

## The News.

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### A DAINTY MISSIVE.

This but a dainty little missive,  
And the tinted envelope  
As I look at it awakens  
In my fluttering heart a hope,  
Half deferred, but so delightful  
As its perfume delicate.  
Then the unique crest I notice,  
And the post-mark, and the date.  
Hope grows bolder—cries: "A message  
From the maiden you love best."  
In it all the love confessed,  
Then I mark the superscription,  
Tenderly I scan each line;  
Fancy the fair hand that traced it,  
Wonder if it's really mine.  
With a lover's fond foreboding  
Question what it will reveal,  
And if all its charm will vanish  
When I break the pretty seal.  
But my heart cries: "No, this letter  
Will my darling's heart betray."  
What is this? "Is from my tailor!"  
"Last year's bill, sir, please to pay."  
—Thayer Roum, in Judge.

### CITY AND COUNTY.

Interesting Items From Numerous Sources.

New jerseys at the Boston Store. 10  
New dress goods at the Boston Store.  
Pride of the Kitchen at Spitzer's. 1012  
Frank Spitzer was at home over Sunday.  
Annie Roane returned from Decatur Tuesday.  
Mrs. Mary Gaddis is very ill of typhoid fever.  
Mrs. A. Baggett is dangerously ill with lung fever.  
The I. O. O. F. have decided not to build at present.  
Sapallo for scouring all kinds of ware at Spitzer's. 10 12  
T. A. Hollenbeck transacted business in Decatur Tuesday.  
Pompey Pifer spent last Sunday with friends in this city.  
New muslins and white goods at the Boston Store. 10  
The Waters Theatrical Company are in Vandalia this week.  
Mrs. Nettie Linder visited in Lovington the first of the week.  
"Abstracts of Title," is the way Sam Smyser's new sign reads.  
Fred Sona was in Decatur Monday and Tuesday of this week.  
James Seass spent Sunday with friends near Todd's Point.  
Mrs. George Kirkwood has been very sick, but is now convalescing.  
Mary Dilaver has gone to Sutton, Neb., to reside with her sister.  
There will be several old cabinets for sale cheap, after March 4th.  
Asa Jennings is building a residence in the northwest part of the city.  
It is said that Lew Waters owns 400 acres of land in Shelby county.  
J. C. Hall, of Cairo, visited his brother, S. B. Hall, the first of the week.  
Call and see the 5, 10, 25, 50, cent, and \$1.00 counters at the Variety Store.  
Bananas, oranges, lemons, figs, dates and all kinds of fruits at Jones'. 10 11  
S. P. Lilly, of Coles, was in town Monday.  
New sateens and gingham at the Boston Store. 10  
James Weatherly, of Lovington, was in Sullivan Tuesday.  
Sullivan will enjoy quite a building boom the coming season.  
It is rumored that we are to have another boot and shoe store.  
Will McClure has severed his connection with the Progress.  
S. M. Leitch, mayor of Charleston, died quite suddenly last week.  
Several of our teachers attended the lecture at Lovington last week.  
Josie Gardner has recently recovered from a severe attack of the mumps.  
The coldest weather so far reported in this vicinity was ten below zero.  
Fresh oysters, fish, celery and all kinds of canned goods at Jones'. 10 11  
G. W. Vaughn entertained his brother from Bethany the first of the week.  
John Dowdy has moved into the property recently occupied by Ed Monroe.  
Mr. and Mrs. James McLanahan were in Decatur last Monday visiting relatives.  
Our local dealers are receiving their spring supply of agricultural implements.  
C. J. Hale and Dixie McGuire, of Bethany, were seen on our streets Tuesday.  
A. Morgan, of Bethany, was transacting insurance business in this city last Tuesday.  
W. H. Hansmeyer, of Beardstown, has charge of the feed store on the south side.  
M. W. Mathews, of Champaign, is said to be a candidate for Commissioner of Penitents.  
Don't get offended because you received a valentine. It was only intended as a joke.  
Mrs. Sallie Yanhise is quite ill of typhoid fever, at her residence in the west part of town.  
Rev. E. M. Johnson, pastor of the C. P. church at Mattoon, was a visitor in Sullivan Tuesday.

The Moultrie county teachers examination will be held in Sullivan, March 9th.  
Miss Maggie Langhron, of Bethany, spent last Sunday with relatives in Sullivan.  
C. M. Lane has been chosen assignee for the firm of Morris & Sampson, of Bruce.  
I am again to the front with the best quality of goods and low prices.—L. M. SPITZER.  
The central school examinations in Lowe and Jonathan Creek were largely attended.  
Notwithstanding the dry season many farmers are making preparations to tile their low ground.  
John E. Jennings returned Tuesday from Evansville where he was called on professional business.  
Call at Spitzer's on the west side of square for the finest canned goods the market affords. 10 12  
Lowry Tralor, the oldest person in the township, if not in the county, is very ill of typhoid fever.  
Teeth extracted and new ones made at E. M. Scott's dental rooms. East side, over Brosam Bros. 22if  
The Capital Idea, published at Springfield has a half column write-up of our fellow townsman, Frank Spitzer.  
Low prices on winter goods to close out and new spring goods arriving at Monroe's New York Cash Store.  
N. O. Smyser was in Danville the first of the week as a delegate to the Grand Council of Royal Templars.  
T. H. Scott returned from his trip in Tennessee last Saturday and is very much impressed with the country.  
The literary entertainment at the Baptist church in Lowe township on February 6 was a complete success.  
Illinois has eleven state charitable institutions which require on an average \$1,000,000 yearly for their support.  
The weather this week reminds one of the old saw, "As the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen."  
Bus to any part of the city. Leave calls at the Eden house. I will attend all calls, day or night.—J. F. EDEN. if  
John Crowder was in Winona the first of the week in the interest of the Marrowbone Horse Breeder's Association.  
F. W. Henley is offering special prices on books during the remainder of this month. Notice his prices on the fourth page.  
Reserved seats for the C. E. Bolton lecture will be placed on sale at Frazier's next Monday. Secure your tickets early.  
All pay locals, where time is not specified when put in, will be continued until ordered out, and charged for accordingly. if  
J. L. Thayer is having a quantity of sand and brick hauled to be used in the construction of a storage room in the rear of his store.  
James McLanahan is making arrangements to take a trip to Pittsburg, Pa., where he will visit relatives for several months.  
It is said that General Harrison has at last settled upon the members of the cabinet, but their names will not be made public yet.  
Dr. S. J. Hardin is prepared to treat cholera hogs on the plan of cure no matter how they pay market price for all that die. 49if  
It is rumored that Thomas Preston, of this city, who went to the Soldier's Home in Ohio to spend the winter has committed suicide.  
A grand G. A. R. campfire was held at Mattoon Tuesday. A large number of guests were present to enjoy the war songs and speeches.  
Mr. Gailey, the postmaster at Lovington, has resigned and J. C. Riggis is an applicant for the place. Mr. Riggis will make a good official.  
We will furnish the News and Orange Judd Farmer, for one year at the low price of \$2.25. This offer is good for thirty days only.  
Samuel B. Smyser has another great bargain on his farm property list—A fine farm of 180 acres all under cultivation. Title perfect. 10if  
Full lines of white goods, embroideries, laces, corsets, gloves and notions for the early spring trade at Monroe's New York Cash Store.  
Dr. Trowbridge, dentist, over post-office. Best teeth for \$10 per set, fully warranted. Office open every day except Thursday and Friday. if  
All in need of horse bills are invited to call at the NEWS office and inspect samples of work and obtain prices. We are confident that we can please you in both.  
The school house in the northern part of the county known as the McDonald school, was burned one day last week. The insurance had recently expired.  
Notice the change in the ad of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. This bank is well managed and is prepared to negotiate loans on the most favorable terms.  
The religious revival held in this city has been productive of some good at least, if one can judge by the amount of religious discussions which it has served to promote.  
Boots, shoes, rubbers, ladies' gossamers, ladies' and gents' underwear, carpets, dress goods and trimmings at lowest prices at Monroe's New York Cash Store.  
Earp & Son and B. F. Sente commenced harvesting their crop of ice last Tuesday. While the quality is fair it is much thinner than usual, measuring about seven inches.  
The vacant lots east of the school-house have again changed hands, Walter Eden being the last purchaser. It

is his intention to build four houses on the lots in the spring.  
The town board of Dora township has appointed Charles N. Travell supervisor to fill the unexpired term of John M. Rose, resigned. Mr. Rose intends to locate in the west.  
W. H. Martin, of Nebraska, a former resident of this county is again among his visiting relatives and old friends. He says Moultrie has improved since he went west some six years ago.  
Mrs. Owen Sargent and her daughter Mrs. Dr. Hillsbeck, of Windsor, were the guests of Mrs. Judge Eden the first of the week. Mrs. C. C. Clark, of Chicago, also arrived yesterday.  
Up to date there have been about fifty conversions reported as the result of the revival here. The Armory hall is well filled each night and there are regular meetings every afternoon.  
Mrs. Anna Welsh has sold the west half of her block on Jefferson Street, to Esquire Woodruff, of Decatur. Consideration \$1,650. Mr. Woodruff will occupy his new home after March 1st.  
A telegram received by Dr. Dunlap yesterday announced the serious illness of his niece, Miss Alice Langford, of Springfield. Mrs. Dunlap and daughters took the afternoon train for Springfield.  
Frank Spitzer introduced a bill in the legislature giving each tax payer the right to keep one dog which should not be assessed. It is needless to say that the bill was killed in the committee room.  
Wednesday was the day set for the committee to inspect the new building at the county farm, with a view of formally receiving it, but as one member, Mr. Foster, failed to arrive no action was taken.  
Several postmasters have resigned in favor of a Republican successor, but the present incumbent in Sullivan is waiting until the names of the new cabinet have been announced when he will—  
Mr. Bear, of the firm of Rebok and Bear, of Lovington, had the misfortune to lose three fingers of his right hand by being caught in the gearing of the cornsheller which he was in the act of adjusting.  
Revival meetings at Newman, Ill., were disturbed Sunday by ice dealers who were busily engaged in harvesting their crop. The church people are to have the ice men arrested on the charge of Sabbath desecration.  
The capacity of the Armory hall is barely sufficient to accommodate the vast audience that nightly assembles to listen to the Rev. Murphy. His style is somewhat novel, in some instances reminding one of Sam Jones.  
There were 123 marriage licenses issued by the County Clerk during the year 1888. September and December are both credited with sixteen, the largest number in any month, while the record for May shows only two.  
It may or may not be comforting to know it, but it is a historic fact that the last mild winter, that of 1875-76—which was very much like the present, was succeeded by one of the hottest summers this generation has known.  
Judge Horton's bill amending the divorce law was rejected Tuesday in the Illinois Senate. The House Judiciary Committee decided to report unfavorably the bill reducing the maximum rate of interest from 8 to 7 per cent.  
S. S. Wood will sell at public auction at his residence one and one-fourth miles north of Lovington on Thursday, February 28, 1889, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, agricultural implements and other articles too numerous to mention.  
It is now less than three weeks until many Democratic postmasters will begin to hunt for something to take the taste of postage stamps out of their mouths, which they have been enjoying for the past three or four years.—Ex.  
General Greely says there will be no more winter worth worrying about. The ground-hog who has been longer in the weather-predicting business, says otherwise. Public opinion is at present divided between Greely and the ground-hog.  
A so-called tramp painter has fully shown his ability in the quality of the work on the new shelling in J. L. Thayer's hardware store. The work is neatly and tastefully executed and this room is now one of the pleasantest in the city.  
Decatur is putting forth her best efforts in the attempt to obtain the location of the state fair. Among several lieutenants whose services have been secured to aid them in the names of W. G. Cochran and Jack Baker of this city.  
The President has nominated Norman J. Colman for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture. If confirmed his term will be of short duration, but as the salary is the same as all other cabinet positions, \$8,000 per year, his three weeks of service will add a very respectable sum to his bank account.  
We have it from a reliable source that a couple of Blackstone in this city received the following valentine:  
Though your plans do for actions in fort,  
Though juries perhaps they impress,  
And win you success at the court,  
A courtier you're not, and I'm not.  
In fact, your profession objection enforces,  
For who wants a man that's well up in divorces.  
Four states have recently through their legislative bodies adopted resolutions submitting to the people the question of "license or no license." Mr. Sheen's resolution introduced in the Illinois state senate providing for a prohibition amendment to the constitution was defeated by a vote of 24 to 20.  
Farmers have taken advantage of the good roads and fair prices to market their surplus corn, and the result has been that it has been offered too freely for the railroads to move it. Several extras have recently been run and yet at one time last week there were enough loaded cars on the side track in this city to make a good sized train.

The real estate agents of this city are quite jubilant over the prospects of the coming season. One enthusiast recently predicted that before another year rolled around Sullivan predestinians would be accorded the privilege of hailing street-car conductors. Whether the cars are to be moved by horses or cable power has not as yet been stated.  
Last Friday, while Dick Dansecomb was playfully attempting to drive some calves from the street in front of his father's house he was accidentally thrown to the ground and suffered a fracture of the collar bone. Dr. Stedman was called and adjusted the parts, and the lad is getting along nicely, but will be confined at home for a month or more.  
The authoritative statement is made that on Tuesday, March 5th, Mr. Cleveland will become a resident of the city of New York, and a member of the law firm of Bangs, Stetson, Tracy & MacVeigh. His position will be that of associate counsel with the firm. The President's name is not to be incorporated in that of the firm, and he is not expected to appear in court.  
A young lady in Maine had sixteen teeth extracted as one of her preparations for marriage.—Ex.  
Quite probable. And a prospective bride in Mattoon, suffered a week of great anxiety and mental anguish for fear her dentist would not complete her fangs set in time for the wedding ceremony. But "tastes will differ" is a saying as true now as when first uttered.  
Clarence Norris, of Bruce, had a hearing before W. G. Patterson at the Court House, on Tuesday, on a charge of bastardy preferred by Minnie Harned. Able counsel was secured on each side and the case both pro and con was strongly contested. After hearing the evidence his Honor decided that the defendant was sufficient to hold the defendant and he was accordingly bound over to the county in the sum of \$550. Failing to fill the bond he was placed in the county jail.  
Farmers who go out-west to grow up with the blizzards, says a contemporary are writing that they wish they were home again. It is a great big truth that southern Illinois is as good a country to live in as any place on earth. We can raise anything from a good well to a gold mine that we want—we can find it right here in Egypt. There is no part of this country where so many different kinds of products can be produced as right here in southern Illinois.—Edwardsville Intelligencer.  
There is some little stir and inquiry about the new railroad, which is well. But it seems that too much reliance is placed on the bonds which have or may be utilized as a bonus. The bonds are certainly not to be despised. Forty or fifty thousand dollars are not to be picked up every day, but the Union repeats what it has said many times, viz: The best thing our people can do in this direction is to build the road from here to Sullivan; then, when any company desires to put a railroad through this county, a gift of this twenty miles of road would draw like a sticking plaster. If that road ought to be built, let the coming summer be the accepted time.—Shelbyville Union.  
Mrs. Harrison Dilke of Sh. W.  
Evidently Mrs. Harrison intends to run the White House, when she becomes mistress of it, like the good, sensible independent woman that she is. "If there is one thing above another," she is quoted as saying to a New York friend, "that I detest and have detested all my life, it is being made a circus of. And that is what has come to me in my old age, as it were. I've been a show, the whole family's been a show, ever since Mr. Harrison was elected. All last fall I sat in my sewing-room and watched the procession of feet pass across the parlor floor, wearing their path into the nap, and disappear like the trail of a caravan into the General's room beyond. Day by day I watched the path grow wider and deeper, and at last the caravan spread out and engulfed us all. But I don't propose to permit myself to be made a circus of forever. If there's any privacy to be found in the White House I propose to find and preserve it."  
Gilt-Edged Butter at \$1 per Pound.  
The richest farmer in America is said to be President Webb of the New York Central sleeping car company. His farm on the shores of Lake Champlain is conducted on scientific principles. President Webb maintains it for the pleasure he has in his fancy cattle, poultry, etc. It may not be generally known to travelers, but it is a fact the surplus butter product of the Webb dairy, to which none but Jersey cows contribute, is disposed of to the Vanderbilts for use on their dining cars, and it is sold to them for precisely the price that is paid for Irish butter, though prominent caterers have offered double prices for all that they could obtain. Butter from Dr. Webb's famous farm is classed with the "diamond-edged" variety and retails at \$1 per pound. Albany Journal.  
Republican State League.  
At a meeting of the Executive committee of the Republican State League of Illinois, held at the Capitol Tuesday, the following delegates and alternates were elected to the National Convention of 1892: Delegates—The Hon. A. J. Lester, of Springfield; J. W. Patterson, of Joliet; Charles G. Jones, of Greenup; Dr. C. H. McAllister, of Chicago, and W. W. Tracy, President of Illinois League; Alternates—George W. Patton, of Pontiac; Albert W. Fiero, of Joliet; Russell D. Peacock, of Chicago, and Asa W. Smith, of Woodstock.  
Marriage Licenses.  
The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:  
NAME. AGE. AGE.  
G. B. Watkins..... 22 22  
Katie W. Tucker..... 22 22  
Andrew Ringo..... 31 31  
Martha Tull..... 22 22  
John Wehmler..... 23 23  
Elizabeth Foley..... 20 20  
Elizabeth Martin..... 20 20  
Margaret Lichtenberger..... 22 22  
Albert Fortner..... 20 20  
Martha Kirk..... 19 19

For Temperance Workers.  
Attention! Every member of the Women's Christian, Temperance Union of Moultrie county and also all who are interested in forwarding the cause of temperance. Among the many departments of the W. C. T. U. work, one of the most important is temperance work among foreigners. No one need be told that Illinois has a large foreign population and it is to our interest that they be a sober people. Mrs. Ada Kopley, a prominent lawyer of Effingham, is state superintendent and also superintendent of this 17th district of the department of foreign work. She has long been trying to devise ways of reaching the different nationalities of our state. She has now decided, (as you will see by reading her circular letter) to hold a convention and with the help of others consider how this important work may best be done. We do hope there are those in this county who are interested in this part of the work, who will attend this convention. Every local W. C. T. U. which has foreigners in their vicinity should have a superintendent of foreign work, and ought to send a delegate to this meeting and do all they can to help make it a success. Yours for temperance.  
L. A. DONER.  
County President W. C. T. U.  
THE PROMISE GIVEN TO US.  
"Ask and it shall be given; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."  
EFFINGHAM, February, 1889.—DEAR FRIEND: As the superintendent of Foreign W. C. T. U. Work for Illinois, I desire to hold a convention to consider the foreign work and call workers together interested therein. W. C. T. U. workers are those in this county who are interested to come and consult and advise with us as to ways and means for furthering the cause in this direction. We ought to have foreign work set on a solid basis, and set in motion this year. We must devise plans to put our Deutsch Amerikaner in larger circulation in Illinois. We ought to have a good State Bureau to look after literature, speakers, etc., for this work and every District that has foreigners ought to have a similar organization. We must get together for a meeting. Can we not hold one so that the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Twentieth Districts can unite to hold it? Can we not take us and entertain it for a couple of days while we consider this important work? Will you not see the local W. C. T. U. and others and make requests of them and send invitations at once, that this meeting be held? It ought to be at a good railroad centre, or at some point near a good get-able place, so that railroad rates may not be high. I believe that this is work that the W. C. T. U. should do this year. Please act at once and let me hear from you, also write letters to others urging them to act. We must be prompt, for we are not to be present. Let us have the convention, and very quickly. Please advise me of ideas you have on the subject. Ask for cooperation of all superintendents of work among miners, as this is really a branch of our work, miners being largely foreigners. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, Yours for the Foreign Folk of Illinois.  
ADA H. KEPLER,  
Superintendent of Foreign Work for the W. C. T. U. of Illinois.  
Two Million Readers.  
are a great many to claim for one publication, but it is undoubtedly true that as many read The Youth's Companion every week. It is a world-wide reputation, and its sales all over the globe where the English language is spoken or read. The reason for its large circulation is found in its exceptional trials. It is always safe, pure, entertaining and instructive. Its influence upon growing boys and girls can hardly be over-estimated. It is remembered affectionately by their parents who read it a generation ago.  
The subscription price of 'The Companion' is \$1.75 a year, including the four holiday numbers, for Christmas, New Year's, Easter and Thanksgiving, all the Illustrated Weekly Supplements and the Annual Premium List with 500 illustrations. Address THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, Boston, Mass.  
Some Choice Offerings.  
For thirty days I will offer at my jewelry store on Postoffice corner, any goods in the various lines, at a price never before heard of. I have tried to please all who have kindly favored me and I will endeavor to please all who may yet come. My guarantee is not only in word, but in deed. No risk to the purchaser. I have over two dozen watches in solid gold, gold filled, silver and the matchless silvered cases at prices that will certainly surprise you, for they really can not be beaten any where. I will certainly appreciate any and all favors from my friends. Please remember me. if  
SAM B. HALL.  
Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.  
Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Hill and Ashmore has been dissolved by mutual consent. The books are in the hands of Mr. Hill, to whom all claims should be presented for payment. Mr. Hill will also receive and receipt for all monies due the above firm. 10 12  
The Book Camera.  
Krueger's book camera is a veritable detective. One might be meekly walking along the road, or mixing with the devout going to or coming from church (on a week day, of course), with this innocent looking, yet really formidable, apparatus in his hand or under his arm, and no one would suspect its nature, for to a casual observer it is a book and nothing more. Yet does it really contain, stored away in its interior, no fewer than two dozen small plates 1 1/4 inches square, each of which can be brought in rotation to the focusing plane, exposed, deposited into a separate receptacle and another plate made to take its place, and all this by the simple act of pulling out a small handle, pushing it in again, and pulling a string.—British Journal of Photography.

STATE AND NATIONAL.  
Gathered From Various Quarters Regarding People and Events.  
Minneapolis has resolved to be good and close all saloons and theaters on Sunday.  
Over 1,000 women and girls are engaged in making barbed wire in the iron mills.  
Mrs. James G. Blaine jr. has signed a contract and will go on the stage for three years.  
There are 4,000 theaters in the United States and a million dollars a day is spent for amusements.  
Sydney, Australia, is having an organ built in London, which is said will be the largest in the world, costing \$75,000.  
A London paper says there are still twenty-three islands in the Pacific Ocean which no nation has set up a claim to.  
The shortage so far discovered in County Clerk Sullivan's accounts at Indianapolis is \$45,000. His bonds were only \$25,000.  
Senator Stanford is reported to have given a dinner recently at which hot-house strawberries were served which cost \$3 a dozen.  
A text recently chosen by a Cedar Rapids, Ia., minister was: can a man with a family work for \$30 a month and be a christian.  
An Ullyses, Neb., man has built the "largest corn crib on earth." It is 400 feet long, 42 feet wide and 12 feet high and holds 25,000 bushels.  
What is said to be the first and only daily newspaper published in America by a colored man, is Editor B. T. Harvey's new paper at Columbus, Ga.  
An old black cat, smelling mischief, saved the lives of eight families in a New York tenement. A defective gas main was slowly suffocating the sleepers.  
Texas farmers are plowing and getting ready for spring planting; but they have had quite windy weather and two or three snow storms within the past two weeks.  
Mayor Roche, of Chicago, emphatically denies the rumors affecting his character. He says the statement in the Chicago Herald insinuating the same is unqualifiedly false.  
Probably the largest derrick in the world is at Hamburg. It is worked by steam, and is sufficiently powerful to take a locomotive from the dock and place it upon a steamship.  
The length of the Mississippi river has always been placed at 4,100 miles, but civil engineers familiar with the stream say that it has shortened itself over 400 miles in twenty years.  
They are trying to use President Cleveland in New York as an advertisement. Several flats and boarding-houses have offered him elegant apartments free of charge when he becomes an "ex."  
It is extremely impudent for President Cleveland to attempt to fill hundreds of offices for the ensuing four years. The people of this country have certified to the fact that they prefer to have official appointments for the next term made by President Harrison.  
Jacob Melrose, who was being examined by the commissioners of insanity in San Francisco, was asked: "What is your occupation?" He replied: "A phonologist told me that I was in the army once. I stayed there until I began to think. I thought there was going to be war, so I quit."  
A live grasshopper has been found in Vermont that was hatched out in a field in January. Up to this time we have resolutely refrained from fault-finding with the director of the weather, but this is carrying the etherial mildness business a little too far. It's the extreme of previousness.  
A number of druggists from different parts of Illinois met at Mattoon, Ill., Saturday, and protested against the proposed repeal of the existing pharmacy law. They are willing that the law should be amended and recommend that provision be made for an assistant pharmacist's certificate.  
The regular army of the United States is about 25,000. The unformed militia in the several States numbers 106,506 men, of whom over 8,000 are officers. Back of these are 8,104,628 men liable to do military duty. The United States would be a tough customer for even Germany to handle on land in case of war.  
The rental of farm lands seems to have reached high-water mark. We are told that a farmer recently rented two hundred acres and agreed to pay his landlord three-fourths of the crop to the owner, the latter to furnish a team. This is an extravagant price and one which no man can pay unless Heaven be more gracious than usual to the burdened renter.  
They had a fox drive in Pike county Saturday, and when the round-up occurred it was discovered that a panther was in the ring. A panic almost ensued. The women screamed, children cried and strong men trembled in their boots. The animal made his escape without difficulty, a few heroes away off firing at him as he disappeared in the brush. The fox drivers in the southern part of that county may stir up the ferocious Crittenden panther yet and give him a scare.  
A Bloomington working man of good character has brought suit against a clothing firm of that place for \$200 damages, because the firm posted a bill of \$15, which they claimed he owed them, in their window for sale. He claimed to have paid a part of the bill and offered to settle the rest but the firm refused. Able counsel have been employed and it promises to be an interesting case, as it will test the right of a firm to bring reproach on the credit of a customer.

Declined to Resign.  
A Notable Removal by President Cleveland.  
EDGERTON NO LONGER IN OFFICE.  
The President Asks for His Resignation, and Not Obtaining It Summarily Denounces the Indiana Civil Service Commissioner—What the Judge Says About It—"Billy" Mason Lets Loose on South Carolina.  
WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 11.—Judge A. P. Edgerton, one of the civil service commissioners, says he called at the White House Friday, and while he was there the president asked him for his resignation, as he desired to appoint Hugh S. Thompson, of South Carolina to the position. Mr. Edgerton said he had received no intimation before his call on the president that his official head was wanted for the executive basket. The president said that there was little hope of securing the place for Mr. Thompson as long as there was no suitable vacancy on the commission. Mr. Edgerton, however, promptly declined to resign, holding that his resignation would be ineffectual, creditable to himself, nor calculated to help any other person (intimating that Mr. Thompson could not be confirmed if nominated). Of course the president might exercise his prerogative if he saw fit. The president did see fit, and when Edgerton reached his office Saturday he found the following letter awaiting him: "The President is desirous to know if you will resign your office as Commissioner of the office of United States Civil Service Commissioner. GUYVER CLEVELAND."  
Mr. Edgerton is indignant at this summary proceeding and wants everybody to know it. He said Saturday night: "The president's move to me after beating about the bush finally asked for my resignation. I asked him the reason. He said he wanted to give the place to Thompson. I asked him if that was the only reason, and he replied that it was. 'Oh, yes; lots of reasons. The trouble is that he is a mugwump—the chief of them, while I am a Democrat, rock-ribbed.'"  
"Do you think civil service reform is a fraud?"  
"Oh, as carried out it has been the biggest kind of a fraud. Its friends, or some of them, meant well, but then hell is paved with good intentions."  
He intends to write a letter to the president in a day or two acknowledging the receipt of his notice of removal and perhaps adding an expression of his opinion upon the president's course in the matter.  
When the news of Mr. Edgerton's removal was communicated Commissioner Lyman, who was surprised and found himself in a predicament, as he was by no means satisfied that he had authority, single-handed, to discharge the formal duties of the civil service commission. As he can not act as a board by himself, he practically has no functions to perform. Mr. Edgerton's successor is considered to be a Democrat. Mr. Edgerton has been represented as being unable to agree with his colleagues. He has during the past six months been away from his office much of the time.  
The president sent Thompson's nomination to the commissionship to the senate Saturday.  
THE SMALLS-ELLIOTT CASE.  
Mason of Illinois Spends for the Contestant.  
WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 11.—Congressman "Billy" Mason of the floor while the postoffice appropriations was up in the house Saturday and proceeded to make a speech that could not by any stretch of imagination be considered as pertinent to the bill before the house. His subject was the Small-elliott contested election case from the Seventh South Carolina district, which has been so long in committee now that the records have long been referred to when the date of its introduction is desired. He made a terrific assault on South Carolina election methods. The laws of South Carolina had been framed for the express purpose of allowing the Democrats to cheat the Republicans at the polls. The present governor of South Carolina was the worthy executive of a corrupt law. The governor had said that God Almighty had stamped the imprint of inferiority on the black race and that the Anglo-Saxon must rule in South Carolina. He [Mason] had been in South Carolina and had seen negroes, so-called, as white as any man on this floor. The father of the contestant had been as white as any man here. Who was going to admit the Anglo-Saxon blood? If Anglo-Saxon blood was to vote were there going to be blood-testers which would say to a man, "50 per cent Anglo-Saxon, 50 per cent negro; you can have half a vote." It was not the hand of God, but the iron heel of the Anglo-Saxon that was responsible for the inferiority of the negro. Mason then went into a position of the particular frauds which he said had been practiced on Small in the Seventh district election. He said that the election had been stolen from Small; it was larceny, and nothing less. A man who would steal a wife would steal a horse if he had the chance. If [Mason] had his way, he would have a free ballot and a fair count in South Carolina if it took a regiment of blue-coats in every county and every penny in the treasury. He had no apologies to make for what he had said. If gentlemen were offended with him let them take it out of him and not out of his poor colored friend. The animal made his escape without difficulty, a few heroes away off firing at him as he disappeared in the brush. The fox drivers in the southern part of that county may stir up the ferocious Crittenden panther yet and give him a scare.  
Crisp of Georgia spoke briefly, stating that the testimony before the committee did not bear out Mason's charges, and that if his friends would examine the record they would feel sorry for him.  
Loss of Life at a Fire.  
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.—The large building at 1412 and 1414, was destroyed by fire last night and during the progress of the conflagration a wall fell and killed George Showers, one of the firemen. Several others were badly bruised. The firms burned out were F. B. Morgan, drugs, and Wyeth & Bro., chemical laboratory. The loss is about \$200,000, of which Wyeth & Bro. loss \$500,000.



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EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

It is alleged that the White House is overrun by rats. They are Democratic rats, probably and will not trouble it after March 4.

Mrs. CLEVELAND, it is rumored, is urging her husband to take her around the world after his term of office has expired. She is constantly reading books of travel, and has become warmly interested in India, Japan and other distant lands.

A banker in Lille, France, had the misfortune to wet eighteen bills of the Bank of France, and in order to dry them, he placed them on a board at an open window where the sun shone upon them. They dried more rapidly than was anticipated.

"BABY BUNTING" ARBUCKLE, the famous breach-of-promise victim, is exhibiting more sand than his jocosely and amiable newspaper critics have given him credit for.

JUDGE BELL, of Mount Carmel, Ill., furnishes the following maiden speech of Abraham Lincoln, delivered in Pappsville, near Springfield, Ill., nearly fifty years ago.

As a matter of fact, our government would go on just the same, and our foreign relations would probably be quite as well managed, if we had no minister at any European court.

George Bancroft. He has enjoyed an uncommonly vigorous old age, but his friends are agreed that he has taken his last horseback ride, although it is only a year or so since he bought a new steed, and only a few months since he took a head-on without the slightest injury.

KEEPING LINCOLN'S MEMORY GREEN

Lincoln Club Banquet Held at a Number of Places.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The 80th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was fittingly celebrated here yesterday.

Under the auspices of the La Salle club, anniversary exercises were held in the Chicago opera house, the chief orator being John A. Kasson, of Iowa.

Among other who occupied seats on the platform were: George S. Boutwell, of Massachusetts; Governor Larrabee, of Iowa; J. McGregor Adams, Franklin H. Head and George Crook.

Almost at the beginning of his address Mr. Kasson made an allusion to Hannibal Hamlin's presence, which caused loud and hearty applause. When he finished the audience began calling for Mr. Hamlin.

Col. Columbus, O., Feb. 13.—The second annual banquet of the Lincoln Club took place here last night, it being the 80th anniversary of the martyrred president.

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Brooklyn, Feb. 13.—At the Lincoln banquet in the Academy of Music last night the speakers were read from Gen. Harrison, Senator Sherman, Governor Beaver, and others.

ADMIRAL LUCE RETIRED. Rear-Admiral Gherardi Ordered to Command the North Atlantic Squadron.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 11.—Rear-Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, commander of the navy yard, New York, has been detached and ordered to command the North Atlantic squadron in place of Rear-Admiral Luce.

ADMIRAL GHERARDI, commander of the island navy yard, has been ordered to command the North Atlantic squadron, but it is understood that Rear-Admiral L. L. Braine, lately returned from the command of the South Atlantic station, will be the officer assigned to that station.

THE RAILWAYS IN IOWA.

Action Taken That Will Probably Result in More Legislation. CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—The Western roads have determined on a policy of retrenchment in the state of Iowa.

Manager Ripley, of the Burlington road, estimates the loss to the Burlington company, occasioned by the new schedule rates in Iowa, at \$250,000 per month.

Capitalists at Muncie, Ind. New York, Feb. 12.—The Times' Muncie, Ind., special says: Ex-Governor Leon Abbott, together with a party of New York capitalists, arrived Monday and perfected the organization of a company said to represent \$2,000,000 capital.

Wheat Elevator Destroyed. INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 13.—The elevator of the Mutchler & Higgins Elevator company, together with 30,000 bushels of grain, was destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock this morning.

Verdict Against the Railroad. WATERLOO, Iowa, Feb. 11.—The jury in the district court at Eldora in the case of McDermott vs. The Illinois Central Railroad company, brought in a verdict Saturday afternoon for \$10,000 damages against the railroad company.

The "old reliable"—Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Maj. George M. Sternberg, surgeon U. S. A., has been ordered to proceed to the island of Cuba on temporary duty in connection with the study of epidemic diseases, and upon his return to submit a report to the president.

The wrestling match at Boston Friday between Ross and Daly for \$5,000 and the championship was won by Ross, who secured the second, third, and fifth falls.

The emperor of Japan will promulgate a constitution for the empire at Tokio on Monday, Feb. 11. The act will be performed with elaborate state ceremonies.

Secretary Whitney has addressed a letter to various steel manufacturers proposing a consultation at Washington City to decide upon a new method of inspecting steel in the construction of United States war vessels.

Business failures during the last seven days number for the United States 273; Canada, 30; total, 303. As compared with 332 last week, and 389 for the corresponding week of last year.

J. A. Beasley, of A. W. Beasley & Co., bankers and brokers, 37 Wall street, New York, dropped dead of heart disease Friday morning. He was 30 years old. He formerly lived in Chicago.

Grad Medical Examiner Briggs, of the New York A. O. U. W., reports that three-fourths of the deaths in that order are caused by drugs, and that they will increase 30 per cent. this year if a check is not devised.

Daniel S. Lamont, private secretary to President Cleveland, will, soon after March 4, assume the position of general passenger agent of the New York Central railroad.

Fred Palmer, an employe in a paper-mill at Middleport, N. Y., fell into a vat of boiling liquor Friday and was so horribly scalded that his flesh dropped from the bones. He died in three hours.

Resolutions were passed Friday by the Pennsylvania State Drymen's association that, in case Warner Miller is not called to a cabinet office, President Harrison appoint him commissioner of agriculture.

The United States senate on Friday passed the house bill to grant title to lands on the Des Moines river in Iowa. The bill is believed to meet all the objections offered by the president in his veto message of two years ago.

Business failures of the week number 303, against 332 last week, and 389 for the corresponding week of 1888.

A bill was introduced in the Wisconsin legislature Friday providing for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the establishment of a station, with the necessary mulberry orchard, at which to give silk culture a fair test.

McKee Rankin, the well-known actor, took the poor devil's oath at Lynn, Mass., Thursday. He has twice been financially well off, and lost his last fortune through a non-paying investment in a New York theatre.

E. L. Garcelon, son of ex-governor Garcelon, of Malone, postmaster at Winchester, Mass., has resigned, and is short in his accounts.

William Ritter, a German, 52 years old, living at Torro Haute, Ind., was released from jail Friday, where he had been in default of a peace bond imposed on complaint of his wife. He went to his home, and finding it deserted, hung himself in a shed.

Henry Ogden, of Laketon, Ind., was the victim of a burglary Thursday night. In the afternoon he had cashed his business check for \$1,800 in cash after the bank was closed. He placed the money in his trousers, which he put in the middle of his bed.

Father Ashfield, a priest of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church, Memphis, Tenn., was stabbed to death Monday morning by a man whose name he did not disclose, and whose name he did not disclose.

Getting Even. In one of the largest dry goods stores in this city there is a particularly cross man. He is altogether too super a creature to be behind a dry goods counter, and when he does condescend to wait upon a customer...

Her Peculiarity. Tubercular consumption is simply lung-scurf, the active and dangerous development of a taint in the blood. The grand blood-cleanser, butane pyridine, contained in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery specially fits it to purify the blood, and prevent the formation of ulcers in the lungs and bronchial tubes.

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High Life in the Nineteenth Century. Millionaire—Have you completed the plans I conceived? Architect—Yes, sir. "Where have you put the dining room?" "Front. A bedroom will be above."

The Small Boy Goes Head. Young Tom (closing a talk to a school)—Now, scholars, in what way could I rise highest in your estimation? Tom's boy (on a back seat)—By sitting down on a bent pin, sir.—Time.

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LEGAL. REDEMPTION NOTICE. To Aaron Sease's Estate, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of land and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law in the county of Moultrie, State of Illinois, on the 18th day of June, 1887, for the taxes for the year 1886, purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: The east half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, except one acre off of the east side of section 28, township 14 north, range 6 east of the third principal meridian, taxed in the name of Aaron Sease's Estate, and that the time of redemption therefor, from said sale expires on the 18th day of June, A. D., 1890.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Samuel Shirry, deceased. To heirs and all persons interested in said estate: You are hereby notified that on Monday, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1889, the administrator of said estate will present to be discharged from all and all further debts and responsibilities connected with said estate and his administration thereof, at which time and place you may, by presenting such application, if you choose so to do.

PUBLIC SALE. Between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. Friday, March 1st, 1890, I will receive bids with offer in bulk at Public Vendue for cash in hand, at Bruce, Moultrie County, Illinois, one third of the contents of a warehouse consisting of groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes, glassware, cutware and notions, together with the furniture and fixtures belonging to said stock, and also other personal property too numerous to mention.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of W. O. Norris, of Bruce, Moultrie county and State of Illinois, and all persons holding any claim or claims against said assignor, W. O. Norris, are hereby notified to present the same to me at Sullivan, Illinois, under oath or affirmation within three months, whether the said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same. Dated, January 24th, 1890. CHARLES M. LANE, Assignee.

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By W. G. COVEY.  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1899.  
PHUN AND PHYSIC.  
A Few Points Worth Reading by Every-body.

To Dr. Phun, Patrick came  
With a most woful face:  
Says he, "Dear Doctor, what's your name,  
Will you please write me a case."  
The doctor looked him in the eye,  
His finger he made him give,  
Said he, "My man, you're going to die;  
You've got the diphtheria."  
"My father," says he, "what's that you say?  
I've got 'tick-doll,' oh!  
Yez'lyin' 'tuffo, I a'way pay,  
You're better than a doctor."  
"I'll have no more to do wid' yez,  
I'll doctor my own case."  
He took a dish of P. P. P.'s,  
And wears a brighter face.  
Use Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets  
for torpid liver, constipation, and  
all derangements of stomach and bow-  
els. By druggists.

Men Who Followed the Plow.  
Adam was a farmer while yet in Paradise, and after his fall he was commanded to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow.  
Job, the honest, upright and obedient, was a farmer, and his stern endurance has passed into proverbs.  
Socrates was a farmer, and yet wedded to his calling the glory of his immortal philosophy.  
Cincinnatus was a farmer, and the noblest Roman of them all.  
Rurus was a farmer, and the Muses found him at his plow and filled him with poetry.  
Washington was a farmer, and retired from the highest earthly station to enjoy the quiet of rural life at Mount Vernon, and present to the world a spectacle of human greatness.  
To these names may be added a host of others who sought peace and repose in the cultivation of their mother earth; the enthusiastic Lafayette the steadfast Pickett, the scholastic Jefferson, the fiery Randolph, all found a paradise of consolation from life's cares and troubles in the green and verdant lawns that surrounded their homesteads.—N. Y. Ledger.

Merrit Wins.  
We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have handed remedies that sell as well as cure. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits.—S. D. PATTERSON, Druggist, 11922.

A Funny Man's Trouble.  
Editor—Mr. Funnyman, your humorous department is not half so bright and fresh as it used to be. Are you in poor health?  
Mr. Funnyman—No, sir, my health's all right, but I'm afraid I'll have to give up humorous work.  
"What's the matter?"  
"Well, sir, I got married some months ago, and now when I print a joke about wives my wife thinks it means her, and if I mention a mother-in-law her mother comes around and raises the roof, and besides, one of my wife's brothers is a plumber, another is an ice-man, and the other is a coal dealer, and she has a half-brother who is a book agent, and they're all big men with ugly tempers. If you don't mind I'd like to retire from the humorous department and take a position as ordinary editor."

The Population of Sullivan.  
Is about 2,000, and we would say at least one half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all our readers not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Trial size free. Large bottle 50 cents and \$1. Sold by all druggists. 6

Talent Promptly Recognized.  
"Mr. Hosslekus," said the editor-in-chief, "I was a good deal amused at your reference this morning to our editorial chimpanzee."  
"Is that the way it appeared?" asked the subordinate, chagrined, I wrote it "editorial charlatan." Some fool compositor has taken liberties with my copy."  
"Mr. Wagstaff," said the editor-in-chief, a few hours later, to the managing editor, "you may tell slug 14 of the newsroom to occupy the editorial desk of Mr. Hosslekus hereafter. Mr. Hosslekus will go back to the newsroom."  
—Chicago Tribune.

The Handsomest Lady in Sullivan.  
Remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly when other cough remedies had no effect whatever. So to prove this and convince you of its merit any druggist will give you a Sample Bottle Free. Large size 50 cents and \$1. 5

Speaking for Himself.  
He is a good little boy; he lives on the South Side; he is 5 years old; he is accustomed to hear people talk through the telephone; he repeats his prayers every night, sentence by sentence, after his mother, and he has a mind of his own. The other night he somewhat astonished his maternal progenitor by objecting to the usual programme and remarking that he "wanted to speak to God himself." Having obtained the consent of his mystified parent, who thought it a ploy to thwart his early piety, he knelt by the side of his little bed, shut his eyes tight, clasped his hands, and in a shrill little voice began his direct appeal to headquarters.  
His mother's feelings may be imagined as she listened to the following:  
"Hello, God! 'Yes, sir.' Take care of papa and mamma! 'Yes, sir.' Make me a good boy! 'Yes, sir.' An' send me a dog! 'Yes, sir.' All Right! Good night, God! Ring off!"—Chicago Tribune.

Against Doctored Liquors.  
Mr. Campbell, of Hamilton county, introduced a bill in the last General Assembly to prohibit the sale of "doctored whisky," and it fell by the wayside. Friday he introduced a somewhat similar bill in the Senate providing against "doctored" brandies, wine, gin, rum, and cordials, but nothing whatever was said of cordials.  
There is no danger of giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to children, as it contains no injurious substance; besides it is unequalled for colds and croup. Children like it. For sale by S. D. Patterson.

"What is a man-of-war?" said a teacher to his class. "A cruiser" was the prompt reply. "What makes it go?" "Its screw, sir." "Who goes with it?" "Its crew, sir."—Ocean.

In Palestine long years ago—  
"So runs the legend old,  
Where Jordan's sparkling waters flow  
Across their sands of gold,  
And Mr. Moriah lifts his head  
Above the sunny plain,  
A field of golden grain,  
And when the autumn days had come  
And all the sheaves and sheaves  
Stood waiting for the harvest home,  
Among the withering leaves,  
The elder brother said one night,  
"If I should see you here,  
My younger brother, 'tis but right  
That I should give him all  
Those sheaves that grew upon the plain.  
We sowed together, so  
I'll put with his stacks of grain,  
And he will never know!"

Scenes had left the sheaves of wheat  
When quietly there came  
Across the field with stealthy foot,  
And errand just the same—  
"You are late," said he, "I see  
My brother Simon's need,  
Is greater far than mine, for he  
Hath wife and child to feed,  
And his wife she has no sheaves,  
Is it not right, I know,  
And he will never think who leaves  
These wheat stacks on his row!"

Next morning when the brothers train  
Began to count their store,  
Behold! each found his stacks of grain  
To number as before!  
"Why! how is this?" in great surprise  
Each to himself then said—  
"I'll watch to night and see who tries  
These tricks when I'm asleep,  
And ex, half way across the plain  
They met—each one bent o'er  
With sheaves and sheaves of golden grain  
To swell his brother's store!"

Good Sam and Simon! Would today  
Brothers might be found  
Who seek each other in the night,  
And in kind deeds abound.  
—B. E. K. in Youth's Companion.

LARKIN AND MARIA.  
"Wen folks set umse'v' up ter say 'ar' dar'ky hain't got foal'n's de do same ez white folks, I tells um 'bout 'Ria en Larkin. Ain't no n'v u'v gwine ter sp'ite wid' me den; no, yez' er'gn' git' roun' dat p'nt."  
"You see 'twuz dis er'way," ol' Edward continued, complacently marking the interest his colored hearers exhibited in his words, as they sat around his cabin door one Sunday afternoon. "De ain't none er' you young sprouts 'at knowed Larkin, do some er' yo' un'v'v en paws do 't' speak."  
"De wuz long 'fo' ter Mars John Faxton den, 'twuz long 'fo' ter Mars John Faxton in middle Georgia. He had so many niggers he hatter ax um sometime la dey bis'n or do dey b'long ter somebody else."

"Larkin vuz des do finest young darkey do plantation. De wuzn't nuffin 'at anybody lay dey han's to 'at he couldn't beat um 't' de wuz er'head 'w'en it come ter makin' shoes, collars, en down mats, en brooms, puttin' in split bottoms in chairs, en mendin' shoes. Mars John say, time en ergin 'at nobody 'cep' Larkin kin half sole his boots ter 'im."

"'Bout dis time Larkin shyn' his eye mighty suspicious 'at 'Ria, do party yaller gal, wuz waitin' on de table in de big house. De wuzn't no doubt in my mind 'at 'Ria wuz willin', too, for she mighty ready ter hang back wid' 'im after muestin' broke up ev'ry Sunday."

"Well, sub, Mars John tuck us all by 'ber'ise one day. 'Twuz dis after do family had eat er big watermelon in de dinin' room en der preacher wuz in dar wid' um."

"Mars John wuz fur Jim en Larko en Tobe en Dave en Larkin. Den he call fur 'Ria en 'fo' no' women ter jine um. All do while folks laugh fit ter kill der-se'v'es w'en den niggers come slouchin' in de room, do las' one er' um feard 'at dey gwine git de lash fur sompen wurr dey done."

"'W'en day all stan' in two rows, t'ak Mars John put um, facin' ones nurr-ree, Mars John say:  
"Folks, do is g'etter be some marrisin' done on dis plantation—do is too many er' yo' people living by yo'sev'es. Des cast yo' eye at big Ma'y dar, she's fat en forty, en ain't never knowed w'at 'twuz ter have er' husband. De 'Tobe had all his teeth w'ed ago, en haint tried n'utnery yit."  
"Now, parson, git yo' book ready en w'en I count six, dese folks must choose der partners." Wid' dat Mars John 'gin ter count, "one, two, free, 'fo', five, six; 'er he boller out:  
"Choo yo' partners."

"'Choo yo' partners.' He haint no m'ob' got do w'eds out'n his mou' 'at he kin en 'niggetin' napp 'at 'Ria had dogs at er' bone. 'Ria screem lak yo' stickin' er' knife in 'er, en jerked away from um all 'cep' Larkin, en put 'er head ergin his breast en kep on cryin'."  
"Ol' Marsen seem lak he feel kinder sorry fur 'Ria, fur he quit laughin' all at once, en call er' Dave en Jim ter stan' back. Den he say:  
"Larkin, does you want ter marry 'Ria?'"  
"En Larkin say, 'Yes, marster, so yo' you couldn't hardly hear 'im. Den Marsen John look at ole missis pow'ful curis en say:  
"'Ria, is you willin' to marry Larkin?'"  
"Ea 'Ria say, 'bout lookin' up."  
"Yes, Marsen John."

"'Well, sub, I ain't never 'yit seed white folks look so serious over er' triflin' matter. Ole miss put er' hankercher up ter er' face en Miss Lucile, my young mistis, wuz actin' cryin'."  
"Den Mars John look lak he try ter make light up it en couldn't, fur his voice tremblin' mighty strange w'en he say:  
"Well, I rec'ard 'er, but 'er name 's' n'ot 't'ale 'bout gittin' married, so nobody w'ant 'er part in dis 'cep' 'Ria en Larkin. But we'll put it off 'till nex' week 'en den have a big time en plenty 't' eat."  
"En w'en de time 'riv 'twuz er' gran' weddin' en infare. 'Ria wuz dressed out in er' fine silk dress en Larkin had on bran' new broadcloth en calico boots. De supper wuz in de big house, dinin' room, en dar wuz 't'ough cent fur er' regiment er' soldiers. After dey done married dey all tan' loss ter dauncin' in de barn, en bit lasted 'till 'mos' day."

"Now 'im gittin' purty of yo' I seed conside' er' b'le married people, b'fo' white en black; but den two wuz certenly de mos' happen' I ever come er' cross."  
"Larkin look lak he do mo' wo'k en ever en 'Ria wuz de same way. Well, dey live long dat way fur twenty year. Den come do trouble fur us all."  
"Marsen John got ter speculatin'—folks say he not satisfied wid' w'at he had, en want ter git rich. He wuz er'way in New Orleans fur er' month after time. One day we all hear 'at de plantation en us darkeys all gwine ter be sold ter pay off Marsen John's debts."  
"Ol' missis mos' 'stracted, en Miss Lucile walkin' do 'fo' en cryin' lak 'er heart broke. De lan' en slaves hatter go, do vuzn't no way gittin' roun' hit. Judge Bacon wuz plant receiver by de law. But all dis didn't come up ter w'at he hatter went thoo w'en dey come fur us slaves ter be sold on de block at de court house. De wuz a pow'ful big crowd f'om all sides; des lak hit wuz er' banjin'."  
"I'm tellin' you do trufe. I wuz mos' sorrier fur Larkin en 'Ria 'an I wuz fur mysef; I rec'ord 'twuz k'az do take on so."  
"Dar wuz er' nigger trader fur Louisiana ready ter buy six ur; en he wuz Louisiana roun' in de crowd, axin' questions en lookin' at us. De folks in dat settlement wuz mighty lackin' er' money den times, en we know 'at some er' us haint ter be paid way f'om home."  
"Dey put Larkin on de block, fast one, en dey jine ter bid up-on 'im. Somebody start bid at eight hundred dollars, den de trader say eight fifty. 'Twuz ergin de rules fur um ter open der mouth while dey on de block; but Larkin clean forgot de rules; en w'en dey got ter biddin' 'er high on 'im, his eyes got come up ter w'at he hatter open his shirt, but plumb full of water en dar open his shirt, but en de neck en 'twix his 'twix his han's lak

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### A DAINTY MISSIVE.

It's but a dainty little missive,  
And the first of love's first,  
As I look at it awakens  
In my fluttering heart a hope,  
Half deferred, but as delightful,  
As its perfume delicate.  
Then the unique crest I notice,  
And the post-mark, and the date.  
Hope grows bolder—cries: "A message  
From the maiden you love best,  
'Tis a valentine, and she has  
To it all her love confessed."  
Then I mark the superscription,  
Tenderly I scan each line,  
Fancy the fair hand that traced it,  
Wonder if it's really mine;  
With a lover's fond foreboding  
Question what it will reveal,  
And if all its charm will vanish  
When I break the pretty seal.  
But my heart cries: "No; this letter  
Will my darling's heart betray."  
What is this? "Is from my tailor?"  
"Last year's bill, sir, please to pay."  
—Thayer House, in Judge.

### CITY AND COUNTRY.

Interesting Items From Numerous Sources.

New jerseys at the Boston Store. 10  
New dress goods at the Boston Store.  
Pride of the Kitchen at Spitzer's. 1012  
Frank Spitzer was at home over Sunday.  
Aussie Roane returned from Decatur Tuesday.  
Mrs. Mary Gaddis is very ill of typhoid fever.  
Mrs. A. Baggett is dangerously ill with lung fever.  
The L. O. O. F. have decided not to build at present.  
Sapello for scouring all kinds of ware at Spitzer's. 10 12  
T. A. Hollenbeck transacted business in Decatur Tuesday.  
Pompey Piper spent last Sunday with friends in this city.  
New muslins and white goods at the Boston Store. 10  
The Waters Theatrical Company are in Vandalia this week.  
Mrs. Nettie Linder visited in Lovington the first of the week.  
"Abstracts of Title" is the way Sam Smyser's new sign reads.  
Fred Soda was in Decatur Monday and Tuesday of this week.  
James Seass spent Sunday with friends near Todd's Point.  
Mrs. George Kirkwood has been very sick, but is now convalescing.  
Mary Dilaver has gone to Sutton, Neb., to reside with her sister.  
There will be several old cabinets for sale cheap, after March 4th.  
Asa Jennings is building a residence in the northwest part of the city.  
It is said that Lew Waters owns 400 acres of land in Shelby county.  
J. C. Hall, of Cairo, visited his brother, S. B. Hall, the first of the week.  
Call and see the 5, 10, 25, 50, cent, and \$1.00 counters at the Variety Store.  
Bananas, oranges, lemons, figs, dates and all kinds of fruits at Jones'. 10 11  
S. P. Lilly, of Coles, was in town Monday.  
New satens and gingham at the Boston Store. 10  
James Weatherly, of Lovington, was in Sullivan Tuesday.  
Sullivan will enjoy quite a building boom the coming season.  
It is rumored that we are to have another boot and shoe store.  
Will McClure has severed his connection with the Progress.  
S. M. Leitch, mayor of Charleston, died quite suddenly last week.  
Several of our teachers attended the lecture at Lovington last week.  
Josie Gardner has recently recovered from a severe attack of the mumps.  
The coldest weather so far reported in this vicinity was ten below zero.  
Fresh oysters, fish, celery and all kinds of canned goods at Jones'. 10 11  
G. W. Vaughn entertained his brother from Bethany the first of the week.  
John Dowdy has moved into the property recently occupied by Ed Monroe.  
Mr. and Mrs. James McLanahan were in Decatur last Monday visiting relatives.  
Our local dealers are receiving their spring supply of agricultural implements.  
C. J. Hale and Dixie McGuire, of Bethany, were seen on our streets Tuesday.  
A Morgan, of Bethany, was transacting insurance business in this city last Tuesday.  
W. H. Hansmeyer, of Beardstown, has charge of the feed store on the south side.  
M. W. Mathews, of Champaign, is said to be a candidate for Commissioner of Pensions.  
Don't get offended because you received a valentine. It was only intended as a joke.  
Mrs. Sallie Vanhise is quite ill of typhoid fever, at her residence in the west part of town.  
Rev. E. M. Johnson, pastor of the C. P. church at Mattoon, was a visitor in Sullivan Tuesday.

The Montré county teachers examination will be held in Sullivan, March 9th.  
Miss Maggie Laughton, of Bethany, spent last Sunday with relatives in Sullivan.  
C. M. Lane has been chosen assignee for the firm of Morris & Sampson, of Bruce.  
I am again to the front with the best quality of goods and low prices.—L. M. SPITZER.  
The central school examinations in Lowe and Jonathan Creek were largely attended.  
Notwithstanding the dry season many farmers are making preparations to till their low ground.  
John E. Jennings returned Tuesday from Evansville where he was called on professional business.  
Call at Spitzer's on the west side of square for the finest canned goods the market affords. 10 12  
Lewy Tralor, the oldest person in the township, if not in the county, is very ill of typhoid fever.  
Teeth extracted and new ones made at E. M. Scott's dental rooms. East side, over Brosam Bros. 22 1/2  
The Capital Idea, published at Springfield has a half column write-up of our fellow townsman, Frank Spitzer.  
Low prices on winter goods to close out and new spring goods arriving at Monroe's New York Cash Store.  
N. O. Smyser was in Danville the first of the week as a delegate to the Grand Council of Royal Templars.  
T. H. Scott returned from his trip in Tennessee last Saturday and is very much impressed with the country.  
The literary entertainment at the Baptist church in Lowe township on February 6 was a complete success.  
Illinois has eleven state charitable institutions which require on an average \$1,000,000 yearly for their support.  
The weather this week reminds one of the old saw, "As the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen."  
Bus to any part of the city. Leave calls at the E. J. house. I will attend all calls, day or night.—J. F. EDEN, Jr.  
John Crowder was in Winona the first of the week in the interest of the Marrowbone Horse Breeder's Association.  
F. W. Henley is offering special prices on books during the remainder of this month. Notice his prices on the fourth page.  
Reserved seats for the C. E. Bolton lecture will be placed on sale at Frazier's next Monday. Secure your tickets early.  
All pay locals, where time is not specified when put in, will be continued until ordered out, and charged for accordingly. If  
J. L. Thayer is having a quantity of sand and brick hauled to be used in the construction of a storage room in the rear of his store.  
James McLanahan is making arrangements to take a trip to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he will visit relatives several months.  
It is said that General Harrison is at last settled upon the members of cabinet, but their names will not be made public yet.  
Dr. S. J. Hardin is prepared to treat cholera legs on the plan of no charge. He will pay market price for all that die. 49 1/2  
It is rumored that Thomas Prest of this city, who went to the Soldier's Home in Ohio to spend the winter has committed suicide.  
A grand G. A. R. campfire was held at Mattoon Tuesday. A large number of guests were present to enjoy the war songs and speeches.  
Mr. Galey, the postmaster at Lovington, has resigned and J. C. Riggin is an applicant for the place. Mr. Riggin will make a good official.  
We will furnish the News and Orange Judd Farmer, for one year at the low price of \$2.25. This offer is good for thirty days only.  
Samuel E. Smyser has another great bargain on his farm property list—A fine farm of 180 acres all under cultivation. This property. 10 11  
Full lines of white goods, embroideries, laces, corsets, gloves and notions for the early spring trade at Monroe's New York Cash Store.  
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All in need of horse bills are invited to call at the News office and inspect samples of work and obtain prices. We are confident that we can please you in both.  
The school house in the northern part of the county known as the McDonald school, was burned one day last week. The insurance had recently expired.  
Notice the change in the ad of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. This bank is well managed and is prepared to negotiate loans on the most favorable terms.  
The religious revival held in this city has been productive of some good at least, if one can judge by the amount of religious discussions which it has served to promote.  
Boots, shoes, rubbers, ladies' gossamers, ladies' and gents' underwear, carpets, dress goods and trimmings at lowest prices at Monroe's New York Cash Store.  
Earp & Son and B. F. Sente commenced harvesting their crop of ice last Tuesday. While the quality is fair it is much thinner than usual, measuring about seven inches.  
The vacant lots east of the school-house have again changed hands, Walter Eden being the last purchaser. It

is his intention to build four houses on the lots in the spring.  
The town board of Dora township has appointed Charles N. Twardell supervisor to fill the unexpired term of John M. Rose, resigned. Mr. Rose intends to locate in the west.  
W. H. Martin, of Nebraska, a former resident of this county is again among us visiting relatives and old friends. He says Montré has improved since he went west some six years ago.  
Mrs. Owen Sargent and her daughter Mrs. Dr. Hillsbeck, of Windsor, were the guests of Mrs. Judge Eden the first of the week. Mrs. C. C. Clark, of Chicago, also arrived yesterday.  
Up to date there have been about fifty conversions reported as the result of the revival here. The Army hall is well filled each night and there are regular meetings every afternoon.  
Mrs. Anna Welsh has sold the west half of her block on Jefferson Street, to Esquire Woodruff, of Decatur. Consideration \$1,650. Mr. Woodruff will occupy his new home after March 1st.  
A telegram received by Dr. Dunlap yesterday announced the serious illness of his niece, Miss Alice Langford, of Springfield. Mrs. Dunlap and daughters took the afternoon train for Springfield.  
Frank Spitzer introduced a bill in the legislature giving each taxpayer the right to keep one dog which should not be assessed. It is needless to say that the bill was killed in the committee room.  
Wednesday was the day set for the committee to inspect the new building at the county farm, with a view of formally receiving it, but as no member, Mr. Foster, failed to arrive no action was taken.  
Several postmasters have resigned in favor of a Republican successor, but the present incumbent in Sullivan is waiting until the names of the new cabinet have been announced when he will  
Mr. Bear, of the firm of Rebok and Bear, of Lovington, had the misfortune to lose three fingers of his right hand by being caught in the gearing of the cornsheller which he was in the act of adjusting.  
Revival meetings at Newman, Ill., were disturbed Sunday by ice dealers who were busily engaged in harvesting their crop. The church people are to have the ice men arrested on the charge of Sabbath desecration.  
The capacity of the Armory hall is barely sufficient to accommodate the vast audience that nightly assembles to listen to the Rev. Murphy. His style is somewhat novel, in some instances reminding one of Sam Jones.  
There were 123 marriage licenses issued by the County Clerk during the year 1888. September and December are both credited with sixteen, the largest number in any month, while the record for May shows only two.  
It may or may not be comforting to know it, but it is a historic fact that the last mild winter—that of 1875-76—which was very much like the present, was succeeded by one of the hottest summers this generation has known.  
Evidently Mrs. Harrison intends to run the White House, when she becomes mistress of it, like the good, sensible independent woman that she is. "If there is one thing above another," she is quoted as saying to a New York friend, "that I detest and have detested all my life, it is being made a circus of. And that is what has come to me in my old age, as it were. I've been a show, the whole family's been a show, ever since Mr. Harrison was elected. All last fall I sent my sewing-room and watched the procession of feet pass across the parlor floor, wearing their path into the nap, and disappear like the trail of a caravan into the General's room beyond. Day by day I watched the path grow wider and deeper, and at last the caravan spread out and engulfed us all. But I don't propose to permit myself to be made a circus of forever. If there's any privacy to be found in the White House I propose to find and preserve it."  
Gilt-Edged Butter at \$1 per Pound.  
The richest farmer in America is said to be President Webb of the New York Central sleeping car company. His farm on the shores of Lake Champlain is conducted on scientific principles. President Webb maintains it for the pleasure he has in his fancy cattle, poultry, etc. It may not be generally known to travelers, but it is a fact the surplus butter product of the Webb dairy, to which none but Jersey cows contribute, is disposed of to the Vanderbilts for use on their dining cars, and it is sold to them for precisely the price that is paid for firkin butter, though prominent caterers have offered double prices for all that they could obtain. Butter from Dr. Webb's famous farm is classed with the "diamond-edged" variety and retails at \$1 per pound. Albany Journal.  
Republican State League.  
At a meeting of the Executive committee of the Republican State League of Illinois, held at the Capitol Tuesday, the following delegates and alternates were elected to the National Convention of Republican Leagues of the United States, to be held at Baltimore, February 28: Delegates—The Hon. A. J. Lester, of Springfield; J. W. Patterson, of Joliet; Charles G. Jones, of Greenup; Dr. C. H. McAllister, of Chicago, and W. W. Tracy, President of Illinois League; Alternates—George W. Patton, of Pontiac; Albert W. Fiero, of Joliet; Russell D. Pacecock, of Chicago, and Asa W. Smith, of Woodstock.  
Marriage Licenses.  
The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:  
NAME. AGE.  
J. G. Watkins..... 29  
Katie W. Walker..... 23  
Andrew Rinko..... 31  
Martha Tall..... 23  
John Wehmer..... 23  
Elizabeth Foley..... 20  
Lyle Martin..... 20  
Marion Johnston..... 20  
Albert Fortner..... 20  
Martha Kirk..... 20

The real estate agents of this city are quite jubilant over the prospects of the coming season. One consultant recently predicted that before another year rolled around Sullivan predestinians would be accorded the privilege of hailing street-car conductors. Whether the cars are to be moved by horses or cable power has not as yet been stated.  
Last Friday, while Dick Dunscomb was playfully attempting to drive some calves from the street in front of his father's house he was accidentally thrown to the ground and suffered a fracture of the collar bone. Dr. Standman was called and adjusted the parts, and the lad is getting along nicely, but will be confined at home for a month or more.  
The authoritative statement is made that on Tuesday, March 5th, Mr. Cleveland will become a resident of the city of New York, and a member of the law firm of Bangs, Stetson, Tracy & MacVeigh. His position will be that of associate counsel with the firm. The President's name is not to be incorporated in that of the firm, and he is not expected to appear in court.  
A young lady in Maine had sixteen teeth extracted as one of her preparations for marriage. Ex.  
Quite probable. And a prospective bride in Mattoon, suffered a week of great anxiety and mental anguish for fear her dentist would not complete her false set in time for the wedding ceremony. But "tastes will differ" is a saying as true now as when first uttered.  
Clarence Norris, of Bruce, had a hearing before W. C. Patterson at the Court House, on Tuesday, on a charge of bastardy preferred by Minnie Harned. Able counsel was secured on each side and the case both pro and con was strongly contested. After hearing the evidence his Honor decided that the defendant and he was accordingly bound over to the county court in the sum of \$550. Failing to fill the bond he was placed in the county jail.  
Farmers who go out west to grow up with the blizzards, says a contemporary, are writing that they wish they were home again. It is a great big truth that southern Illinois is as good a country to live in as any place on earth. We can raise anything from a gold well to a gold mine that we want—there is no part of this country where so many different kinds of products can be produced as right here in southern Illinois.—Edwardsville Intelligencer.  
There is some little stir and inquiry about the new railroad, which is well. But it seems that too much reliance is placed on the bonds which have or may be utilized as a bonus. The bonds are certainly not to be despised. Forty or fifty thousand dollars are not to be picked up every day, but the Union repeats what it has said many times, viz: The best thing our people can do in this direction is to build the road from here to Sullivan; then, when any company desires to put a railroad through this county, a gift of this twenty miles of road would draw like a sticking plaster. That road ought to be built, and the coming summer is the accepted time.—Shelbyville Union.  
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Ada H. Keyple, Superintendent of Foreign Work for the W. C. T. U. of Illinois.  
Two Million Readers  
are a great many to claim for one publication, but it is undoubtedly true that as many read The Youth's Companion every week. It has a world-wide reputation, and is sent all over the Globe where the English language is spoken or read. The reason for its large circulation is found in its exceptional value. It is always safe, pure, entertaining and instructive. Its influence upon growing boys and girls can hardly be over-estimated. It is remembered affectionately by their parents who read it a generation ago.  
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Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.  
Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Hill and Ashmore has been dissolved by mutual consent. The books are in the hands of Mr. Hill, to whom all claims should be presented for payment. Mr. Hill will also receive and receipt for all monies due the above firm. 10 12  
The Book Camera.  
Krugner's book camera is a veritable detective. One might be meekly walking along the road, or mixing with the devout going to or coming from church (on a week day, of course), with this innocent looking, yet really formidable, apparatus in his hand or under his arm, and no one would suspect its nature, for to a casual observer it is a book and nothing more. Yet does it really contain, stored away in its interior, no fewer than two dozen small plates 1 1/2 inches square, each of which can be brought in rotation to the focusing plane, exposed, deposited into a separate receptacle and another plate made to take its place, and all this by the simple act of pulling out a small handle, pushing it in again, and pulling a string.—British Journal of Photography.

For Temperance Workers.  
Attention! Every member of the Women's Christian, Temperance Union of Montré county and also all who are interested in forwarding the cause of temperance. Among the many departments of the W. C. T. U. work, one of vast importance is temperance work among foreigners. No one need be told that Illinois has a large foreign population and it is to our interest that they be a sober people. Mrs. Ada Keyple, a prominent lawyer of Effingham, is state superintendent and also superintendent of this 17th district of the department of foreign work. She has long been trying to devise ways of reaching the different nationalities of our state. She has now decided, (as you will see by reading her circular letter) to hold a convention and with the help of others consider how this important work may best be done. We do hope there are those in this county who are interested in this part of the work, who will attend this convention. Every local W. C. T. U. which has foreigners in their vicinity should have a superintendent of foreign work, and ought to send a delegate to this meeting and do all they can to help make it a success. Yours for temperance, L. A. DONER.  
County President W. C. T. U.  
THE PROMISE GIVEN TO US.  
"Ask and it shall be given; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."  
EFFINGHAM, February, 1889.—DEAR FRIEND: As the superintendent of Foreign W. C. T. U. Work for Illinois, I desire to hold a convention to consider the foreign work and call workers together interested therein, W. C. T. U. and others. I desire, if possible, to get foreign men and women who are interested to come and consult and advise with us as to ways and means for furthering the cause in this direction. We ought to have foreign work set on a solid basis, and set in motion this year. We must devise plans to put Der Deutsch Amerikaner in larger circulation in Illinois. We ought to have a good State Bureau to look after literature, speakers, etc. for this work and every District that has foreigners ought to have a similar organization. We must get together for a meeting. Can we not hold one so that the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Twentieth Districts can unite to hold it? Can we not find a central point that is willing to take us and entertain us for a couple of days while we consider this important work? Will you not see the local W. C. T. U. and others and make requests of them and send invitations at once, that this meeting be held? It ought to be at a good railroad centre, or at some point near a good get-atable place, so that railroad rates may not be high. I believe that this is work that the W. C. T. U. should do this year. Please act at once and let me hear from you, also write letters to others urging them to act. You must be prompt, for notices must be sent out, railroads asked for rates, and workers invited to be present. Let us have the convention, and very quickly. Please advise me if ideas you have on the subject fully. Ask for cooperation of all superintendents of work among miners, as this is really a branch of our work, miners being largely foreigners. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, Yours for the Foreign Folk of Illinois.  
ADA H. KEYPLE,  
Superintendent of Foreign Work for the W. C. T. U. of Illinois.  
A live grasshopper has been found in Vermont that was hatched out in a field in January. Up to this time we have resolutely refrained from fault-finding with the director of the weather, but this is carrying the etherial mildness business a little too far. It's the extreme of previousness.  
A number of druggists from different parts of Illinois met at Mattoon, Ill., Saturday, and protested against the proposed repeal of the existing pharmacy law. They are willing that the law should be amended and recommend that provision be made for an assistant pharmacist's certificate.  
The regular army of the United States is about 25,000. The uniformed militia in the several States numbers 106,500 men, of whom over 8,000 are officers. Back of these are 8,104,628 men liable to do military duty. The United States would be a tough customer for even Germany to handle on land in case of war.  
The rental of farm lands seems to have reached high-water mark. We are told that a farmer recently rented two hundred acres and agreed to pay his rental three-fourths of the crop to the owner, the latter to furnish a team. This is an extravagant price and one which no man can pay unless Heaven be more gracious than usual to the burdened renter.  
They had a fox drive in Pike county Saturday, and when the round-up occurred it was discovered that a panther was in the ring. A panic ensued. The women screamed, children cried and strong men trembled in their boots. The animal made his escape without difficulty, a few heroes away off firing at him as he disappeared in the brush. The fox drivers in the southern part of that county may stir up the ferocious Crittenden panther yet and give him a scare.  
A Bloomington working man of good character has brought suit against a clothing firm of that place for \$200 damages, because the firm posted a bill of \$15, which they claimed he owed them, in their window for eight days. He claimed to have paid a part of the bill and offered to settle the rest but the firm refused. Able counsel have been employed and it promises to be an interesting case, as it will test the right of a firm to bring reproach on the credit of a customer.  
Loss of Life at a Fire.  
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.—The large building at 1413 and 1414, was destroyed by fire last night and during the progress of the conflagration a wall fell and killed George Showers, one of the firemen. Several others were badly burned. The firms burned out were F. B. Morgan, druggist, and Wyeth & Bro., chemical laboratory. The loss is about \$600,000, at which Wyeth & Bro. lose \$400,000.

STATE AND NATIONAL.  
Gathered From Various Quarters Regarding People and Events.  
Minneapolis has resolved to be good and close all saloons and theaters on Sunday.  
Over 1,000 women and girls are engaged in making barbed wire in the iron mills.  
Mrs. James G. Blaine Jr., has signed a contract and will go on the stage for three years.  
There are 4,000 theaters in the United States and a million dollars a day is spent for amusements.  
Sydney, Australia, is having an organ built in London, which is said to be the largest in the world, costing \$75,000.  
A London paper says there are still twenty-three islands in the Pacific Ocean which no nation has set up a claim to.  
The shortage so far discovered in County Clerk Sullivan's accounts at Indianapolis is \$45,000. His bonds were only \$25,000.  
Senator Standford is reported to have given a dinner recently at which hot-house strawberries were served which cost \$3 a dozen.  
A text recently chosen by a Cedar Rapids, Ia., minister was: can a man with a family work for \$30 a month and be a christian.  
An Ulysses, Neb., man has built the "largest corn crib on earth." It is 400 feet long, 42 feet wide and 12 feet high and holds 25,000 bushels.  
What is said to be the first and only daily newspaper published in America by a colored man, is Editor B. T. Harvey's new paper at Columbus, Ga.  
An old black cat, smelling mischief, saved the lives of eight families in a New York tenement. A defective gas main was slowly suffocating the sleepers.  
Texas farmers are plowing and getting ready for spring planting; but they have had quite wintry weather and two or three snow storms within the past two weeks.  
Mayor Roche, of Chicago, emphatically denies the rumors affecting his character. He says the statement in the Chicago Herald insinuating the same is unqualifiedly false.  
Probably the largest derrick in the world is at Hamburg. It is worked by steam, and is sufficiently powerful to place a locomotive from the dock and take it upon a steamship.  
The length of the Mississippi river has always been placed at 4,100 miles, but civil engineers familiar with the stream say that it has shortened itself over 400 miles in twenty years.  
They are trying to use President Cleveland in New York as an advertisement. Several flats and boarding-houses have offered him elegant apartments free of charge when he becomes an "ex."  
It is extremely impudent for President Cleveland to attempt to fill hundreds of offices for the ensuing four years. The people of this country have certified to the fact that they prefer to have official appointments for the next term made by President Harrison.  
Jacob Melrose, who was being examined by the commissioners of insanity in San Francisco, was asked: "What is your occupation?" He replied: "A phrenologist told me that I was in the army once. I stayed there until I began to think. I thought there was going to be war, so I quit."  
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Declined to Resign.  
A Notable Removal by President Cleveland.  
EDGERTON NO LONGER IN OFFICE.  
The President Asks for His Resignation, and Not Obtaining It Summarily Denounces the Indiana Civil Service Commissioner—What the Judge Says About It—"Billy" Mason Lets Loose on South Carolina.  
WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 11.—Judge A. P. Edgerton, one of the civil service commissioners, says he called at the White House Friday, and while he was there the president asked him for his resignation, as he desired to appoint Hugh S. Thompson, of South Carolina to the position. Mr. Edgerton said he had received no intimation before his call on the president that his official head was wanted for the executive basket. The president said that there was little hope of securing the place for Mr. Thompson as long as there was no suitable vacancy on the commission. Mr. Edgerton, however, promptly declined to resign, holding that his resignation would not be politic, creditable to himself, nor calculated to help any other person (intimating that Thompson could not be confirmed if nominated). Of course the president might exercise his prerogative if he saw fit. The president did see fit, and when Edgerton reached his office Saturday he found the following letter awaiting him:  
EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 9.—DEAR SIR: You are hereby removed from the office of United States civil service commissioner. (GROVER CLEVELAND.)  
Hon. A. P. Edgerton.  
Mr. Edgerton is indignant at this summary proceeding and wants everybody to know it. He said Saturday night: "The president sent for me and after beating about the bush finally asked for my resignation. I asked him the reason. He said he wanted to give the place to Thompson. I asked him if that was the only reason, and he replied that it was. I then declined to resign, as I said I would not be a party to any such a dirty piece of business. He replied that he would be obliged to remove me, and I said all right, go ahead. The atmosphere becoming very frigid I bade him good day."  
"Have there been any differences between you and the president?"  
"Oh, yes; lots of them. The trouble is that he is a nungump—the chief of them, while I am a Democrat, rock-ribbed."  
"Do you think civil service reform is a fraud?"  
"Oh, as carried out it has been the biggest kind of a fraud. Its friends, or some of them, meant well, but then hell is paved with good intentions."  
He intends to write a letter to the president in a day or two acknowledging the receipt of his notice of removal and perhaps adding an expression of his opinion upon the president's course in the matter.  
When the news of Mr. Edgerton's removal was communicated to Commissioner Lyman, that officer was surprised, and found himself in a predicament, as he was by no means satisfied that he had authority, single-handed, to discharge the formal duties of the civil service commission. As he can not act as a board by himself, he practically has no functions, and will have none till Mr. Edgerton's successor is confirmed. All he can do is to carry out old orders of the board.  
There are now two vacancies on the commission. Mr. Oberly's place having never been filled. It is thought that the president had concluded that an appointment in Mr. Edgerton's place might be confirmed by the senate, as it would leave a vacancy to be filled by Mr. Harrison. Under the law one member of the commission must be a Democrat. Mr. Edgerton has been represented as being unable to agree with his colleagues. He has during the past six months been away from his office much of the time.  
The president sent Thompson's nomination to the commissioners to the senate Saturday.  
THE SMALLS-ELLIOTT CASE.  
Mason of Illinois Speaks for the Contestant.  
WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 11.—Congressman "Billy" Mason got the floor while the postoffice appropriations was up in the house Saturday and proceeded to make a speech that could not by any stretch of imagination be considered as pertinent to the bill before the house. His subject was the Smalls-Elliott contested election case from the Seventh South Carolina district, which has been so long in committee now that the records have to be referred to when the date of its introduction is desired. He made a terrific assault on South Carolina election methods. The laws of South Carolina had been framed for the express purpose of allowing the Democrats to cheat the Republicans at the polls. The present governor of South Carolina was the worthy executive of a corrupt law. The governor had said that God Almighty had stamped the imprint of inferiority on the black race and that the Anglo-Saxon must rule in South Carolina. He [Mason] had been in South Carolina and had seen negroes, so-called, as white as any man on this floor. The father of the contestant had been as white as any man here. Who was going to analyze Anglo-Saxon blood? If Anglo-Saxon blood was to be analyzed, were there going to be blood-testers which would say to a man, "50 per cent Anglo-Saxon, 50 per cent negro, you can have half a vote." It was not the hand of God, but the iron heel of the Anglo-Saxon that was responsible for the inferiority of the negro. Mason then went into an exposition of the particular frauds which he said had been practiced on Small in the Seventh district election. He said that the election had been stolen from Small; it was farcical, and nothing less. A man who would steal a vote would steal a horse if he had the chance. If he [Mason] had his way he would have a free ballot and a fair count in South Carolina if it took a regiment of blue-coats in every county and every penny in the treasury. He had no apologies to make for what he had said. If gentlemen were offended with him let them take it out of him and not out of his poor colored friend. The time of the Democracy was short. He had heard it said that even bad men when they came to die sometimes did an act of justice. He now approached the death-bed of the Democratic party and asked that party to do an act of justice.  
Crisp of Georgia spoke briefly, stating that the testimony before the committee did not bear out Mason's charges, and that if his friends would examine the record they would feel sorry for him.



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EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

It is alleged that the White House is overrun by rats. They are Democratic rats, probably and will not trouble it after March 4.

MRS. CLEVELAND, it is rumored, is urging her husband to take her around the world after his term of office has expired. She is constantly reading books of travel, and has become warmly interested in India, Japan and other distant lands.

A banker in Lille, France, had the misfortune to wet eighteen bills of the Bank of France, and in order to dry them, he placed them on a board at an open window where the sun shone upon them. They dried more rapidly than was anticipated. A gust of wind carried them into the street where, unfortunately a goat picked up odds and ends, at once captured the bills and swallowed them.

"BABY BUNTING" ARBUCKLE, the famous breach-of-promise victim, is exhibiting more sand than his jocose and amiable newspaper critics have given him credit for. He has decided to appeal from the decision which declared he must pay Miss "Bunnie" Campbell the \$45,000 verdict originally secured against him by her.

JUDGE BELL, of Mount Carmel, Ill., furnishes the following maiden speech of Abraham Lincoln, delivered in Pappsville, near Springfield, Ill., nearly fifty years ago. Mr. Lincoln was not then a lawyer, and had no intention of becoming a lawyer.

As a matter of fact, our government would go on just the same, and our foreign relations would probably be quite as well managed, if we had no minister at any European court. Diplomatic service is expensive, and more ornamental than useful.

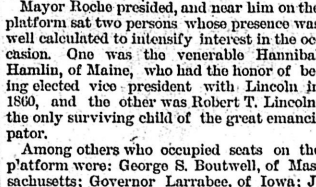
THE RAILWAYS IN IOWA. Action Taken That Will Probably Result in More Legislation. CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—The Western roads have determined on a policy of retrenchment in the state of Iowa.

George Bancroft. He has enjoyed an uncommonly vigorous old age, but his friends are agreed that he has taken his last horseback ride, although it is only a year or so since he took a new steed, and only a few months since he sought a header without the slightest injury.

KEEPING LINCOLN'S MEMORY GREEN

Lincoln Club Banquets Held at a Number of Places.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The 80th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was fittingly celebrated here yesterday.



Under the auspices of the La Salle club, anniversary exercises were held in the Chicago opera house.

Among those who occupied seats on the platform were: George S. Boutwell, of Massachusetts; Governor Larrabee, of Iowa; J. McGregor Adams, Franklin H. Head and Gen. George Crook.

Mayor Roche presided, and near him on the platform sat two persons whose presence was well calculated to intensify interest in the occasion.

ADMIRAL LUCE RETIRED. Rear-Admiral Gherardi Ordered to Command the North Atlantic Squadron.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 11.—Rear-Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, commander of the navy yard, New York, has been detached and ordered to command the North Atlantic Squadron in place of Rear-Admiral Luce.

ADMIRAL LUCE WOULD BE RETIRED NEXT MONTH on account of age, but it is understood that he is desired to be retired under the forty years' service clause.

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Verdict Against the Railroad. WATERLOO, Iowa, Feb. 11.—The jury in the district court at Eldora in the case of McDermott vs. The Illinois Central Railroad company, brought in a verdict Saturday afternoon for \$10,500 damages against the railroad company.

THE NEWSMAN BRIEF

MaJ. George M. Stenberg, surgeon U. S. A., has been ordered to proceed to the island of Cuba on temporary duty in connection with the study of epidemic diseases, and upon his return to submit a report to the president.

Charles Arbuckle, of New York, the ground coffee man ("Baby Bunting") has appeared to the court of appeals from the decision of the supreme court confirming the judgment of \$45,000 obtained against him by Clara Campbell ("Bunnie") for breach of promise.

The wrestling match at Boston Friday between Ross and Daly for \$3,000 and the championship was won by Ross, who secured the second, third and fifth falls.

Business failures during the last seven days number for the United States 273; Canada, 93; total, 366. As compared with 332 last week, and 350 for the corresponding week of last year.

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There is something that he hates—so the women say—it is to take down goods from the shelves; but when a sample is brought in to be matched he can't help himself. He is in a particularly lofty frame of mind yesterday, and picked up the unoffending sample with the condescension of a duke at the feast.

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COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

BETHANY.

M. L. Armstrong, of Decatur, was in town Saturday. Mrs. Carleton and family moved to Lerna last Monday. Andrew Crowder and Ed Wittek were Decatur visitors Thursday.

The protracted meeting at the M. E. church closed last Sunday night. Abner and George Kendall were business visitors at Lovington Saturday.

James Taylor has returned and is again a resident under the parental roof. Ollie Logan, of Mattoon, was entertained by his many friends Saturday and Sunday.

Elder Harrel, of Windsor, is conducting a series of meetings at the Christian church. S. Trowbridge, the dentist will be at the City Hotel next week Friday. 1 & 3rd wpm

A. L. Armstrong, of Springfield, was the guest of his partner, J. P. Boyd, last Saturday. The Rev. J. N. Hog is conducting a protracted meeting at Bethlehem, near Decatur.

A. J. Botts is sojourning in Macon county. His children are with relatives in this county. Measles, mumps, chicken pox and hog cholera are prevalent and the returns are not all in.

Alex Vaughan and wife were the guests of Dalton relatives from Saturday until Tuesday. The Rev. Sutton, of Sanner Chapel, conducted services at the M. E. church last Sunday morning.

The Rev. and Mrs. Sutton, of Sanner, were the guests of the Rev. Martin and family Sunday and Monday. Lawson Lilly and sister, Miss Vica, of Coles Station, were entertained by Mrs. Warren and family over Sunday.

The members of the Sons of Veterans are requested to remember the regular meeting of the camp tonight. Elder R. Perry, of Findlay, was in town last Saturday. He is conducting a protracted meeting at Dalton City.

John A. Crowder and Isaac Yantis went to Winona Monday on business connected with the Fine Stock Association. William and Kate Harrel, a colored gentleman and lady, of Mattoon, were the guests of Mrs. Watkins and family last Sunday.

Wilkinson brothers shipped a car load of tile to Hampton Station last week, and Friday thirty one loads were hauled out by farmers. J. R. Woolen's house caught fire Thursday evening last week, and but for prompt action the structure would have "gone up in smoke."

James A. Mitchell and D. F. Kennedy have returned from Sangamon county. They report good success in the sale of the stockholders' fence. G. T. Hill will have a Public Sale of horses, cattle, hogs, farm machinery etc., at his farm one mile south of Bethany, on February 23, at ten o'clock A. M. 10 11

The village council met Tuesday evening to approve the plan of Hale's addition to Bethany. This opens some first-class building lots and will improve our already prosperous town. Justin Morris and family have moved into the country near Todd's Point. Todd's Point people will find Mr. and Mrs. Morris to be first class people and an addition to any community.

Our dealers received in the neighborhood of 50,000 bushels of corn last week. On Friday 242 wagon loads were marketed. This speaks for itself, and Bethany deserves the boon she is receiving. Professor E. G. Kennedy has resigned his position as principal of the Euclid school on account of poor health. He returned to the home of his mother last Friday. He is still very low but strong hopes are entertained for his ultimate recovery.

T. H. Crowder went to Normal last Friday with one of the horses belonging to the Marwbone Fine Stock company, and exchanged him for another that is much better. In every respect, this company proposes to keep the finest stock that money will buy.

Spring candidates for the various township offices are beginning to make themselves known. The probabilities are that J. M. Langdon will be elected assessor; further we are not able to make a guess at this stage of the procession, but will give our readers the benefit of our observation from time to time. A. L. Ward is giving unbounded satisfaction in the office of collector, but has not yet announced himself a candidate for re-election.

LOVINGTON.

Miss Sue Watwood visited Sullivan last Saturday. J. J. Wilkinson visited his brother at Bethany Sunday. Clink and James Smith started for Kansas last Monday.

A. R. Pifer and wife visited friends in Sullivan over Sunday. Sam Snyder, of Sullivan, made a business visit to Lovington Wednesday. Mr. Felix Grindol started for Otis, Colorado, Monday, to visit his son.

Mrs. Johnston, of Illinois, visited the family of Mr. H. Greene the past week. John Wood, of Hampton, is visiting his father, T. C. Wood, who is very sick. Mrs. W. J. Shook visited at Fairview Sunday, with her father, Dr. John Gibson.

Mrs. D. H. Sullivan, of Pendleton, Ind., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Watwood. The Ladies of the Christian church met at O. T. Atchison's last Tuesday night and organized a mite society. The next meeting will be at Robert Selby's.

Professor Gastman, of Decatur, lectured on last Friday night to a full house. The receipts were \$18.35 which will be used for the benefit of the High School at this place. S. S. Wood will sell at Public Sale one and one quarter miles north of Lovington on Thursday, February 22, seven horses, about 100 sets of fifty sheep, with farm implements and machinery. 10 11

Mrs. Mike Finley, who lives about one mile west of Lovington, was ticked by a cow while milking, on day last week, on the right limb just above the knee, producing an ugly lump about seven inches long. It is very strange to say but it did not injure her garments in the least. Last Saturday A. W. Bear, of the Roller Mills here, was working about the corn shearer his right hand was caught in the machine in such a manner as to cut his first two fingers off and break the third. Drs. Donovan and

Hoover dressed the wound and at this writing Mr. Bear is getting along as well as could be expected.

Last Thursday being the 10th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shephard, some of their friends conceived the idea of giving them a surprise in the way of a house warming, and the matter was spoken of to some of their many friends and at half past seven the guests began to drop in two or more at a time until about thirty were present. The fires were all aglow in the grates and the doors thrown open. Mr. and Mrs. Shephard said, now for a few hours of pleasure and truly was it so, for all present enjoyed the evening. So great was the pleasure that none seemed disposed to consult the time until some one announced eleven o'clock much to the surprise of all, the time seemed so short. After seeing Mr. and Mrs. Shephard many returns of their marriage anniversary and in return special invitations being extended for all to return again the crowd dispersed feeling it was good to have been there.

DALTON CITY.

C. A. Smith was called to Cincinnati, Ohio, to see his father, who is lying dangerously ill. Misses Maggie Hemberg, Bird Doner, Mattie Taylor and Aunt Eliza attended the penitentiary's examination at Decatur Friday.

The pupils of the central examination to be held here Thursday next will give an entertainment at the Presbyterian church in the evening. Admission free. Charles Best brought the largest load of corn to town last Monday that was ever brought here, the load being a little over seventy-five bushels of ear corn.

The cards are out announcing the marriage of Chaut Turpin and Miss Mianne Best to take place on Thursday evening, February 14th, at the residence of William Best four miles west of town. John M. Rose, township supervisor of Dona township, has resigned his office to the town board and the board has appointed Charles M. Twardell to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Rose will go west at an early date to remain for some time.

It is generally understood among the People's ticket folks of Dalton City and locality that they are entitled to name the candidate for supervisor on the People's ticket the coming spring, and the choice, without a doubt, will be Isaac Yantis. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Uppendahl received the sad news from Mrs. Uppendahl's father at Bishop, Ill., that he had met with an accident and had his arm amputated. He is in a critical condition and news of his death may be looked for at any time.

Charles Ezra, living near this place was arrested on a state's warrant last Monday charging him with shooting into a crowd of young folks, who were passing his place on their way home from a party, and taken before Squire Hill, who after hearing the evidence, bound him over for his appearance at the spring term of court.

HORSESHOE BEND.

Marcus Bragg is re-shingling his house. John Maddix has completed his new barn. There are several cases of mumps at the bend. Mr. Blanchard has built a new addition to his house. Miss Mattilda Wheelan spent Sunday with home folks.

The common bustle of spring work has already commenced. Miss Lora Wright returned from Champlain Tuesday evening. D. P. Clay who has been sick the past week is slowly recovering. Mrs. Libbie Harsh is improving her farm with a new plank fence.

John Whitrock was confined to his bed last week but is now able to be out again. A valuable mare of W. S. Clay's was accidentally killed one day last week by falling into an old well. William Walker accidentally stuck an ax into his foot and will be confined to the house for some time.

Scott Warren, of Nebraska, after an extended visit among relatives at this place, returned home Monday. Miss Flora Anderson has completed her winter term of school at the Hinton, and will take a short vacation at home. School has commenced one more at Pleasant Grove and will be continued about two weeks longer than was at first anticipated.

Ed Cox and Mrs. Anna Miller were married at the latter's residence, in Terre Haute, Tuesday. They will make their future home in Arthur. "Actions speak louder than words" and from the frequent rambles of one of our Sullivan friends in the bend, one would not have to wait until June to find Rose S.

ROSEDALE.

Stalk breaking is in season. The chicken-pox and whooping-cough are in our corner. Miss Abbie Lincoln is attending school at Valparaiso, Ind. G. W. Sprow moved out and D. G. Brabham moved in last Tuesday. J. P. Brabham was in Lovington, Saturday looking up a city residence. Miss Jennie Burks, who is teaching in Bethany, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

John Danielson received a telegram last Monday stating that his mother was very ill in Ohio, and not expected to live. He left here the same day, and will be gone about two weeks. County Superintendent Pedro held the Lowe examination at Center school house on Wednesday last week. Thirty-eight pupils were present and took the work. The teachers present were Messrs. Conlin, Myers, Gibson and Miss Smith who did the correcting of papers. At night an excellent entertainment was given at the Fairview church. Most of the schools of the township were present and contributed their share. The Dry Ridge school acquitted themselves creditably with several good songs. Center and Fairview gave some good dialogues. "But That Funny Trio" capped the climax. The schools of Lowe and state here listed upon the fourth day of the Centrais are growing more popular.

LONE STAR.

Fruit tree agents are numerous. Sam Hamilton, of Dalton City, visited here last week. Quite a number of farmers are hauling corn to Windsor. The insurance agent visited the Lone Star school Friday. Wm. Wilkinson, of Stewardson, visited at W. A. Luttrell's over Sunday. Misses Orace and Ella Floyd and Susie Stone visited the Lone Star school Friday afternoon. Quite a number of young people attended a dance at Mr. Reaber's Thursday evening. A good time is reported. Mrs. Sarah Kirk visited her brother, Link Tremble, at Wabash, Saturday. Link and his family will move to Nebraska soon. Albert Fortner and Miss Lou M. Kirk were married at Sullivan by Squire Patterson, Wednesday last week. Their attendants were Eugene Kirk, brother of the bride, and Laura Fortner, sister of the groom. A supper was given at the bride's father's Wednesday evening, and a reception Thursday evening at Mrs. Fortner's. They received a number of presents.

LAKE CITY.

Mrs. Matherly has been very sick with pneumonia. Scarlet rash has given way for whooping-cough. Mr. John Briston's boy died with the croup last Sunday.

George Stocks intends to move to Dalton City in the near future. Died, Wednesday, February 9, a son of Mr. John Widner, of lung fever. C. N. Twardell and T. T. Springer did business in Decatur Monday of last week.

The protracted meeting at the Methodist church is still in progress. There being quite an interest manifested. There was a good attendance at the central examination last Tuesday. No night entertainment on account of protracted meeting.

W. E. Mann, editor of the State Sentinel and Mr. Combs, of Decatur, installed the officers of the I. O. G. T. last Thursday. There are sixty-three charter members.

ARTHUR.

One hour every Thursday night will be devoted to prayer services, at the new Baptist church. Charley Lewis, of Arcola, Sundayed in Arthur. One of Mose Miller's boys met with quite a serious accident last week. Grandpa Epperson who has been quite low again, is slowly recovering. Ed Haney has moved in the house lately occupied by Sylvester Vermillion.

Mrs. Dr. Rieger's sister, of Urbana, is visiting the doctor's family this week. Elder Steele began a series of meetings at the East church on Tuesday night. L. L. Hazen, of Arcola, visited friends in town over Sunday. It is rumored that he will locate in Arthur soon.

The McDonald district has met with a heavy loss, in the shape of the destruction, by fire, of their school building last Thursday night. There was no insurance. Dr. Grier was over to Mattoon, Monday. Mrs. Shultz visited at Shelbyville, over Sunday. Tax collector Carter, of Bruce was in Gays Thursday.

GAYS.

Mr. H. Plose and family visited near Mattoon, Sunday. Mr. Wesley Harrison visited at Whitley the first of the week. Dr. Beals was in Fuller's Point one day last week on professional business. Mrs. Leaugton returned home Tuesday from Mattoon, where she has been visiting. Mr. Swinchart and sister, of Arcola, visited their cousin, Jim Wilson, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Bowman returned home Wednesday from Mulberry Grove, where she has been visiting for some time. Notable Deaths. New York, Feb. 13.—Dr. John C. Dalton, of the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, died here yesterday morning. During the war Dr. Dalton served in the army as first surgeon of the Seventh regiment of New York, and subsequently as brigade surgeon of volunteers. He was the author of a number of medical works. The Rev. Dr. Henry Immanuel Schmidt, one of the oldest professors in Columbia college, died at his home here last evening in his 83d year.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 13.—A special from Medina says: Mrs. Eunice P. Helms, of Lyndonville, died Tuesday morning, aged a few months over 100 years. Up to within a few weeks of her death Mrs. Helms had enjoyed the best of health. Boston, Feb. 13.—Oray A. Taft, Jr., son of O. A. Taft, of Point Shirley, died suddenly in this city Tuesday morning, at the age of 48 years. The deceased had for many years been a prominent manufacturer in Providence, R. I.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—John Mattocks, a prominent lawyer and politician of this city, died at his home yesterday afternoon from acute disease of the kidneys, with which he was suddenly attacked on Sunday last.

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LEGAL. MASTER'S SALE. State of Illinois, Moutrie County, vs. Messrs. C. H. Hunsberr, in the matter of Mahala T. Hampton and Reginald Crowder vs. Geo. C. Humphreys, Henry E. Hampton, et al. Public Notice. One-third of purchase money to be paid cash in hand on day of sale, one-third payable in one year and one-third payable in two years from date of sale; deferred payments to draw six per cent. interest from day of sale and to be secured by promissory notes and when they will meet to land so sold. Said premises will be sold together with all and singular the tenements and hereditaments thereto belonging. ISAAC HUNSBERRY, Master in Chancery. February 14, A. D. 1889. 10-13

DRAINAGE NOTICE—STATE OF ILLINOIS, Moutrie County, Lono Township, vs. To George W. Leffler, James Culbertson and L. Culbertson. You are hereby notified that the Drainage Commissioners of District No. three (3) in Lono Township in said county and state have fixed upon the fourth day of March A. D. 1889, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., at the Rose Dale School House, as the time and place when and where they will meet to hear any and all objections that may be made to the classification of lands on the graduated scale according to the act of the legislature and where you can appear and make objections if you desire. Dated this 12th day of February 1889. JAMES CONGHAM, Drainage Com. of Dis. A. H. DOLAN, No. 2, Lowe Tp., Moutrie County, Illinois.

THE PALACE! STILL AT THE FRONT! We continue our CUT PRICES through this entire month on DRESS GOODS, HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR, CLOAKS, SHAWLS, FLANNELS, BLANKETS, AND THE WHOLE LINE OF STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS. We are determined to REDUCE THIS STOCK to the lowest possible point before Spring Goods are bought, and to do this will sell the above goods AT COST! And many at much less than New York Wholesale Prices. We shall quit the CLOTHING, HAT AND CAP TRADE As soon as our present stock can be CLOSED OUT. Hence, Every Article in these departments can be bought at THE PALACE FROM 25 to 50 PER CENT. LESS THAN THEY ARE WORTH. T. P. MATTHEWS & CO. THE PALACE.

OUR NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS. What They Are Doing for the Country's Good—Bills Passed, Etc. WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 8.—In the senate Thursday the conference report on the bill to incorporate the Maritime Canal company, of Nicaragua was agreed to. The credentials of McPherson of New Jersey for a new senatorial term were presented and filed. Bill was passed to empower the Mount Carmel Development company to draw water from the Wabash and its tributaries in Illinois. After further morning business Chandler's resolution relative to pay of naval officers was taken up. The house passed the bill preserving all public lands now subject to private entry for disposal under the homestead law, and also the bill increasing the pension of Gen. Emery's widow to \$50 per month. In committee of the whole the army appropriation was considered and Randall made a point of order against the \$500,000 provided for submarine torpedoes, pending the decision of which the house adjourned.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 9.—Chandler's resolution relating to the claims of naval officers and Chace's as to the removal of postal clerks were agreed to by the senate yesterday, and the resolution for an inquiry into the state of suffrage in Louisiana and elsewhere in the country was sent to the elections committee. The house bill to quiet title of settlers on the Des Moines river lands in Iowa was passed. The legislative appropriation bill was resumed, the amendment to increase the clerical force of the civil service commission was rejected, and the bill passed. The Union Pacific funding bill was briefly debated and laid over, a new conference on the territorial admission bill ordered, a presidential message on the Samoan affair read, a number of private pension bills passed and the senate adjourned.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 11.—The senate Saturday passed a bill to establish a United States court in Indian territory; also the fortification bill, with an amendment appropriating \$200,000 for torpedoes controlled in their action and movements from the shore. Ingalls, Hoar, Cullom and Cockrell were appointed the senate committee on inauguration ceremonies and a resolution was agreed to providing that the presiding officer of the senate appoint the senate tellers at the count of the electoral vote on Wednesday. The Pacific railway funding bill coming up, Stewart took the floor to advocate a general and particular regulation of the affairs of these railways by the government. Blair interrupted with questions occasionally, which provoked Stewart to remark that if the senator had listened he need not have asked them, to which Blair retorted that he was the only senator who had listened to Stewart at all for much of the time. The senate adjourned without action on the bill.

The house passed bills authorizing the bridging of the Mississippi river at La Crosse, Wis., and granting right-of-way to the Big Horn Southern railway through the Fort Custer military reservation. Disagreement on the Dakota admission bill was reported, and a resolution was offered to instruct the house conferees to strike New Mexico from the bill and agree to the admission of North Dakota, Washington and Montana by proclamation. It went over. The remainder of the day was devoted to a debate on the post-office appropriation, which was pending when the house adjourned.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 12.—A petition of 120 Indian pupils of the Hampton, Va., school against the issue of rations to Indians, and recommending an equivalent in farming implements was presented in the senate yesterday. An executive session was then held at which a bill appropriating \$250,000 to protect American interests on the isthmus of Panama was passed. Upon resuming open session the naval appropriation was considered. An amendment was adopted providing for two steel cruisers of 800 to 1,200 tons displacement, to cost not more in the aggregate than \$700,000; one steel cruiser of about 2,000 tons, to cost not more than \$700,000, and a ram for harbor defense. Chandler moved to strike out of the paragraph for the building of an armored vessel the words which identify Representative Thomas as its designer, and pending action on this motion the senate adjourned. The house insisted on its view of the direct tax bill and ordered a conference. After the question of consideration had been raised against it without avail the Smalls-Elliott contested election case was taken up and debated for the remainder of the day without action, and the house at 5:10 p. m. adjourned.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 13.—The senate had a five-minute executive session yesterday after the morning business was concluded, and then resumed consideration of the naval appropriation bill. The pending amendment was to strike out of the paragraph appropriating for an armored cruiser all reference to Congressman Thomas of Illinois as the designer, and it was adopted, the proposed design being identified in such manner as to avoid the mention of Thomas' name. The bill was then passed, and after a debate as to consideration of the Texas building case was taken up, and the debate was pending when the senate adjourned. The house sent the bill appropriating money to protect American interests in Panama to the foreign affairs committee and then proceeded with the debate on the Smalls-Elliott election case, the contestant among others speaking on the question, but no action was taken and at 6:30 the house adjourned.

A Stolen Child Recovered. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Little Annie Redmond, who was abducted by a woman May 23 last, while playing on the street, was discovered in the home for the Friendless Friday and returned to her parents. She had been living with a family named Gurley, who shamefully abused the child. She was taken from them Jan. 13 last and placed in the home, but her identity was not discovered until Friday. The Gurleys have been arrested, and state that the child was given them by another party. John Redmond, the father, because insane over his loss and was placed in the asylum some time ago. He has seen his child and will recover his reason. Signed the Department of Agriculture BILL. WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 11.—The president has approved, among others, the bill to enlarge the powers and duties of the department of agriculture and to create an exclusive department to be known as the department of agriculture. WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 11.—The president sent to the senate Monday the following nominations: Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, vice William M. Merrick, deceased; Norman J. Coiman, of Missouri, to be secretary of agriculture.

The Blameless Creatures. "I think to think," said Uncle Ezra, "that this use of gals' kiskin' pug dogs was purty rough, but since I come to town an' see some of the dudes—well, maybe the gals ain't so much to blame arter all."—Merchant Traveller.

RED NOSE MIKE. The Alleged Murderer of Paymaster McClure Tells of the Crime. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 9.—Red Nose Mike took the stand Saturday morning and told his side of the story of the murder of Paymaster McClure and his assistant. He broke completely down when reciting that part of his story relating to the actual killing and it was some minutes before he was composed enough to resume. He had not completed his story when the time for adjourning the court arrived. He put the blame entirely on Bevinino, the blacksmith, now in Italy, who he said was a member of the New York Secret society, and if he (Red Nose Mike) backed out he was afraid Bevinino would kill him. Mike's father testified that the prisoner was only 19 years of age. He looks to be about 35. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 11.—The jury in the case of Michael Rozzolo, "Red Nose Mike," on trial for the murder of Paymaster McClure, brought in a verdict Monday afternoon of murder in the first degree.

THE BEEF AND PORK TRUST.—An Inter-State Convention to Investigate It To Be Held at St. Louis. TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 12.—Governor Humphrey sent a message to the legislature Monday announcing that he had selected St. Louis as the place at which the inter-state convention to investigate the alleged beef and pork trust is to be held and has designated March 12 as the time for the convention. The convention is to be composed of joint committees of three senators and five representatives from the legislatures of the states of Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Arkansas, Minnesota, New Mexico, Arizona, and Wyoming. Governor Humphrey received a telegram LYMAN W. HUMPHREY, Monday from the governor of Pennsylvania expressing a desire to have his state represented in the convention. All but one or two of the states have accepted the invitation of Governor Humphrey to participate in the investigation, and have appointed their committees. The governor said Monday that responses received by him the last two days from the governors of the respective states show that great interest is taken in the proposed investigation, and he believes that it will be one of the most important conventions ever held in the west.

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