dec. 20.—A change for the worse was reported in the condition of Emperor Franz Josef, causing greater anxiety to the court physicians and entourage of the aged Austrian monarch. The imperial doctors fear that pneumonia may develop. The aged monarch expresses a desire to sleep continually, which the doctors say, is a bad sign.

Steamer Lost; All on Board Saved. London, Dec. 19.—Lloyds has received a dispatch from Sansibar stating that the steamer Euston, bound from Tampa, Fla., to Yokohama, was lost off San Juan de Nova on November 21. All on board were saved and landed at Bars at Salam.

SECRETARY OF TREASURY MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

No Further Postponement of Long-Awaited Change of Currency System, Says Official.

Washington, Dec. 18.—"It is a matter of profound congratulation that it will now be feasible to realize without further postponement the long-awaited reform of the banking and currency system," says Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh in his annual report. He then comments at some length on the satisfactory and non-partisan work of the monetary commission in devising a tentative plan, and asserts that that plan has met with the approval, in most of its features, of a great part of the people. That congress will promptly adopt legislation based on the commission's report is the hope and expectation of Mr. MacVeagh.

The total estimates of expenditures for ordinary and extraordinary purposes in 1913, exclusive of the estimates for the Panama canal and those for the postal service payable from postal revenues, are \$637,920,803.35. The estimates of receipts available for the general fund are \$667,000,000. The estimated excess of receipts for 1913 is, therefore, \$29,079,196.65. The estimates for the Panama canal are \$47,263,760.20, making the grand total of estimated expenditures payable from the general fund \$685,184,563.55; and accordingly the estimated excess of expenditures for 1913, including the Panama canal, is \$18,184,563.55.

Among the things the secretary asks of congress are a civil service retirement system, reorganization of the customs districts to eliminate useless offices, the appointment of a commission to map out a budget system, new buildings for the auditors and the government records and the abolition of ad valorem duties.

FALLS HEIR TO \$85,000,000

Estate in Newfoundland—Has Been Source of Much Wrangling Among English Nobility.

New York, Dec. 18.—The heir to a matter of \$85,000,000 which has been causing King George, the duke of Marlborough and the duke of Devonshire all sorts of trouble has been found in the person of Joseph Colla, a Brooklyn carpenter, sixty-five years of age.

The estate is in Newfoundland and consists of several miles of water front, rentals, interest and a huge fishing industry. The income has been a source of much wrangling in England and some of it has been going to Lady Elizabeth Churchill.

\$125,000 FOR ASSASSINATION

New York Bank Has Amount on Deposit for Man Who Kills Madero.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A fund of \$125,000 deposited as a reward in a New York bank awaits the successful conclusion of a plot to assassinate Francisco I. Madero, president of Mexico.

The plot, organized in Paris and New York by a group of Mexican reactionaries, put into attempted execution by followers of General Reyes, represented in Manhattan by a member of a prominent family, is known in all its amazing ramifications to Madero himself, to his agents in New York and Washington.

MISS BARTON SENDS MESSAGE

Founder of Red Cross Society Will Celebrate Ninetieth Birthday on Christmas Day.

Washington, Dec. 18.—"Please deliver for me a message of peace and good will to all the world for Christmas. I am feeling better and have every hope of spending a pleasant and joyful day on Christmas, when I will celebrate my ninetieth birthday."

This was the message delivered from the sickroom of Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American National Red Cross.

BIG STRIKE MAY BE CALLED

Rumor Indicates a Record-Breaking Walkout on Harriman Lines—500,000 Involved.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—A rumor that a record-breaking walkout is to be called in a last effort to win the strike on the Harriman lines has received partial confirmation. None of the big local leaders would deny it and the general tendency was to hint at its probability. About 500,000 men are involved.

Killed by Burning Oil. Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 19.—Forgetting to turn off the faucet when sent to draw oil resulted in the death of Jacob Denyan, an employe of the Bethlehem Steel works. He was sent to fill an oil can from a tank in a dark building. He took a torch to light the way and set the flaming light down near the tank while he tapped the oil. His attention was distracted for a few minutes and during that time the oil reached the torch and flames enveloped Denyan.

Follows Divorce by Marriage. San Francisco, Dec. 20.—May Alden Chatterton Baudouin of New York city believes in quick action when it comes to matrimonial matters. Obtaining a decree of divorce in Reno, she caught the next train for Oakland and obtained a license to marry Montgomery H. Clark, a civil engineer of New York. Five minutes later Justice of the Peace Quinn performed the wedding ceremony.

Mob Damage Law is Upheld. Washington, Dec. 19.—The constitutionality of the Illinois state law of 1887, requiring cities and municipalities to reimburse property owners for damages done by mobs and rioting, was upheld by the Supreme court of the United States in the case of the city of Chicago against Frank Sturges.



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ACCEPT LODGE RESOLUTION

Is a Substitute for Sulzer Measure—Root and Rayner Clash—Will Not Sever Commercial Relations of Two Countries.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate last night passed the Lodge resolution by a vote of 72 to 0. The resolution is a substitute for the Sulzer resolution passed by the house. It ratifies the action of the president in notifying Russia of the desire of the United States to abrogate the treaty of 1832.

By a vote of 54 to 16 the senate rejected the Hitchcock substitute which was a modification of the language of the Sulzer resolution. A further substitute differing only in the language employed and offered by Senator Newlands was rejected without a record vote. The senate then immediately adjourned.

Crowd in Senate Chamber. The senate chamber was crowded when the body convened at noon. The treaty was displaced temporarily on the calendar, however, by the house urgent deficiency appropriation bill, carrying an emergency provision of more than \$2,000,000 of funds for the government.

After the deficiency bill had been disposed of Senator Lodge moved for immediate consideration of his resolution, previously introduced, ratifying President Taft's notification to Russia that this government desires the treaty to end January 1, 1913. Mr. Lodge then yielded to Senator Rayner of Maryland.

Root and Rayner Clash. There was a sharp exchange between Senators Rayner and Root. Mr. Root protested against a possible interpretation of Mr. Rayner's remarks to mean that in issuing passports the United States asked questions as to the applicant's religion.

Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan said the abrogation of the treaty would not sever commercial relations between the United States and Russia because the favored nation clause of the treaty had been superseded by the operation of the maximum and minimum clause of the Payne tariff law and by President Taft's proclamation granting minimum rates to Russia July 19, 1910. This, he pointed out, introduced a feature of the situation hitherto untouched, and one which would command the senate's closest attention.

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Big Row Over Planes is Seen. Paris, France, Dec. 20.—Four French aeroplanes have already been dispatched to Constantinople for use in the Ottoman army, according to reports in Paris, following news of the seizure by Dutch police officers of correspondence in the offices of the 'aviator agency' at Bois-le-Duc, Holland. The Dutch authorities charge that the neutrality laws have been violated.

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A FREQUENT QUESTION ANSWERED.

Western Canada probably suffered less from weather conditions during the year of 1911 than did almost any other portion of the country.

Seeding was most successful and the growing conditions up to July were never better. Crops of all kinds showed wonderful growth at that time and were universally good, but there was not the usually excellent ripening weather in August and the effects of this were felt. Many fields that late in July promised 40 and 50 bushels yield of wheat were reduced to 25 and 30 bushels, while some of course gave the full expectancy and others somewhat less. The quality was also lowered. In face of these conditions, it is found that during the months of September and October, the total amount of contract wheat marketed and inspected was about 20 million bushels, which realized a total of 18 1/2 million dollars, the average price for this wheat being 97 cents; that below contract for the two months was a little over 15 million bushels, which at an average price of 89 1/2 cents per bushel realized a little over eleven million dollars, or a grand total for all wheat of 35 million bushels, which realized a total of a little over thirty-one million dollars.

On the first of November, there was in the hands of the farmers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for sale and seed about 130 million bushels of wheat, from which fact some idea may be had of the value of the wheat crop of 1911.

A careful canvass made by the Winnipeg Free Press made of a number of men farming in a large way indicates that even with the extreme expense of harvesting the crop, which has been caused by the bad weather and difficulty in threshing, wheat has been produced and put on the market for less than 55 cents, a bushel. The average freight rate is not over 13 cents per bushel. This would make the cost of production and freight 68 cts. and would leave the farmer an actual margin on his low-grade wheat of 17 1/2 cts. and for his high-grade wheat of 19 1/2 cts.; and though this is not as large a profit as the farmer has every right to expect, it is a profit not to be despised, and which should leave a very fair amount of money to his credit when all the expenses of the year have been paid, unless the value of low-grade wheat sinks very much below its present level.

Just Like Bennett. "Arnold Bennett, the latest visitor to these shores," said a New York editor, "is said to be the greatest living English novelist. I plump for Wells or Conrad myself. However—"

The editor smiled. "A critic at the club the other day was listening to an execrable young novelist. The young man boasted on interminably, but at last I heard the critic get in the words:—

"Do you know, you remind me of Arnold Bennett?"

"Really! The novelist blushed and laughed for pleasure. 'Really? come now, do you really think—'

"Yes; you stutter so," said the critic."

Great Scheme. "Dear me," said Mrs. Housewife, with a deep sigh, "I can't manage to keep a cook a week."

"You should copy me," observed her friend. "Since my husband learned French I can keep one a year."

Mrs. Housewife looked surprised. "I don't see the connection," she said.

"It's simple enough. He now swears at her in French instead of English. It gives him a vent for his temper, some valuable practice—and the cook thinks he's making love to her!"—Satire.

What Happened. "Did he have any assistance in writing that successful play?"

"Assistance? Why, man, the stage carpenter and the head usher wrote it for him."

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ROYAL PRINCESS' TRIP HALTS

Wrecked Party is at Gibraltar, But Cannot Go On—Delay Caused by Bad Weather in Biscay Bay.

Gibraltar, Dec. 20.—The cruiser Hampshire arrived here from Tangier with the princess royal and suite aboard. It was the intention that they should proceed to Egypt on the liner Macedonia. The ship has not yet arrived, however, and is now six hours overdue. The delay has been caused by heavy weather in the Bay of Biscay and along the Portuguese coast.

Two Killed in Frisco Wreck. Mountain Grove, Mo., Dec. 20.—While running thirty miles an hour a passenger train on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad was derailed near here. Hugh Colvin, engineer, and William Ragan, fireman, both of Springfield, Mo., were killed and several passengers were injured.

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A Note to You

GENOA, DECEMBER 22, 1911

It is not only possible, but quite probable, that we unpacked this week the identical article that you may receive from him or from her, as a token of regard, along about **December 25th**. That should suggest that you yourself, should call at once, and make your selections from the many choice articles we are displaying, especially suitable for Holiday Gifts.

Yours truly,
L. E. CARMICHAEL
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Roller Skating AT THE PAVILION

Every Thursday evening and Saturday evening after the picture show

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

THE assistance of all subscribers is invited and solicited in making this department interesting. Any item of news left at the office, in the box at the east corner of the Exchange Bank building or given the editor on the street will be greatly appreciated. If you have visitors or have been away yourself or if you know anything good about your neighbors tell us about it.

Charles Hall was out from Chicago over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kiernan were Chicago visitors Sunday.

Mrs. E. C. Oberg and daughter went to Chicago Tuesday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. W. C. Gnekow and daughter, Mrs. Otto Bargenquist, were in Elgin Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma Corson and son, Harold, went to Kansas last week for a visit with relatives.

Miss Alice Davis went to Libertyville, Ill., last Saturday where she will visit several weeks at the home of her sister.

Lost, on Monday, between A. B. Crawford's and C. M. & St. P. depot, a package of clothing. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward.

Mrs. C. A. Briggs and children of Chicago are here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hutchison, Sr. Rev. Briggs will come out to spend Christmas.

Miss Martha Gallagher was an Elgin visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Jacob Noll and wife, visited C. P. Lorenzen and family at Rockford last Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Kirby and daughter of Shabbona are here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Browne.

Miss Irene Durham and her friend, Miss Lydia West, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Durham.

Get the boy one of those warranted pocket knives at Perkins & Rosenfeld's. There is nothing that will please him more.

A piece of that nickel plated copper ware at Perkins & Rosenfeld's would make an acceptable gift. It is neat and most substantial.

Lost, between Swanson's school house and Oscar Davis' farm, pair of gold bowed glasses. Finder please leave same at this office and receive reward.

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A power washing machine for a Christmas gift would be some gift. Think of the many hours of hard work it would save the house-keeper. Better see Perkins & Rosenfeld about this today.

Do not be misled if you intend to buy a piano. If you want a genuine bargain, with the knowledge that everything is to be as represented, call at Teyler's and get prices.

Word has been received that Fred Wood, formerly employed in the Republican-Journal printery died in Valparaiso, Ind., early in the present month. From Genoa he went to Antioch, Ill., last January, later going to his old home in Indiana.

All indebted to the Genoa Belgian Horse Co. (stand at Wm. Eiklor's barn) are requested to call at the Farmers' State Bank and settle on or before the first of January, 1912, as it is desired to balance books at that time.

Wm. Sumner, Sec. and Treas. You can save from \$50 to \$150 by buying your piano of August Teyler. Call and see our goods and get prices. We have been doing business in Genoa many years and expect to continue in business. We cannot afford to do otherwise than give you a square deal.

W. A. Geithman of the Geithman & Hammon Land Agency was in Gilberts last Friday and closed a deal whereby a farm of 111 acres two miles north of Starks Station, belonging to James Dorsey of Gilberts was transferred to Chas. Smittendorf of Plato Center, Ill.

G. A. May has secured the contract for cleaning Waterman Hall and the Episcopal church at Sycamore. These are both big jobs and the fact that he has secured the work is evidence that his vacuum cleaner is giving satisfaction. Those who desire this service should call phone No. 102. Get in early for the spring work.

Mrs. Gus. Krause is very sick, having been so for almost three weeks.

Lydia Molthan will be home from Chicago for the Christmas vacation.

Roller skating at the pavilion afternoon and evening of Christmas day.

FOR RENT—House on Washington St. Inquire of Mrs. E. W. Halleck. 52 tf

Take the Ill. Cent. 8:17 evening train for Chicago. Runs daily. No stops between Genoa and Chicago. 11-tf

For sale—White Plymouth Rock cockerels for sale. Fishel strain April hatched. E. O. Moyers. Kingston, Ill. 11-4t

Miss Aleta McEvoy of Rockford, former teacher in the Genoa high school, was a week end guest of Miss Irene Anderson.

Go to the pavilion next Monday afternoon and evening and renew your youth. Roller skating, and plenty of room for all.

Vera Maynard Cochrane, of Hampshire, has hand painted china on exhibition at Martin's jewelry store. Call and see. 11-6t

For Sale, choice lot of thoroughbred Chester White male pigs. Call at farm six miles north-east of Genoa. Martin Anderson 13-2t

Mrs. Dunn and the children are very grateful for the services rendered by the Woodmen, Odd Fellows and friends, and desire to express their thanks thru these columns.

Dr. Thompson, Graduate of the American School of Osteopathy Kirksville, Mo., will be at the Eureka Hotel, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, mornings from 8 to 12 o'clock. 5-tf

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith went to So. Elgin Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Cree, mother of Mrs. A. C. Smith. Mrs. Cree had been ill only a short time, passing away on Monday of this week.

Do you want a good home for a small amount of money? Then see D. S. Brown at the Exchange Bank of Brown & Brown. He can show you some good bargains both in residence property and vacant lots. 11-tf

I am in the Well business. If you want a new well any size from 4 to 12 inches, call me up at Charter Grove, Ill., or leave word at the Exchange Bank, Genoa. Ed Naker. 11-tf

O. R. Jencks, president of the college at Mendota, will preach at the A. C. church next Sunday morning and afternoon. Mr. Jencks is an able speaker and those who have heard him pronounced it a real pleasure. Everyone cordially invited to attend the services next Sunday.

Don't leave carcasses of animals lying around or carelessly bury them, for this invites dogs and crows, and they spread disease. Call Hemmelgarn at the rendering plant or at his residence and he will properly remove them. Notice, however, must be given immediately on death of the animal and hide must be left on. 13-tf

House for sale or rent on Genoa street, Genoa, Ill. Inquire at this office or E. H. Richardson, 13-8t*

Do not buy a piano of a stranger. When anything goes wrong it is some satisfaction to know that you have the local dealer to look to for adjustment of the wrong. Buy of a stranger, however, and the piano does not turn out as represented, where do you get off? August Teyler, the local dealer, guarantees every piano sold by him just as represented. If he misrepresents, you know where to find him.

E. G. Cooper's big auto-truck, loaded with several hundred gallons of gasoline, caught fire on the road near the Parke farm between Sycamore and Genoa, on Tuesday forenoon. He ran to the Parke house, and securing several pails of water dashed it over the burning machine, and finally the fire was extinguished, but not before the dash, the seat, the top, the coils and other portions had been destroyed.

Mrs. Paul Laphan entertained about twenty young ladies at six o'clock dinner last Saturday afternoon in honor of the eighteenth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Miss Irene. She was presented with a beautiful chafing dish and several other gifts by her girl friends. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all. The following were present: Misses Aleta McEvoy of Rockford, Hazel Ludwig of Kingston, Lenore Worcester of Monroe Center, Esther Smith of Charter Grove, Gertrude Hammond, Edna

King, Ruth Crawford, Velma Crawford, Guyla Corson, Nina Patterson, Genieve Baldwin, Blanche Hemenway, Myrtle Anderson, Marion Bagley, Emily Burroughs, Ruth Slater, all of Genoa.

Mrs. W. H. Jackman will go to Apple River today to spend the holidays.

Mrs. B. F. Kepner has been at Davenport, Iowa, during the past week for treatment.

While our subscribers are passing out good cheer to others, some of them might bring considerable cheer to the print shop by depositing a dollar and a quarter for another year's subscription. There are a few who owe for the past year. Shall we see you this week?

Mrs. Charles Corson and daughter, Guyla, and their guest, Mrs. Al Williams, were in Chicago, Wednesday.

If you want to see pigs that make hogs of themselves, call at Martin Anderson's.

Mayor T. J. Hoover and family will go to Moline Friday to spend the holidays with the former's mother.

If you are looking for something out of sight, invest your money in Chester White. We have them to sell and will sell them right; we have them fat and we have them lean; we can show you the best you have ever seen. They will make you wealth and will make you fame; when ready to buy, remember the name.

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BRITZ OF HEADQUARTERS

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SYNOPSIS.

The story opens with a scream from Dorothy Marche in the opera box of Mrs. Missioner, a wealthy widow. It is occasioned when Mrs. Missioner's necklace breaks, scattering the diamonds all over the floor. Curtis Griswold and Brunton Sands, society men in love with Mrs. Missioner, gather up the gems. Griswold steps on what is supposed to be the celebrated Maharance and crushes it. A Hindu declares it was not the genuine. An expert later pronounces all the stones substitutes for the original. Detectives Donnelly and Carson investigate. They decide that the theft of the original gems was accomplished by some one in the house. Miss Elinor Holcomb, confidential companion of Mrs. Missioner, is suspected. One of the missing diamonds is found in her room. Mrs. Missioner protests that Elinor is innocent, but she is taken to prison. Meantime, in an uptown mansion, two Hindus, who are in America to recover the Maharance, discuss the arrest.

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

"Elinor Holcomb!" cried the lieutenant.

Donnelly and Carson, each with an arm under her shoulder, propped her sinking form.

"Lift your head," commanded the Chief.

The order fell on deaf ears. She seemed as one in the last agony of a mortal illness.

"Lift it for her," came in a voice of mingled sternness and compassion.

Donnelly's hand flew to her chin, tilting her face upward. For an instant she raised her heavy eyelids; then recoiled as from a blow. The crowd of masked spectators floated before her eyes like hideous specters of a horrid dream. A low groan, like the last lament of a tortured soul, came from her lips. She seemed turned into a mass of jelly.

"Take her away," commanded the Chief, and the two detectives carried her out of the room.

"Accused of stealing the Missioner diamonds," was the curt explanation of her presence. In a harsh monotone, the Chief read the various Headquarters orders to the force, and then the men not engaged on old work received their assignments of new cases. As abruptly as he had entered, the head of the Bureau left the room and retired to his private office. Then he summoned Donnelly and Carson.

"Take it pretty bad, eh?" he asked.

"Like all the swell ones when they're nabbed the first time," answered Carson.

"Had to call the doctor twice during the night, the matron tells me," informed Donnelly.

"Did she make any statement on the way to Headquarters?" inquired the Chief.

"Nothing but hysterics," Carson answered.

"And she's in no condition to be questioned now," added Donnelly.

"Anyone been inquiring for her?" the Chief suddenly snapped.

"Yes," flashed back Donnelly. His eyes lit with a crafty glow. "Some guy who says he's a doctor and engaged to marry her has been hanging around here all morning. Wants to know how he can get her out. Looks as if he might be mixed up in it, so I'm having him shadowed."

"Good!" commented the Chief. "If any lawyer calls, tell him she's in no condition to be seen. We don't want anyone to see her until we've questioned her."

It was late in the afternoon before Miss Holcomb was escorted into the inquisitorial chamber. She had fallen into a fitful slumber on the rude iron bed that projected from the wall of her cell, when Donnelly and Carson opened the grated door and called her out of her sleep. She gave a startled gasp when she saw them, a convulsive shudder racked her frame. A sudden influx of painful memories overwhelmed her with a pitiful sense of helplessness as she dragged herself to the office of the Chief.

With a weak show of courage, she eyed Manning resolutely, and then sank into a soft leather chair close to his desk. Donnelly and Carson occupied seats at her elbow.

"What did you do with those stones?" blurted the Chief.

Her lips framed a reply, but it died without utterance.

"Come, come!" he cried impatiently. "We don't want any acting here. I know you're only a tool in this matter. We've got the principal under arrest and I'm giving you a chance to save yourself. You turn State's evidence against him and I'll see that no harm comes to you. He's the fellow we want to land. Now tell me just what you did with the jewels."

In the midst of this outburst, a door opened silently and a sharp-featured, smooth-shaven man of middle age entered and seated himself in an obscure corner of the room. His form seemed to merge into the shadow of the walls as he dropped noiselessly into his chair. Miss Holcomb did not see him enter. Her increasing terror gave her a furtive energy and she lifted her head with a sharp jerk.

"I didn't steal the jewels," she said. "I had nothing to do with their disappearance."

The mocking laughter of three deep voices sounded in the room.

"Does it well?" chuckled Donnelly.

"Too bad she ain't an actress," joined Carson.

The Chief's beady eyes narrowed on her as if he would read her innermost thoughts.

"There's no use trying to lie to me," he snarled. "I know who's got the diamonds. The man who hired you to steal them is locked up now. He says he didn't know they were stolen."

"Who says that?" she interrupted.

Donnelly and Carson nudged each other in bolsterous glee.

"She wants to know who says it!" piped the former.

"Ain't she the slick one!" laughed his partner.

The Chief's face hardened until a menace seemed to lurk in every one of its deep-cut lines.

"Now, you know who says it," he informed her. "I don't have to mention any names. It's simply a question of you going to jail or of sending him to jail. I don't take any stock in what he says. He can't tell me he didn't know you stole the jewels. I ain't as easy as all that! Now, I'm giving you a chance to make a full confession and save yourself. Will you confess?" His tone carried the weight of a threat, but her unresponsive mind was unable to grasp its significance. She stared blankly before her, as if her eyes were chained to some distant spot.

"Will you confess?" the Chief repeated with added menace.

As if roused from a long abstraction, she gazed appealingly at her tormentor.

"I have nothing to confess," she murmured weakly.

The Chief drew back in studied anger. His fist banged the desk as if the blow was meant to convey a sudden resolve.

"Very well!" he burst forth. "Go right ahead and be the goat if you want to. Look here, little girl, I was just kiddin' you when I said we had the principal under arrest," he said with a quick change of tactics. "You're the only one that's locked up. I don't believe there's anyone else mixed up in the case at all. I believe you did the job alone. If there's anyone behind you, you'll have to show me. There's only one thief involved, and that's you."

An expression, as of a hunted animal, crept into her face. She turned to the left and met the fixed stare of Donnelly. Averting her head, her eyes looked into those of Carson. Directly in front, close to her face, the cold gleam from the Chief's eyes fell on her. So she turned around, only to look into an impenetrable background of gloom, sinister and depressing.

"I haven't done anything," she pleaded. "I don't know who took Mrs. Missioner's diamonds." As if cut by a sudden thought, Miss Holcomb bent forward in her seat. "She can't believe I did it," she moaned.

"You bet your life she believes you did it," the Chief announced. "And I know you did it. So what's the use of denying it?"

"I do deny it. I do deny it," she protested. "How can they think me capable of it?"

The Chief opened a drawer of his desk and brought forth the accusing diamond. He held it close to her face, permitting the rays to distribute themselves on her features.

"Pretty fine stone!" he commented. "A peach of a shiner! Looked good to you, didn't it? Came so easy it was a shame to take it—eh? Now how did it get mixed up with your trinkets?"

"I don't know," she moaned.

The Chief turned from her wearily. "You take her in hand, Donnelly," he said.

The detective bent over the woman, his face so close that she felt his warm breath against her cheeks.

"Don't try any nonsense down here," he snarled. "We got the goods on you, and we ain't going to stand any fooling. Now, where are those diamonds?"

She eyed him in mild protest.

"I don't know, sir," she murmured weakly.

Donnelly shoved his clenched fist under her chin. His face contorted into an expression of tenuous ferocity; he peered at her with an intensity that chilled her blood.

"You're a liar," he snapped. "You think you're a slick one, but you'll be sorry you were ever born if you don't cough up the goods. We know how to handle customers like you down here. We're used to 'em. We get 'em every day. Now, just save yourself a lot of trouble by telling the whereabouts of the diamonds."

"They ain't going to do you any good," interjected the Chief. "They don't wear diamonds where you're going to. The less trouble you give us, the less trouble we'll make for you. And we can make more trouble for you than you can make for us."

A look of such utter helplessness overspread her face that even the detectives realized the utter futility of their attack. She seemed as one under the influence of a torpidifying drug. Her capability for new feelings had been crushed out of her by the crowded incidents following her arrest. All



The Chief Drew Back in Studied Anger.

she felt was a dull pain of body and mind.

"Don't sit there like a white mummy," burst forth Donnelly. "Come, now," he added impatiently. "Don't exhaust our patience; we haven't treated you roughly, but we know how to bring you out of your silence."

He seized her wrist, his clenched hand squeezing it until she uttered a sharp cry of pain.

"Are you going to answer my questions?" he blurted.

She sank back in the chair with a despairing moan. Her heavy eyelids drooped, a tremor contracted her brow, then her head fell limply to one side.

"I guess we won't gain anything by going any stronger with her to-day. Take her back!" commanded the Chief.

Donnelly and Carson shook her into consciousness. They steadied her as she dragged herself through the dark corridor and down two flights of narrow iron stairs to her cell.

When she was out of the room, the silent visitor came out of the obscurity of his corner and seated himself in the chair vacated by Miss Holcomb.

"What do you think of it, Britz?" asked Manning.

Detective-Lieutenant Britz stared hard, as if trying to concentrate his thoughts. His keen face, screwed into an expression of uncertainty, contrasted sharply with the big heavy features of his superior. Side by side, the two men suggested the delicate surgeon's probe and the heavy blacksmith's sledge.

"It's a great mystery," Britz declared. "A great mystery," he repeated in a tone of deep conviction. "The most puzzling case that has ever come under my observation."

"Very well," the Chief drawled. "It's Donnelly and Carson's case, but you go out and solve it—you go out and get the goods."

CHAPTER VII.

Remanded to the Tombs.

Lieutenant Britz, seated at the flat-top desk of his office, peered steadily at the ceiling, as if he expected to find written there the solution of the great mystery into which he had been called. A worried expression was on his face, as if anxiety had taken pos-

session of his soul. He became submerged in deep meditation, in which he sought to arrange in consecutive order the information gathered by Donnelly and Carson. The conviction forced itself on his mind that Miss Holcomb's arrest was based on circumstances from which more than one inference might be drawn. The fact that she knew the combination of Mrs. Missioner's safe did not mean, of course, that she took the jewels. On the surface, it looked as if hers was the exclusive opportunity to possess herself of the gems, outside of Mrs. Missioner herself. But Britz felt that the depth of the case had not been sounded; in fact, that the surface had not even been penetrated.

The only thread that connected Miss Holcomb with the theft was the diamond found in her room. But to Britz's experienced mind, this circumstance pointed rather toward innocence than guilt. For, he argued, if she had taken those jewels, she would not have been so careless as to leave one of them in her boudoir. That diamond, Britz was convinced, was placed there intentionally and with sinister purpose by a hand other than Miss Holcomb's.

Britz rose from his seat, donned his topcoat and hat, and made his way to the tier of cells one of which held Miss Holcomb. He encountered Donnelly and Carson on the way.

"What time are you going to arraign her?" he asked.

"Right now," Donnelly replied. "We got the magistrate to hold court an hour longer for us."

A turnkey swung open the iron door of the cell. The detectives found Miss Holcomb huddled in a corner, the wan light of the corridor falling on her tear-bathed face.

"Don't take me back! They want to harm me! I haven't done anything!" she cried, when she saw the visitors. Britz stepped forward with an air of command and waved the other detectives back. He scraped his shoulders through the cell door and sat on the rude cot, facing the woman.

"Miss Holcomb," he said pleasantly, "there will be no further inquisition in the Chief's office, no more third-degree methods will be applied to you. It is necessary under the law to bring you before a magistrate within twenty-four hours after your arrest. Now, brace yourself, please, for the ordeal."



The Two Men Walked to Broadway.



If you are innocent, you have absolutely nothing to fear. You will have an opportunity in court of consulting with your friends and engaging a lawyer. Your interests will be protected."

Instinctively, although in the gloom of her surroundings she could make out only a dim outline of his face, she felt a confidence in the detective that braced her like a tonic.

"I have a carriage waiting for you, Miss Holcomb," Britz informed her. "It will enable you to avoid the many curious eyes in the street."

She murmured her thanks as she stepped out of the cell and followed Britz and his companions through a maze of corridors to the street. They were driven rapidly to the Jefferson Market Court and ushered into the private room of the magistrate. A crowd of reporters was already on hand for the hearing. The curious eyes aimed pitilessly at her inspired in her a terror that made her shrink behind the broad shoulders of Donnelly. The magistrate motioned her to a seat close to his desk, and said:

"Madam, it is your privilege to engage counsel. I would advise you to do so at once, for anything you say may be used against you."

"I have done nothing wrong," she murmured.

"You had better get a lawyer," the Magistrate urged.

As if in response to his advice, the door opened abruptly and two men entered. One was sharp-faced, gray-haired, nervous, with the unmistakable air of the lawyer. The other was a young man, his face marked with heavy lines of worry, as if he also had passed a sleepless night. At sight of him, Miss Holcomb sprang forward and threw herself in his arms.

"Oh, Lawrence!" she exclaimed. "How I have missed you!"

"Don't worry," he soothed. "Everything will turn out all right. I have engaged a lawyer for you. I believe in you implicitly."

Donnelly and Carson asked for a week in which to work up the case against the prisoner.

"We are informed that the stolen jewels are worth close to half a million. There was one big diamond in the bunch that is said to be worth a quarter of a million alone. I think she ought to be put under heavy bonds."

"On what grounds do you base your accusation of theft against this young woman?" demanded the lawyer.

Donnelly displayed the diamond he had found in her room.

"She was the only one, outside of Mrs. Missioner, who knew the combination of the safe," he said. "We found this diamond, which is one of the original stones, in her room."

"Does Mrs. Missioner charge this girl with the theft of the collarette?" asked the lawyer.

"The police make the accusation," Donnelly replied. "Mrs. Missioner is too upset to appear in court to-day."

Following the usual course, the magistrate adjourned the case for a week, and held Miss Holcomb in \$50,000 bail. There being no bondsmen present, she was committed to the Tombs.

"May I speak with Miss Holcomb in private a few moments?" asked the young man into whose arms she had fallen.

"Who are you?" gruffly demanded Donnelly.

"I'm Dr. Lawrence Fitch, the fiancé of Miss Holcomb."

"You can see her in the Tombs," Donnelly retorted.

Lieutenant Britz did not accompany Donnelly and Carson with their prisoner to the jail. When the court hearing was over, he returned to his office, summoned two subordinate detectives, and gave them hasty instructions. Then he sauntered slowly to the Tombs.

As the barred steel door swung open to admit Britz, Dr. Fitch crossed the stone-flagged courtyard that separates the women's wing of the prison from that of the men.

"Was it Dr. Fitch who called to see the prisoner in the Missioner diamond robbery?" he asked the doorman.

"Yes," came the prompt response.

Britz waited in the shadow of the massive gray front of the jail until the young physician came out. He observed the pallor of the doctor's cheeks, his uncertain gait, as if the turmoil of his mind had exhausted his physical energy. The detective noted, also, the clear-cut, straightforward features of the physician, the resolute aspect of his face, and the purposeful gleam in his clear eyes.

"Just a momenta doctor," Britz said, tapping Dr. Fitch on the shoulder.

"What can I do for you?" asked the doctor.

"I am Lieutenant Britz, of Headquarters," the detective explained. "I am in charge of the active work on this case. I want your help. You can be of great service to Miss Holcomb."

"How?" quickly asked Dr. Fitch.

"By following my orders," flashed Britz.

"What are your orders?" asked the doctor.

"It is absolutely necessary that all suspicion be directed toward her. No

effort must be made at the present time to clear her."

"What!" exclaimed Dr. Fitch. "Permit my fiancée to suffer the tortures of this prison and live under the stigma of this terrible accusation?"

"It is necessary," assured Britz.

The two detectives who arrested her seem to be convinced of her guilt," Fitch said angrily. "They inflicted tortures on her that might have crushed a stronger woman; she told me as best she could what took place at the inquisition in Police Headquarters."

"Very well," said Britz. "I am working independently, regardless of anything Donnelly and Carson, the two men who made the arrest, may do. They blundered grievously when they arrested the young woman. We must overcome that blunder, but the time is not ripe for her release. If she leaves the Tombs, it must be with her name cleared of suspicion."

Dr. Fitch returned to the prison and was permitted to see the prisoner in the little reception room on the ground floor of the women's wing. Her lawyer had left instructions that the physician be allowed to consult with his fiancée at any time. On his first visit, he had found her distraught, hardly able to tell a coherent story. His call had a cheering effect on her, however, and she entered the reception room with a firmer step.

"I hope you have brought good news," she called.

"I have just talked with Lieutenant Britz, who is in charge of your case," he replied. "He has assured me he will do everything to prove your innocence and find the real criminal, but he wants you to remain here until you can leave with your name entirely cleared."

"You believe me, don't you?" she murmured.

"All those who know you must believe in you," he answered. "The very innocence of your nature is sufficient reply to the accusation against you."

As he hastened down the steps of the prison, he again met Britz. The two men walked to Broadway and up that thoroughfare to Twenty-third Street. When they parted, Britz knew the life history of Miss Holcomb.

She had been born in good circumstances, and was a graduate of Smith College. All her life, she had been reared to the belief that her future was well provided for. As the only child of a Boston banker, she lived in an environment of tranquil ease that seemed her permanent heritage in life. Her father and mother died within a year of each other, during the stress of a financial panic. When the estate came to be settled, it was found insufficient to meet the outstanding obligations of the father. Left penniless, amid the luxuries of her birth, she found employment as a governess, and two years before the discovery of the substituted paste jewels, she was engaged by Mrs. Missioner as secretary.

Fitch met Miss Holcomb in Boston, and their friendship was renewed in New York. Their engagement was announced only a month before her arrest. Britz, trying to square the circumstances surrounding her arrest with the conclusion of guilt, decided that if she took the jewels, it must have been in a sudden temptation born of the luxury of her past. But, on more mature reflection, he concluded that her birth, her breeding, all the training of her life placed her above any such temptation; and when he entered his home to study the case in the quiet of his library, he was possessed of the strong conviction that Miss Holcomb was guiltless of the charge entered against her on the records of the Court.

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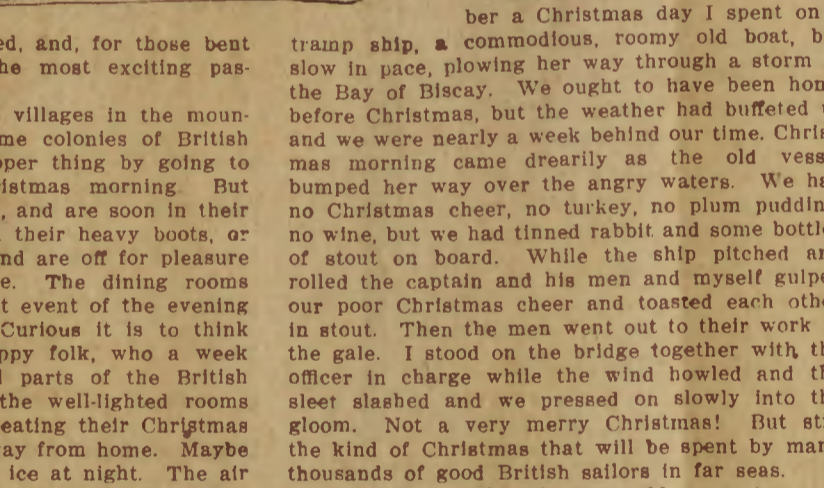
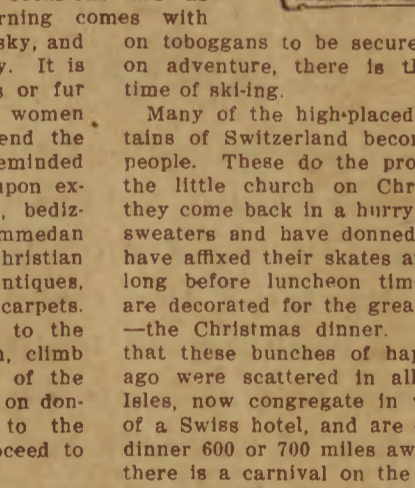
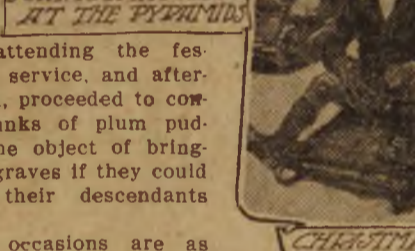
Christmas in Foreign Lands

By John Foster Frazer

AFTER all, there is no place like home in which to celebrate Christmas. Even when the day does not come up to the old-fashioned pictorial representation of snow on the ground and red-breasted robins on the houghs, but is instead green and sunny, Christmas at home has an appropriateness and fits the scene in a way it cannot do in other lands.

It is rather hard to imagine appropriateness about Christmas under a blazing sky, and the eating of plum pudding when the thermometer is 80 degrees in the shade. How out of place the picturesque characters from Dickens' novels—muffled and cheery and full of boisterous mirth—would have been if they could have been conveyed on the magic carpet to gorgeous Cairo! Wealthy people, and in these days of cheap travel, those who are not wealthy, now seek sunshine in the months which are considered dreary; so each Christmas-tide crowds of British people betake themselves to the City of the Caliphs, proceed up the Nile, and, even on Christmas night, toast the old folks at home in the magnificent hotel at Khartoum.

Our grandfathers and grandmothers, who regarded Christmas as a time of wata and holy berries and taking bas-



kets of provisions to poor folks, then attending the festooned and decorated church for morning service and afterwards, with lights up and curtains drawn, proceeded to consume slabs of turkey and roast beef, chunks of plum pudding and innumerable mince pies, with the object of bringing happy months, would twirl in their graves if they could see the manner in which thousands of their descendants celebrate the day in Cairo.

I have known snow in Cairo, but the occasions are as rare as blue moons. As a rule, the morning comes with blazing sunshine, with not a cloud in the sky, and the atmosphere of only warm but sultry. It is not the occasion for topcoats or mufflers or fur capes. The men are in flannels and the women are in white finery. Possibly some attend the English church, with the hope of being reminded what day it is; but the majority go off upon excursions, wandering through the quaint, bedizened and scented bazaars, where the Mohammedan salesmen, with little concern about the Christian festival, ply their trade of selling antiques, radiant robes and hand-made Oriental carpets. The majority, on pleasure bent, go off to the Pyramids, and, under the sweltering sun, climb to the summit of the great burial pile of the Cheops, and then, likely enough, mounted on donkeys, scamper across the hot sands to the Sphinx, in the shadow of which they proceed to picnic.

It is late afternoon, and the big sun is setting over the Libyan desert, and the bells in the mosques are tinkling for the faithful Mohammedans to come and pray, when most of our fellow country people return to their hotels. There is no old-style Christmas dinner. The fare is French; the music is probably Austrian. Somehow, the occasion, delicious and happy though it be, does not fit the picture. The moon rises and the evening is fragrant, whilst parties sit out upon the balconies before the dancing begins. And then thoughts inevitably wander to what the folks at home are doing.

Even with ourselves, particularly in London, a great change is coming over the celebration of Christmas. People with families, especially those with young children, do keep up something of the tradition. But amongst those who are grown up the tendency is to spend Christmas night at one of the great caravansaries of pleasure—a fashionable West End restaurant or a hotel, where in the entrance hall there is generally a magnificent Christmas tree, and the dinner is lavish, the music ravishing, and everything is bright and noisy, and the air is rippled with the laughter of pretty women.

The old-time Christmas is voted dull, besides, taking one's Christmas dinner at a hotel is reckoned much cheaper than having it at home. Within short memory a great change has come over our manner of spending Christmas. Thousands of people go to the big hotels on the south coast. The hydropathic establishments in the provinces are invariably crowded. Thousands upon thousands of men and women—chiefly those who are still in blithe manhood and womanhood—take themselves to Switzerland. For a week before Christmas the London stations which are jumping-off places for the continent are as busy as in summer holiday time dispatching Britons to the Alps.

Christmas in Switzerland! Why, a dozen years ago the majority of British people would have shuddered at the idea. Switzerland in dead of winter, with heaped-up snow and storms and bitter cold, was not to be thought of. Great has been the alteration. Though there is plenty of snow the atmosphere is dry and the sun shines brightly. The air is invigorating. There is sufficient of skating to be obtained, exciting races

on toboggans to be secured, and, for those bent on adventure, there is the most exciting pastime of skiing.

Many of the high-placed villages in the mountains of Switzerland become colonies of British people. These do the proper thing by going to the little church on Christmas morning. But they come back in a hurry, and are soon in their sweaters and have donned their heavy boots, or have affixed their skates and are off for pleasure long before luncheon time. The dining rooms are decorated for the great event of the evening—the Christmas dinner. Curious it is to think that these bunches of happy folk, who a week ago were scattered in all parts of the British Isles, now congregate in the well-lighted rooms of a Swiss hotel, and are eating their Christmas dinner 600 or 700 miles away from home. Maybe there is a carnival on the ice at night. The air is dead still. The moon is like a great lantern in the heavens. Fancy dresses are the proper thing. Every one carries a multi-colored Chinese lantern swinging at the end of a cane. The local Swiss band plays popular airs. There is the swish and rattle of innumerable skates over the crisp and well-swept ice.

Think of the manner in which the day is spent in the distant treaty ports of the Far East. There comes back to my memory, a Christmas day I once spent in Shanghai. In that great commercial Chinese city is a considerable gathering of British people, chiefly engaged in trade, kindly, hospitable, giving the hand of friendship to the traveler and seeing that he has a good time with the rest. There are Christmas morning calls to be made. Gallies travel from house to house in jinrickshaws hauled by bronze-skinned Chinese coolies. Maybe there are steep-chinese races on the outskirts of the town, and the entire British colony go off to see their countrymen, adepts in horsemanship, scamper for the prizes. Then come luncheon parties, to be followed at night by the customary Christmas gathering. One might almost forget that one was thousands of miles away from home, except maybe for the fact that the servants are slit-eyed Chinamen.

Another Christmas day comes to memory as I write. It was in Teheran, the capital of Persia. There, of course, is the British legation; but most of the British residents, fifty or sixty in number, are engaged in connection with the telegraph service. Teheran is a great transmission station on the telegraph route between England and India. On Christmas morning there is generally a football match on the Miadan, a big open space where most of the Persian military displays take place. In the afternoon there is polo. The Persians stand round with wide-eyed wonder, quite incapable of understanding why it is that English people are putting themselves to such exertions in the search of what they consider pleasure. The Persian does not appreciate the western habit of violent exercise. He regards those who take part in it as rather mad.

It is the practice of most British ministers to give a dinner party on Christmas night to the leading British and American residents in the fine legation dining room. The two flags, the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, are hung

land who are in far corners of the world? I do not only mean those who are in the great cities of Canada or Australia or South Africa or even in the semi-British towns in India. Rather I have in mind lands where are few British men and women, some traders, some missionaries, but all cut off by enormous distances from what is called the civilized world, whom it takes six weeks or two months for a letter to reach, and whose Christmas day is inclined to bring sad thoughts, not only because of the lonely lives they are leading, but by reason of the recollection of the other and more happy Christmas days they spent before they left the homeland.

Dotted about the world, in Africa, in lonely Indian stations, in the far northwest of Canada, out on the deserts of Australia, these people will be eating their Christmas dinners on the same day as ourselves. So, in the flush of happiness which comes to most of us, it is not a bad thing to let the thoughts wander to fellow Britons so far off that sometimes they are inclined to be forgotten.

Also there are others. I remember a Christmas day I spent on a commodious, roomy old boat, but slow in pace, plowing her way through a storm in the Bay of Biscay. We ought to have been home before Christmas, but the weather had buffeted us and we were nearly a week behind our time. Christmas morning came drearily as the old vessel bumped her way over the angry waters. We had no Christmas cheer, no turkey, no plum pudding, no wine, but we had tinned rabbit and some bottles of stout on board. While the ship pitched and rolled the captain and his men and myself gulped our poor Christmas cheer and toasted each other in stout. Then the men went out to their work in the gale. I stood on the bridge together with the officer in charge while the wind howled and the sea slashed and we pressed on slowly into the gloom. Not a very merry Christmas! But still the kind of Christmas that will be spent by many thousands of good British sailors in far seas.

For a contrast where better could you go to spend Christmas day than in Jerusalem and attend service at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem is not quite the same as it was in Biblical times, though a good deal of it has not altered through many generations. It seems out of place to go to Jerusalem by railway and, outside the station, to be met by a horde of shrieking cab drivers seeking the job of conveying you to one of the big hotels.

Christmas day this year is on a Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, when thousands of Jews, conscious of what the day means to Christians, will lament that the Messiah they expect has not come. Christians, Jews, Mohammedans, all jostle in the narrow streets of Jerusalem. On Christmas Eve the Mohammedans who curiously enough have charge of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, to prevent quarrelsome Christians doing injury to one another, will be keeping the Mohammedan Sabbath, and from the minarets of the mosques will sound the muezzin of the Mullahs crying: "There is only one God, and Allah is his prophet; come all ye faithful and pray." Then, as the sun begins to drop on Christmas Eve, you may go to all that remains of the old walls of Jerusalem, and come across crowds of Jews, hooded women and men ringleted, many of them from distant shores, kissing the stones which once surrounded the city of their forefathers.

On Christmas morning, with the slouching Turkish soldiers at the door of the church, many Christians will enter to attend service, crouch through the low and narrow doorway, and have the privilege of kissing the stone on which tradition says the body of Christ was laid after the Crucifixion. See that group of tourists mounted on shaggy and ill-fed ponies! They are full of light-heartedness as they scamper along the rugged paths beyond the gates of Jerusalem. They are off to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity—dark and solemn and rather eerie with many subdued lights.

Christmas day brings many and varied recollections to the man who has wandered much about this old world.

TAKT ON FINANCES

CONDITION OF FEDERAL TREASURY IS REPORTED TO BE EXCELLENT.

CURRENCY REFORM IS URGED

Prompt Action on Report of Monetary Board is Recommended—For First Time in 27 Years Postal Department Shows Surplus—Cut in Expenses Shown.

Washington.—A special message on the subject of finances was read to congress.

The financial condition of the government, as shown at the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1911, was very satisfactory. The ordinary receipts into the general fund, excluding postal revenues, amounted to \$703,372,874.83, and the disbursements from the general fund for current expenses and capital outlays, excluding postal and Panama Canal disbursements, including the interest on the public debt, amounted to \$654,377,507.83, leaving a surplus of \$48,995,367.00.

The postal revenue receipts amounted to \$27,379,533.80, while the payments made for the postal service from the postal revenues amounted to \$23,750,705.48, which left a surplus of postal receipts over disbursements of \$3,628,828.32, the first time in 27 years in which a surplus occurred.

The interest-bearing debt of the United States June 30, 1911, amounted to \$216,363,190. The debt on which interest had ceased amounted to \$1,870,830.26, and the debt bearing no interest, including greenbacks, national bank notes to be redeemed, and fractional currency, amounted to \$88,761,917.43, or a total of interest and non-interest bearing debt amounting to \$1,305,964,957.69.

The actual disbursements, exclusive of those for the Panama Canal and for the postal service for the year ending June 30, 1911, were \$54,137,967.83. The actual disbursements for the year ending June 30, 1910, exclusive of the Panama Canal and the postal service disbursements, were \$59,705,391.08, making a decrease of \$5,567,423.25 in yearly expenditures in the year 1911 under that of 1910. For the year ending June 30, 1912, the estimated receipts exclusive of the postal revenues, are \$695,000,000, while the total estimates, exclusive of those for the Panama Canal, amount to \$642,229,234.

This is a decrease in the 1912 estimates of \$1,534,357.22. For the year ending June 30, 1913, the estimated receipts, exclusive of the postal revenues, are \$675,000,000, while the total estimated appropriations, exclusive of the Panama Canal and postal disbursements payable from postal revenues, will amount to \$637,920,823.35. This is a decrease in the estimates from that of the 1912 estimates of \$7,321,956.59.

As to the postal revenues, the expansion of the business in that department, the normal increase in the post office and the extension of the service, will increase the outlay to the sum of \$260,938,483; but as the department was self-sustaining this year the postmaster general is assured that next year the receipts will at least equal the expenditures, and probably exceed them by more than the surplus of the year ending June 30, 1911, and, therefore, in determining the economy with which the government has been run, to exclude the transactions of a department like the post office department, which relies for its support upon its receipts. In calculations heretofore made for comparison of economy in each year, it has been the proper custom only to include in the statement the deficit in the post office department which was paid out of the treasury.

In the treasury department the efficiency and economy work has been kept steadily up. Provision is made for the elimination of 134 positions during the coming year. Two hundred and sixty-two statutory positions were eliminated during the last year in the office of the treasury in Washington, and 141 positions in the year 1910, making an elimination of 562 statutory positions since March 4, 1869, and this has been done without the discharge of anybody, because the normal resignations and deaths have been equal to the elimination of the places, a number of transfers having taken care of the persons whose positions were dropped out. In the field service of the department, too, 1,263 positions have been eliminated down to the present time, making a total net reduction of all treasury positions to the number of 1,801. Meantime the efficiency of the work of the department has increased.

Monetary Reform. A matter of first importance that will come before congress for action at this session is monetary reform. The congress has itself arranged an early introduction of this great question through the report of its monetary commission. This commission was appointed to recommend a solution of the banking and currency problems so long confronting the nation and to furnish the facts and data necessary to enable the congress to take action.

In order to do its work with thoroughness and precision this commission has taken some time to make its report. The country is undoubtedly hoping for as prompt action on the report as the convenience of the congress can permit. The recognition of the gross imperfections and marked inadequacy of our banking and currency system even in our most quiet financial periods is of long standing; and later there has matured a recognition of the fact that our system is responsible for the extraordinary depression, waste and business paralysis of our recurring periods of panic. Though the methods of the monetary commission have for a considerable time been working in the open, and while large numbers of the people have been openly working with them, and while the press has largely noted and discussed this work as it has proceeded, so that the report of the commission promises to represent a national movement, the details of the report are still being considered. I can not, therefore, do much more at this time than commend the immense importance of monetary reform, urge prompt consideration and action when the commission's report is received, and express my satisfaction that the plan to be proposed promises to embrace main features that, saving met the approval of a great preponderance of the practical and professional men of the country, are likely to meet equal approval in congress.

No Doubt about One Thing. "It does not always take brains to make money," observed the father of the college boy as he looked over that young man's expense bill, "but it sure does take money to make brains."

Too Busy for Serious Things. The growing indifference of the age is appalling; men are too busy with their pleasures, their money-making, their politics, and a thousand things.

Lost for Good. "Did you hear about my neighbor losing control of his motor car?" "Greene—No, I didn't." "Redd—Well, he did. The sheriff's got it now!"

Exchange. "Why is the race not always to the swift, my boy?" "Because their gasoline gives out sir."

There is now before congress a bill, the purpose of which is to increase the efficiency and decrease the expense of the army. It contains four principal features: First, a consolidation of the general staff with the adjutant general's and the inspector general's department; second, a consolidation of the quartermaster's department with the subsistence and pay department; third, the creation of an army service corps, and fourth, an extension of the enlistment period from three to five years.

With the establishment of an army service corps, as proposed in the bill, I am thoroughly in accord and am convinced that the establishment of such a corps will result in a material economy and a very great increase of efficiency in the army. It has repeatedly been recommended by me and my predecessors. I also believe that a consolidation of the staff corps can be made with a resulting increase in efficiency and economy, but not on the lines provided in the bill under consideration.

The army of the United States is in good condition.

The Panama Canal. The very satisfactory progress made on the Panama canal last year has continued, and there is every reason to believe that the canal will be completed as early as the last of July, 1912, unless something unforeseen occurs. This is about 18 months before the time promised by the engineers.

Waterway From Lakes to the Gulf. The project for a navigable waterway from Lake Michigan to the mouth of the Mississippi river, and thence via the Illinois river, and thence via the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, is one of national importance. In view of the work already accomplished by the sanitary district of Chicago, an agency of the state of Illinois, which has constructed the most difficult and costly stretch of the canal, it is felt that it is fitting that this work should be supplemented by the government, and that the expenditure recommended by the special board of engineers on the waterway from Utica to the mouth of the Illinois river be made upon lines which will be the most beneficial to the nation, should otherwise benefit that state to the fullest extent.

The limitation of the liability of the master to his servant for personal injuries to such extent as is now provided has been abandoned in most civilized countries and provision made whereby the employe injured in the course of his employment is compensated for his loss of working ability irrespective of negligence. The principle upon which such provision proceeds is that accidental injuries to workmen in modern industry, with its vast complexity and inherent dangers arising from complicated machinery and the use of the great forces of steam and electricity, should be regarded as risks of the industry and the loss borne in some equitable proportion by those who for their own profit engage therein. In recognition of this the last congress authorized the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject of employer's liability and workmen's compensation and to report the result of their investigations, through the president, to the congress. That commission was appointed and has been at work, holding hearings, gathering data and considering the subject, and it is expected will report in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Parcel Post. Steps should be taken immediately for the establishment of a rural parcel post. The establishment of appropriate conditions needed for the maintenance of the postal service for the ensuing fiscal year an item of \$150,000 has been inserted to cover the preliminary expense of establishing a parcel post on rural mail routes, as well as to cover an investigation having for its object the establishment of a general parcel post on all railway and steamboat transportation routes.

The suggestion that we have a general parcel post has awakened great opposition on the part of some who think that it will have the effect of destroying the business of the country store keeper. Instead of doing this, I think the change will greatly increase business for the benefit of all. The reduction in the cost of living it will bring about ought to make its coming certain.

The Navy Department. On the 2d of November last I reviewed the fighting fleet of battleships and other vessels assembled in New York harbor, consisting of 24 battleships, 2 armored cruisers, 2 cruisers, 22 destroyers, 12 torpedo boats, 8 submarines, and other attendant vessels, making 98 vessels of all classes, of a tonnage of 874,624 tons.

The fleet was deficient in the number of torpedo destroyers, in cruisers, and in colliers, as well as in large battleship cruisers, which are now becoming a very important feature of foreign navies, notably the British, German and Japanese.

The building plan for this year contemplates two battleships and two colliers. This is because the other and smaller vessels can be built much more rapidly in cases of emergency than the battleships, and we certainly ought to continue the policy of two battleships a year until after the Panama Canal is finished and until we can number 40 available vessels of proper armament and size.

Like the Treasury Department and the War Department, the Navy Department has given much attention to economy in administration, and has since a number of years past reduced its expenses and reduced its estimates except for construction and the increase that that involves.

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Luxury in Cigars. The Rothschilds smoke the most costly cigars that are made—the Henry Clay Sobranos—which cost \$1.50 each. These are wrapped in gold leaf and packed in little inlaid cedar wood cabinets.

A FEDERAL HEALTH BOARD.

It is gratifying to note that the bill for the creation of a federal health board will not be allowed to pass without a protest. Reports of organized resistance come from all parts of the country, and it may be that the opposition will soon be sufficiently solidified to defeat a project that promises infinite mischief for the community, and suffering and injustice for the individual.

The proposal is based upon those specious claims that are notoriously hard to controvert. If a federal health board were to confine its activities to the promulgation of salutary advice upon hygienic matters, to the abatement of quackery, and to the purity of drugs, it might be possible to say much in its favor, although it would still be difficult to say that such an organization is needed. But we know that it will attempt to do far more than this, seeing that its adherents have loudly proclaimed their intentions. Indeed, there is no secrecy about them. It is confidently expected that the board will consist of advocates of one school of medicine only and that the methods of that school will be not only recommended, but enforced upon the nation. Indeed, a board that was in any way representative of the medical profession as a whole would be stifled by its own disagreements. Outside the domain of simple hygiene, for which we need no federal board at all, there is no single point of medical practice upon which allopaths, homeopaths, eclectics and osteopaths could be in unison. Any board that could be divided by the wit of man must be composed of representatives of one school only, and this means that all other schools are branded as of an inferior caste, even though nothing worse happened to them. And something worse would happen to them. If we are to establish a school of medicine, if we are to assert that the government of the United States favors one variety of practice more than others, why not establish also a sect of religion and bestow special authorities upon Baptists, Methodists and Episcopalians? An established school of religious conjecture seems somewhat less objectionable than an established sect of pseudo-scientific conjecture.

Those who suppose that a federal board of health would have no concern with individual rights are likely to find themselves undeceived. It is for the purpose of interfering with individual rights that the proposal has been made. We need no special knowledge of conditions to be aware that what may be called unorthodox methods of healing have made sad inroads into the orthodox. Homeopathy claims a vast number of adherents who are just as well educated and just as intelligent as those who adhere to the older school. Osteopathy, eclecticism, and half a dozen other methods of practice are certainly not losing ground. Beyond them is the vast and increasing army of those who may be classed under the general and vague name of mental healers. Those who are addicted to any of these forms of unorthodoxy need have no doubt as to the purposes of the federal health board. Those purposes are to make it difficult for them to follow their particular fads and fancies, to lead them, and if necessary to drive them, from medical unorthodoxy to medical orthodoxy.

Now the Argonaut holds no brief for any of the excesses and the superstitions connected with the care of the body in which this age is so rife. But it does feel concerned for the preservation of human liberty and for the rights of the individual to doctor himself in any way he pleases so long as he does not indubitably threaten the health of the community. He may take large doses or small ones, or no doses at all; he may be massaged, anointed with oil, or prayed over, just as the whim of the moment may dictate, and probably it makes no particle of difference which he does. But he has the right to choose, just as he chooses the color of his necktie or the character of his underclothing. It is not a matter in which any wise government will seek to interfere. This is precisely the liberty that the health board intends to take from him. Orthodox medicine, conscious of its losses, is trying to buttress itself by federal statute, to exalt allopathy to the status of a privileged caste, and to create an established school of medicine just as some other countries have allowed themselves to create an established school of religion. It is for the common sense of the community to rebuke that effort and to repel an unwarranted invasion upon elementary human rights.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Buffaloes. "Mr. Wiggleby," smiled Mrs. Leeder, "that column article of yours on the play last night was a wonder."

"You flatter me, madam," said the dramatic editor of the Daily Bread, much gratified.

"Not at all. It must have taken you a long time to write it."

"Yes; I spent two hours or more on that criticism, I confess."

"Well, it was a splendid piece of work. The play, you know, is absurdly simple, and anybody can understand it, but your explanation of it is so profound, so—er—incomprehensible, don't you know, that it has me completely buffaloesd."

A Warning. "Don't go into the bee culture business."

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High School Notes
Ralph Browne was a high school visitor Monday morning. June Hammond was a week end visitor at Elgin.
Claude Patterson visited at the high school last Thursday.
Do not forget the basket ball game Friday night, Dec. 22.
The high school orchestra has been rehearsing vigorously. The players are: Dillon Patterson, piano; Clyde Ottman, cornet; Pyrlle Renn, violin and Grace VanDresser, trombone. Other players are expected to begin rehearsing soon. The orchestra lacks a good leader on account of want of necessary funds.
Irene and Milton Corson were Elgin visitors Saturday.
Mildred Hewitt was absent the first of the week.
The zoology class dissected the frog last week.
Blanche Hemmway was a week end visitor at the home of Emily Burroughs.
On Friday evening, Dec. 22, the Boys' Basket Ball team will play the Belvidere Y. M. C. A. at the Pavilion. They now have the reputation of winning every game so far this season. The first victory was at Belvidere, December 9, when Genoa won by a score of 40 to 27.
The next laurels were carried off at Sycamore last Saturday night. It was the first time that Genoa had won from Sycamore in a good many years. The Belvidere "Y" team is one that should not be despised. Their team work is excellent and if the public wish to see a game that is a real game of basket ball and not a rush and jumble of humanity, they will no be disappointed Friday night. The game will be called at 8 o'clock sharp. Come and help the home team win.
The Acme Society has charge of the Christmas program, which will be given Friday afternoon, Dec. 22, at the high school. It will consist of the following numbers:
Debate, "Resolved that foreign immigration should be prohibited," Marion Bagley, Blanche Hemmway, affirmative; Wm. Lankton, Everet Ryan, negative.
A selection from the high school orchestra.
Piano Solo, "A Simple Confession," Edward Welsh.
Instrumental duet, Marion Slater and Lorene Brown.
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Vocal duet... Grace Vandresser
..... and Mildred Hewitt.
Playette, "An Uncomfortable Predicament."
CAST OF CHARACTERS
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Hezekial Hopper... Merle Evans.
Every body is cordially invited to come and hear the program.

AUCTION SALE

Orrin Mitchell will sell at public auction on the Bert Piper farm, 7 miles north-east of Genoa, 8 miles south of Marengo, and 1/2 mile east of the five corners, on **Wednesday, Dec. 27** commencing at one o'clock p. m., the property described below:
7 head of horses; 6 head of cattle, including three new milkers; 13 Poland China hogs; and all his farm machinery, including grain binders, hay loaders, harrows, seeders, plows, planters, haying tools and loaders, pulverizers, mowers, harness, and all the small articles usually found on the well regulated farm. There will also be some shocked corn and seed corn offered for sale.
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M. E. Church Notes

The official board met Wednesday evening and concluded to put in a large furnace for the main room and use the smaller furnace which is in good condition for the back rooms.
They voted to fresco, carpet and paint the church. This will put the property in good shape and give it very much needed improvement.
Sermon next Sunday morning: "The Christ and Ecclesiastical Tendencies."
The evening services will be devoted to the Sunday school which will have charge and render a program that has been given much time.
End the old year by coming to the church and getting used to turning over a new leaf for the new. You have a good chance. Preaching at Ney in afternoon.
The Ideal Amusement Co. gave its initial exhibition at Monroe Center last Tuesday evening to a big and appreciative audience. This company will also show at Kingston and Burlington every week. The shows at Genoa will be given at the opera house every Saturday evening as usual. Dillon Patterson played the piano at Monroe Center and made a hit.

Mrs. Julia Jefferies lectured before the Fortnightly Club at the home of Mrs. O. M. Barcus last Saturday afternoon, there being about sixty persons present, including club members and invited guests. Mrs. Jefferies recently returned from a trip abroad and used the information she acquired on the trip as the subject of her discourse. She is an entertaining speaker. After the program refreshments were served.

Family washings wanted. Call Mrs. Dralle, phone No. 1722.

Mrs. Granger went to Chicago Thursday to spend a few days.

Get a first class hair cut and shave at Russell & Russell's, successors to Johnson & Bargenquast. Nobbiest styles in newest stock just arrived. We can fit you. Personal inspection invited. Three attendants. Agency Superior Laundry, sent Tuesday, back Friday.

If you have company during the holidays or if any of your family spends the holidays out of town, you will confer a favor by calling up the Republican-Journal office and telling about it, or drop a note in the item box at the corner of the building. All items must be signed by the writer. We wish to state again that unsigned communications will not be used in any way. We have no desire to divulge the name of the writer, but must have evidence of your good faith.

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Handkerchiefs, gloves, shirts, neckwear, mufflers, sweater coats—everything in gift goods for men and all marked at favorable prices. Men's laundered coat shirts with cuffs attached, choice of a great variety of the newest patterns, regular \$1.00 values at 69c.

Men's fine silk four-in-hands, string ties, bows and tecks in a great variety of colors and patterns, priced at 24c.

Men's sweater coats in all styles, plain and trimmed, at 98c up. Men's flannel pajamas 98c. Men's silk lined kid gloves in gift boxes at 98c and \$1.49.

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CASH DEPARTMENT STORE

GOPHERS ARE CAUSE OF MUCH INJURY TO THE ALFALFA CROP

Many Other Field Crops Are Damaged by Little Animals in Many Parts of the West—Poisoned Food Being Introduced Below the Surface Eliminates Danger to All Stock.

(By T. J. HULL, Kansas.)
Like most important field crops alfalfa constantly suffers from the attacks of many kinds of hungry creatures. Roots, stems, foliage, flowers and seeds serve to fill countless empty stomachs and to support myriads of living things. Most of the creatures which rely wholly or in part on alfalfa for their food are either useful or too scarce to do appreciable damage, but

especially with gases, traps and poison, the results of which prove convincingly that the most effective and economical method of dealing with this pest is by means of poison introduced into food and placed in their runways.
Pocket gophers are easily poisoned. They are very fond of common potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, raisins and prunes. The presence of strychnine, arsenic or other poisons does not seem to deter them from eating the food; but if the poison is sweetened they seem to eat it more readily. In summer it may be desirable to take the trouble to sweeten the poison, but in the fall and early spring it does not seem worth while to do this. The poisoned food being introduced to the burrows below the surface, there is no danger of poisoning stock. It might be well, however, not to let swine run in the alfalfa fields for a time after the poison has been put out.
Cut the potatoes or other food into pieces not more than three-fourths of an inch in diameter. Cut a slit in each piece and with the point of the knife blade insert a little sulphate of

strychnine; as much as half the bulk of a grain of wheat will answer the purpose. The moisture from the potato will cause the poison to adhere to the blade. Prepare the bait in sufficient quantity before going to the field.
Whatever sort of bait may be used, success depends upon introducing it into fresh runways. Choose fresh-looking mounds and prod on the line between them with a wagon rod or sharpened broom handle to locate the runway; or, falling there, prod about the freshest mounds. The sudden giving of the soil and the apparent looseness of the stick in it is sufficient to show that the runway has been located. Remove the prod and drop a teaspoonful of the poisoned bait into the burrow, leaving the hole open. Level the mounds with some sort of a drag, and as soon as new ones appear locate the burrows and put poison into them.
In case the area to be treated is large some sort of a special instrument for locating the runways is desirable. A very good one can be made from a spade handle by covering the pointed end with iron and fastening a foot rest about 15 inches above the point.
By the use of the means just described the enterprising farmer can rid his land of gophers and keep them out of it. Once the farm is freed, the vigilance and prompt treatment necessary to keep it so will require but little time and effort.

occasionally some one species appears in such numberless hordes that the crop of large sections is devoured and great havoc is wrought.
No other animal attacking the underground parts of alfalfa can equal or even closely approach the gopher in destructiveness. It has proven one of the most formidable mammalian pests with which alfalfa growers have had to contend. Kansas alone suffers a loss of fully \$800,000 yearly. This damage is not directly in the destruction of the alfalfa plant so much as it is in the interference with the work of cutting the crop and the loss by reason of having to cut the plant far above the ground, to avoid running into the mounds thrown up by the gophers. This loss amounts to about one-tenth of the entire crop. Besides the damage to alfalfa, there is a similar one to clover, timothy and native meadows, and the direct destruction of vegetable gardens and other crops. The gopher has the external cheek pouches, strong lower jaws, feet strongly developed for digging, and very small eyes and ears.
The gopher tunnels hither and thither in search of food, at intervals digging short lateral burrows to the surface through which it pushes the excavated earth and dumps it outside, thus forming the mounds that indicate its presence and mark its progress. These animals are most active during the fall and spring, and one individual may throw up several mounds daily for several weeks at a time. During these seasons the work of a few gophers in an alfalfa field may cause the uninitiated to suppose the field infested by dozens. Although the animals are most active at these times

they work only less vigorously throughout the rest of the year. Even in winter, whenever the ground is sufficiently free from frost, they throw up mounds here and there.
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NEWS OF ILLINOIS

ITEMS OF GENERAL STATE INTEREST FRESH FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

SHOOTING SNOWBALL THROWER

Elmer Gilbert, a Lad of Nine, Probably Fatally Wounded by Another Boy With a Shot From a Small Caliber Rifle.

Springfield.—Bullets were used in a snowball battle in which a dozen small boys engaged near Tenth and Carpenter streets here. Elmer Gilbert, nine years old, was shot in the left side and probably fatally wounded. According to boys who participated in the defense of a snow fort, Gilbert was shot by a youth named Angelo Lambada, who replied to a volley of snowballs with a shot from a small caliber rifle. Defenders of the snow fort assert several shots were fired before it was realized that real bullets were being used.

Decatur.—Charged with defrauding the Pana Coal company miners out of \$25,000 within the past five years, Jacob Gehm and Morgan Davis, check weighmen, respectively for the company and the miners, pleaded guilty and asked leniency. Sentence has not been passed.

Duquoin.—Disclosure made by auditors of the Illinois Central railroad on the St. Louis, Central and El Dorado division have resulted in the dismissal of about fifteen passenger conductors from the service.

Centralla.—Tony Inferlano and Joe Torono, employed in the Illinois Central yards, while trying to catch a work train, ran in front of a moving freight train and were instantly killed.

Decatur.—President A. R. Taylor of the Milliken university has issued orders against dances of all fraternities, sororities and other university organizations.

Ottawa.—Wilson Conrad, aged forty-six, one of Ottawa's wealthiest residents, was killed here when his automobile plunged into a hydraulic basin and turned turtle.

Champaign.—Champaign has voted to issue bonds to install a \$35,000 street lighting system. Current will be bought from the local company.

Bloomington.—The bank and post office safes at Fancy Prairie, 40 miles southwest of here, were blown by four bandits. The robbers secured nothing and escaped after a battle with citizens who had been aroused by men who saw the light in the bank. The men entered through the post office, which is in the same building as the bank. They opened the cash drawer in the post office, but secured nothing and went into the banking room. Two charges of explosives were used. The outer door of the safe was blown off and the door of the inner strongbox was twisted by the explosion, but the thieves were unable to get anything, as by this time the citizens had opened fire.

Nashville.—Farmers are worried over the condition of wheat. The first heavy frost caused damage, but did not kill the roots. The warm weather of the last week has caused it to sprout again, and the fields now are green. Wheat on late plowed ground suffered most. The late sowing and early frost were hard on insects, and there have been no signs of chinch bugs or Hessian fly.

Sterling.—Mayor W. B. Brinton of Dixon, a Democratic committeeman, who was brought here to deliver an address before the Y. M. C. A., threw a bomb into the church camp by advocating licensed saloons and an open town on Sunday. Church circles are wrought up over the affair, inasmuch as an anti-saloon crusade is about to be started.

Lincoln.—Entries in the competitions at the Logan County Farmers' Institute session are as follows: Apples, 74; pears, 6; canned fruit, 133; dairy products, 76; corn, 95; wheat, 6; garden products, 13; culinary, 146.

Sterling.—Attacked by a pack of six timber wolves while passing through a tract of timberland near Penton, 14 miles southwest of here, Lester Osborne sustained injuries from which he may not recover. Armed with only his pocket knife and a stout club which he picked up the young man battled desperately, dispatching three of the animals and badly wounding another. Neighboring farmers heard his shouts for help, rushed to his assistance and drove the animals away.

Kewanee.—Upon refusal of Judge Stough to grant a new trial for James McMahon, convicted for the murder of Mary Hetrick of Tiskilwa, he was taken to Joliet to serve a 15-year sentence.

Rock Island.—Plans are now under consideration by the commanding officers of the Davenport, Moline and Rock Island companies of the National Guard for a tri-city indoor rifle contest to be held some time in January in the local armory.

Eldorado.—Joseph Fraley, a barber, formerly of Shawneetown, was shot and killed by Ed Tucker of Linton, Ind., a coal miner, in the Cottage hotel in Eldorado. The coroner's jury held Tucker to await the action of the grand jury without bond. A woman caused a quarrel between Fraley and Tucker.

Olney.—The curfew ordinance passed by the city council to take effect was vetoed by Mayor Martin on the ground the city has no power to enforce it.

Springfield.—Governor Deneen, State Senator Hay, Assistant United States District Attorney Converse and the members of the city commission have been summoned as witnesses by the defendants in the park board election cases. Attorneys for the defense assert that the indictments against ten men were the result of a political conspiracy, and it is probable that an effort will be made to investigate the political history of the city and county.

Joliet.—A gray timber wolf was killed near Troy, eight miles west of Joliet, by a collie dog. The wolf entered the sheep pen on the farm of Mat Paul and was attacked by the dog. The fighting animals alarmed the farmer, but before he arrived the collie had bitten the wolf through the neck. A number of wolves have been seen lately in that section of Will county.

Mt. Pleasant.—Promoters of the Mid-valley Oil company of St. Louis, on whose land, west of this city, oil was recently discovered, are disappointed at not being able to "shoot" the well as they had expected, on account of water.

Rockford.—The Winnebago county farmers' institute adopted a resolution asking the national and state authorities to unite in furnishing an expert agriculturist for every county in the state.

Princeton.—Seven thousand persons attended the dedication of the new \$30,000 railway station of the Burlington. Princeton is the birthplace of Darius Miller, president of the road.

Springfield.—The state supreme court disbarred L. W. Fligel, a Chicago attorney, on charges that he accepted a fee of \$25 from Regina Spiral to file suit for divorce against her husband, James Spiral. Investigation showed he never filed the suit.

Marion.—Although held prisoner five hours in a lonely shanty and bound, gagged and beaten, E. B. Bliss, general agent for the Iron Mountain railroad here, refused to tell two highwaymen the combination to the safe in the station. Apparently weakening, Bliss once gained a respite by agreeing to tell the men the combination. He gave them wrong figures, but finding they had been tricked and could not open the safe they returned and beat Bliss severely. It was not until after five hours of efforts to make Bliss reveal the combination that the men gave up the task, left Bliss tied in the shanty and telephoned his relatives where he could be found. Bliss was on his way home when he was stopped by the highwaymen, who held him up at the point of a revolver and forced him to accompany them to the shanty.

Beardstown.—Although physicians decided a blow upon the head caused a blood clot and resulted in the death of Charles H. Marple, whose body was found in the Illinois river, the foul play theory was dissipated. An open verdict was returned by the coroner's jury.

Griggsville.—Antonio Petrovi, formerly of Griggsville, but now of St. Louis, took poison and died. Until he told his family of his act he was believed to have been suffering from alcoholism.

Calo.—On the way up from Memphis the snafout H. G. Wright removed obstructions from the river as follows: One at Craighead Point, one below head of Island 26, one just below Barfield, three at Boots Point, six about Caruthersville, one at Avenue Landing, one above Avenue Landing, one at Muskeville, one above Metal Round Landing.

Rockford.—Priests of the Rockford diocese have acceded to Bishop Muldoon's request that no public observance of the bishop's silver anniversary shall be held.

Hoopston.—Rev. H. F. Keltch, pastor of the Christian church here, has resigned to take the pastorate of the First Christian church at Berea, Ky.

Hoopston.—Ray Tilton, a wealthy young farmer, will become an aviator for the purpose of making exhibition flights.

Elgin.—News reached here of the discovery, after twenty-five years' search, of the body of David Tallant in a snow covered and unmarked grave near Arlington, a mining camp in Wyoming. Tallant, who was a member of the Gooden and Varcher prospecting party, the first band of white men to penetrate the Black Hills in South Dakota, disappeared from his wife in 1853. He leaves deeds to valuable copper mines near Arlington and 160 acres of farming land near Salt Lake City, Utah. He was a pioneer settler of Elgin.

JUDGED BY THEIR CLOTHES

Smart Cigar Store Clerk Ready With Apology That by No Means Mended Situation.
Herman Fellner tells this story on himself, according to the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times Star. He was in Washington on business recently and met three or four friends on the street. After a moment's chat he beckoned them to come with him. "I'm off the staff," said he, "but I want to buy you each a cigar."

They happened to be in front of a combination cigar and news stand at the moment. Led by Mr. Fellner, they trooped in. The clerk hurried to the cigar case to wait upon them. Before Mr. Fellner could indicate his wishes the clerk had slapped a box on the glass case. "Here y' are," said he. "Best dime smoker in town."

Mr. Fellner is sort of fussy about his smokes. He looked at the cigar then shoved the box away. "Have you no other price?" he asked.
The clerk shoved the box in the case. "Same thing," said he. "My mistake and your treat."
Having pulled off this time-worn witticism, he addressed Mr. Fellner confidentially. "Your clothes sort of fooled me," said he. "You fellows are a pretty well-dressed lot, you know." Then he put another box on the counter. "Here," said he, "is the best nickel smoker in the v'lare."

ECZEMA DISFIGURED BABY
"Our little boy Gilbert was troubled with eczema when but a few weeks old. His little face was covered with sores even to back of his ears. The poor little fellow suffered very much. The sores began as pimples, his little face was disfigured very much. We hardly knew what he looked like. The face looked like raw meat. We tied little bags of cloth over his hands to prevent him from scratching. He was very restless at night, his little face itched."

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Baltimore French.
A Baltimore boniface tells of a waiter in that city who lately announced that he had taken up the study of the French language.
"Do you find it necessary here?" asked the patron to whom the man confided this bit of information.
"Not here, sir," explained the waiter; "but I've been offered a steady job in Paris at one of the hotels if I can learn French."
"But Paris is full of French waiters," said the patron. "I'm afraid you're being deceived."
"No, sir," said the man, with much earnestness and absolute simplicity. "The proposition is a straight one. The proprietor of the hotel says that the waiters he has can't understand French as we Baltimoreans speak it, and that's what he wants me for, you see."—Lippincott's.

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Veteran's Little Girl—Yes.
Little Girl—Where's his other one?
Veteran's Little Girl—Hush, dear. It's in Heaven.—Home Herald.

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KINGSTON NEWS

FRED P. SMITH, CORRESPONDENT

Miss Ida Moore was a Belvidere visitor last Saturday.

Mesdames O. W. Vickell and Otto Swanson were in Chicago Monday.

Ed. Dibble was numbered among the sick the fore part of this week.

George Seigal of Chicago came Tuesday for a visit at the home of W. S. Weber.

Comrades G. D. Wyllys and H. N. Peavey attended the funeral of Comrade James Pierce held in Genoa last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wilson were Rockford visitors Tuesday. Alfred Rogers, of Aurora, made his usual business trip last Thursday.

Miss Alice Swartz returned Thursday evening from her stay in Chicago.

Miss Nettie Packard was a guest under the parental roof in Fairdale Sunday.

Misses Cora and Dora Bell and Jennie Clark went to Chicago last Friday night to remain a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dempsey and sons, of Genoa, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Duval.

A cottage prayer meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Aurner Tuesday evening.

Mrs. John Uplinger and daughter, Eleanor, were guests of relatives in Belvidere last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Cheasbro entertained Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Terwilliger of DeKalb, Sunday.

Word comes from Belvidere that Mrs. Jennie Heldon is getting along nicely since her operation.

Mrs. Harriet Webber will leave this week for Mason City, Iowa to spend a few weeks with her daughter.

Miss Hazel Ludwig was a guest of Miss Nina Patterson at her home near Genoa Saturday and Sunday.

The Sunday Schools of the M. E. and Baptist churches will render their Christmas programs Saturday evening.

Charles Johnson of Havelock, Iowa, son of Wm. Johnson formerly of this place was calling on old friends Monday.

John Vosburg has been appointed park commissioner in place of Leonard Hill who was not qualified for the position.

For Sale—White Plymouth Rock cockerels. Fishel strain. April hatched. E. O. Moyers.

Misses Faith Gardner and Lois Stark will leave Friday afternoon for Chicago to spend the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George York.

Mrs. Emma Godfrey came from Copenhagen, New York, last Thursday to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. J. Stuart, and her husband.

Miss Blanche Pratt came Wednesday from Chicago where she is attending Moody Bible Institute to spend the holidays at the home of her brother, R. S. Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Vosburg and

children, Sadie and Lyle. and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Arbuckle left Tuesday to spend the holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arbuckle near Mansfield, Missouri.

Mrs. Frank Parker entertained a company of young ladies at her home last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Bell Byers, of Kirkland, who was her guest over Sunday. The evening passed pleasantly with games followed by refreshments.

Master in Chancery's Sale of Real Estate

State of Illinois } ss
DeKalb County }

In the circuit court of DeKalb County, October term, A. D. 1911.

In Chancery.

Esther E. Kelley Bill for Partition. Gen. No. 17980

James P. Brown, Abigail J. Patterson, Jeremiah W. Brown, Emma R. Hollebeak, Dillon S. Brown, Charles A. Brown, Lizzie M. Holroyd, Emma D. LeFevre, Elmer A. Sowers, George W. Sowers, J. William Sowers, Jennie Sowers Stiles, Eva M. Renn, Bert Fenton, George Walrod and J. Crosby as Walrod & Crosby, Elizabeth Clefford, Florence Eiklor and Ava Abraham.

In pursuance of the order and decree of said court, made and entered in said cause at the October term, A. D. 1911, of said court, to-wit, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1911, I shall on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1912, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the south front door of the court house in the city of Sycamore, in said county, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A part of Sections twenty-nine (29), thirty (30) and thirty-one (31), in Township forty-two (42) north, Range five (5) east of the third principal meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of said section thirty (30) three and seventy-five hundredths (3.75) chains west of the south-east corner of said section thirty (30), thence north, 7 degrees east, twenty-two (22) chains, to the east line of said section thirty (30); thence north, 7 degrees east, eighteen and forty-six hundredths (18.46) chains, to the north line of the south-west quarter (1/4) of said section twenty-nine (29), at a point three fifty-six hundredths (3.56) chains east of the quarter-section corner; thence north, 7 degrees east, fourteen (14) chains; thence north, 84 degrees west, six (6) chains, to the west line of said section twenty-nine (29); thence north, 84 degrees west, six and eighty-five hundredths (6.85) chains; thence south, 9 degrees west, fifteen (15) chains, to the north line of the south-east quarter (1/4) of said section thirty (30); thence south, 10 degrees and 45 minutes west, twenty-nine and eighty-nine hundredths (29.89) chains, on the claim line, to a stone 13 x 9 x 8; thence south, 68 degrees east, (v. 5 degrees and 50 minutes east) five and twenty-six hundredths (5.26) chains, to a stone 14 x 11 x 8; thence south 3 degrees and 10 minutes west, eight and fifty-three hundredths (8.53) chains, to a stone 17 x 11 x 7; thence east to the place of beginning, excepting therefrom the lands of the Illinois Central Railway Company and of the Woodstock & Sycamore Traction Company across said land; and commencing fifteen and sixty-two hundredths (15.62) rods due west on the line between said sections thirty (30) and thirty-one (31) from the corner common to sections twenty-nine (29), thirty (30), thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32), thence west, on said line, twenty-two and ninety-two hundredths (22.92) rods; thence south, 5 degrees west, eighty (80) rods; thence south, 79 degrees east, twenty and fifty eight (20.58) rods; thence north, 7 degrees east, eighty-four and fifty-six hundredths (84.56) rods, to the place of the beginning.

Containing in all 72.81 acres of land, more or less, and which is here and in the pleadings in this cause designated as Tract No. One (1).

Also, Sub-lot one (1) of Lot two (2) of Block sixteen (16) of the city of Sycamore, Illinois, subject to three (3) special assessments of \$20.69 and interest, each, for State Street improvement, and six special assessments of \$4.78 interest, each, for Main street improvement, each payable yearly

which is here and in the pleadings in this cause designated as Tract No. Two (2).

Also, the south-west quarter (1/4) of the north-east quarter (1/4) of Section thirteen (13) in Township forty-two (42) north, Range four (4) east of third principal meridian, which is here and in the pleadings in this cause designated as Tract No. three (3).

All of said premises being situated in the county of DeKalb and state of Illinois.

Tract No. One (1) to be sold subject to leasehold rights of Bert Fenton, one of the defendants herein; Tract No. Two (2) to be sold without improvements thereon.

Terms of sale: Ten per cent, (per cent) of the purchase price to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the remainder of the purchase price to be paid upon the confirmation of the sale by

said court and the execution and delivery of proper deed, or deeds of conveyance.

Tract No. One (1) has been appraised at the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per acre;

Tract No. Two (2) at the sum of three thousand eighty dollars (\$3,080); and Tract No. Three (3) at the sum of seventy dollars (\$70) per acre, and no bid will be

accepted which shall not at least equal two-thirds (2/3) of said appraised valuation.

Dated at Sycamore, Illinois, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1911.

A. W. FISK

Master in Chancery,

W. C. KELLUM,

Solicitor for the complainant.

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| Drawn work lunch cloths, 50c to \$1.50 | Purses, 25c to 2.25 |
| Silk messalines, in all shades \$1.00 per yard | Silk hose, 50c to 1.50 |
| Fancy silk head scarfs, 30c up | Handkerchiefs, 5c to 50c |
| Fanch Christmas boxes, 5c each | Hat pin holders, 20c to 50c |
| Battenberg doilies, 15c to 1.25 | Fancy sofa pillows, 1.25 |
| All shades kid gloves, 1.00 | Hair receivers. Chinaware |

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