

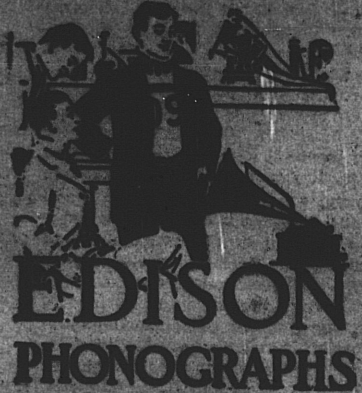
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Roses, doz	\$1.50
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PRISON FOR THEM ALL

Such Should Be the Outcome of This Affair That Has Shocked All Decent People

Two males, Oscar Perreault, a barber, and George Goodwin, working at the Masonic Home, were boarding at the Eden House. Two females, Nada Blackford and Marie Aldridge were helps in the kitchen. The two males considered themselves equal to calling on and playing company with the first ladies of the city, yet had no more respect than to go "sparking" these females.

Mrs. Cunningham, mistress of the hotel, reluctantly gave her consent to their spending the evening in the parlor together, under certain restrictions. But Mrs. Cunningham watched their proceedings, as she suspected all was not right, and the evening that she drove them from the hotel, went to the parlor and asked Nada when she was going to bed. For her pains she received a sassy vindictive toa of the head, and left them with a determination to report to her husband when he returned, but as the men in question were drinking, and her husband of a hasty temper, she decided to keep watch herself.

After sometime she went to Marie Aldridge's (one of the females) room to investigate, pushed the door open, it being unlocked, and going to the bed discovered that the two sleeping so soundly there were of an opposite sex. Without disturbing them she went back to her own room and got a match, returned to the room and lit the lamp, then aroused the slumbers and ordered Goodwin, the male, to get out and that quick. In a pleasant manner that male said, "Mrs. Cunningham leave the room until I dress and I will." She made her exit and went to the other female's room which was locked and ordered the occupants to open the door; it not being done rapidly she threatened to bust it in, and forced an entrance. The Blackford girl told Mrs. Cunningham it was none of her business what she did, and some more storming about. They were all driven from the Eden House. Then they went directly to the American Hotel and the males engaged a room for themselves, the females doing the same. The first getting rooms at one end of the hall and the females being assigned rooms at the other end of the hall. The night policeman having been informed in regard to the proceedings, soon followed them up, and found that in a mysterious or some way one male had traded beds with one female. So he yanked them out, sent for Fusston, who put the males to bed at last behind bars and sent the females home.

And now those same defamers have been released on bond. S. W. Wright's name is on the bond.

And in the name of everything unholy and disgraceful they have, in the eyes of many, atoned for their disgraceful conduct.

Will men and women suffer such dishonor? Will fathers and mothers with sons and daughters of their own say or put up one word in the defense of such infamy? Down with a law that will permit marriage to cancel lusts. The marriage vow might be permitted if we women could legislate for a while. We would go farther than the Scarlet Letter. Every impromptu husband would be branded on each cheek; the mark extending from ear to nose, and if found anywhere in this land of Liberty, and Christian government, taken into custody, returned to the bosom of that wife, forced to live there, support her and treat her with due respect or banished to some cannibal island. And if the impromptu wife was not true to the man she participated in ruining give her the same medicine. We have no use, no sympathy, no decent regard for a female in the shape of a woman, who so far prevents herself from the purpose her Creator intended her for.

Instead of making wives of these females they deserve to be sentenced to the state prison, usually called reform school, for making prostitutes of themselves.

Not of 'he age of consent, a greater shame, and offering themselves a willing sacrifice. No wonder many



THIS PICTURE SHOWS MISS ROSE CORBIN, OF SULLIVAN, who has developed marked ability as a pianist. She plays with an ease and confidence that makes her a favorite with her friends. Assisted by Mrs. Clyde Patterson, a reader of much note, she will give an entertainment at the Christian church, Monday evening, March 9th.

a young man is misled; and some are easily led. And then just think what mothers such characters will make. Is it any wonder the slums are crowded?

We hope and trust that in the courts such disreputable will have justice meted out, and that some time some of the older offenders will be gathered up and sent to the house for the prostitute.

Such cases will go before the grand jury for investigation, and no one would think for a moment of voting for a supervisor who alone would look after the financial interests of the county, but one in every township who will try and enforce morality by selecting pure, good and representative men on the grand jury, or cancel the same from court proceedings.

MARRIAGES.

SRIGHT-BOOZE.

Roy Sright and Miss Daisy Booze were married at Effingham, Friday morning of last week. They returned to Sullivan Monday morning, where Mr. Sright resumed his duties at the Progress office. Mrs. Sright is the oldest daughter of S. T. Booze and wife, and has been a very popular clerk at Todd's dry goods store since she graduated from the Sullivan high school three years ago. Mr. Sright also graduated in the same class.

The wedding was a complete surprise to their friends. The marriage was made known when their friends received cards announcing that they would be at home after March 15.

They are both popular young people. The Herald extends best wishes for their future success and happiness.

WRIGHT-GODDARD.

At the home of T. B. Goddard, who lives four miles north of Windsor, occurred a very pretty home wedding Wednesday evening, February 26. The contracting parties were his daughter, Miss Osa, and John Wright. The bride was attired in blue silk and the groom wore the conventional black.

Rev. Layton pastor of the Christian church of Windsor officiated, in the presence of about ten relatives of the bride and groom. Immediately after the ceremony the usual wedding supper was served.

The bride is the eldest daughter of T. B. Goddard, a well known farmer of Moultrie county, and the groom is a nephew of J. M. Cummins of this city. They are both estimable, highly respected, young people and have the best wishes of a large circle of acquaintances for a long and successful life.

They will go to housekeeping in a few days on the groom's farm three and one-half miles north of Windsor.

Advertise in THE HERALD and get good results.

COURT IN SESSION

Report of the Delet in Circuit Court and Other News from the Court House

Circuit court convened Monday morning with Judge W. G. Cochran on the bench.

Monday forenoon was spent in disposing of cases that were to be settled without coming to trial.

The suit against Archie Welch for larceny and J. W. Mastin vs. W. A. ... was stricken from the docket.

The suits against Marinus Nelson, obtaining signature under false pretense; Nicholas Wood, assault with intent to murder; Illinois B. & I. Co. vs. I. C. R. Co., case; Jas. H. Thomas and H. M. Thomas, partners, vs. Lafayette Bond; Addie Bean vs. Sullivan Telephone Exchange; Daniel P. Byrne & Co. vs. J. D. Mitchell; Bryan H. Tivens vs. E. E. Earp, Hulda Earp; Angelina Mathias vs. Joseph A. Miller, Thos. D. Fulton, Aaron H. Miller, continued.

Charles Franklin Miller vs. Harmon Hoffman. Death of defendant, case to make new parties and amend the declaration, and continued for service.

Guthman, Carpenter & Telling vs. John F. Wright, sheriff, and Merchants & Farmers State Bank of Sullivan, replevin. Cause dismissed for want of declaration at cost of plaintiff.

S. W. Wright jr. vs. W. O. Funs-ton, M. K. Birch, B. F. Blackwell. Replevin. Settled and stricken.

Sarah E. Bean vs. Raymond Waldron, Samuel E. White and Aaron Miller; J. B. Barry vs. M. M. Baker. Dismissed at cost of plaintiff for want of declaration.

Wm. N. Lewis vs. Andrew Coward; Joseph Stock vs. Continental Casualty Co., assumpsit; Hiram G. Moon vs. Joseph Wright, trespass; The People of the State of Illinois for the use of John E. Jennings et al. vs. L. C. Fleming, Frank Glover, J. W. Mathers, debt. Settled and dismissed.

City of Sullivan vs. Huldab E. Earp et al. Demur to declaration on each count.

Howell & Pifer for use of Herval vs. Charles Wood; The Simplex Account vs. O. L. Hancock; The City of Sullivan vs. Rufus Blackford. Appealed. Ruled that appellant pay docket fee, instant.

The case of Heacock vs. Anthony Wright was begun Tuesday, the case going to the jury Wednesday evening. A sealed verdict was rendered Thursday morning, giving the plaintiff damage to the amount of \$299.75. E. J. Miller was attorney for the plaintiff. Whitfield and Chaffee on the defense. The disagreement be-

tween the parties arose from the fact that N. E. Heacock, as agent, sold A. Wright's farm, the buyer paying Weight \$1000 of the purchase money. Wright then refused to pay Heacock his commission.

The grand jury has been at work this week, and of course the indictments have not as yet been made public.

Real Estate.

W. E. Peters to Otto Kinsel, se, sw, 15-14-5; \$5100.

Louisa Preston to Thomas Finley, lots 1 and 2, block 2, in Coles; \$1200.

Carrie A. Fanning to Jennie Cooper undivided interest in w 1/2, se, e 1/2, sw, 24-13-5; \$2411.

Laura B. Vangundy to Camp Ground, e 1/2, nw, 9-13-5; \$12000.

Charles Virgil Smith to Belle Martin, w 1/2, nw, 26-12-6 \$300.

Sarah Wiley to Elizabeth Towaley, nw, se, 23-13-6; \$1000.

Joseph Smith to Henry Philpot, part lot 2, block 15, Gays; \$425.

Jennie L. Cooper to Carrie E. Fanning, lots 12 and 13, block 2, Caldwell's add. to Sullivan; \$368 39.

John F. McDonald to Arthur O. Keys, lots 7 and 8 in block 20, original Sullivan; \$700.

Bertha E. McKitterick to Martha J. Purvis 1-25 of sw, se, se, 12-12-5; \$225.

Daniel Kinney to John Kinney, land in 14-15-16; \$2200.

Abby J. Spicer to L. J. Myres, land in 6-13-5; \$11610.

Simcon F. Miller to Gideon N. Hoffman, se, se, 28-15-6; \$5400.

Nancy E. Mitts to Perly and James Miers, n 1/2, nw, 12-15-4; \$100.

Perly and James Miers to Nancy E. Mitts et al, n 1/2, nw; \$200.

Samuel Cunningham to Thos. C. Kearney, se, sw, and n 1/2, ne, sw, 5-13-5; \$600.

Village of Arthur to Myron E. Biglow, lot 1, block 3, Gibson's 1st add. to Arthur; \$52.

Joseph P. Herzberger to John P. Herzberger, n 1/2, sw, 35-15-6; \$1000.

Quincy A. Hoyle to C. E. ... man's part se, se, 17-15-5; \$20.

Martha A. Bragg to Ethel Woodruff, sw, nw, 23-14-5; \$900.

Minnie M. Dixon to Chas. W. Dennis nw, nw, 20 15-5; \$5700.

Wm. A. Steele to Wm. H. Fisher et al, land in 5-13-4; \$31000.

Ettie Hopkins and husband to John W. Troy, 3 acres off w side n 1/2, se, ne, 25-15-6.

Thomas Mackin to Henry Jenne, nw, sw, 9-14-6; \$6000.

Willis V. Mulholland to Perlina Dennis, lots in 30-14-5; \$1200.

Thos. S. Hall to Alfred Bolin, nw, se, 33-14-6; \$5500.

Samuel W. Cox and wife to Thos. J. McIntire, s 1/2, nw, 25-14-5; \$13000.

Thos. W. Dawson to trustees of schools, 1 acre off s end of e 1/2, sw, and e 1/2, sw, 32 and 33-13-5.

J. D. Hardinger to Joseph Knipper lots 7, 8, 9, block 12, village of Gays; \$465.

Jas. S. Vaughan to Theodore Snyder, part of block 1 of McDavid's 2nd add. to Allenville; \$100

Dennis O. Conner to John Flavan, s 1/2, se, 32, sw, sw, 32 and 33 13-5; \$18000.

Tunis V. Bushart to John Moody, ne, and e 1/2, nw, se, and n 1/2, ne sw, 4-14-4; \$43000.

Nixon Dwight to Wm. A. Steele, sw, ne and s 1/2, nw and n 1/2, sw, ne, se 5-13-4r \$33600.

William De Bruler to Orr Hilliard, nw, se 12-13-4; \$4000.

Marriage License.

Henry Miller, 22.....Jonathan Creek Grace Langston, 19.....Jonathan Creek Erastus H. Brown 21.....Bethany Della Simon 18.....Sullivan

John S. Wright 21.....Whitley Tp. Osa Goddard 19.....Whitley Tp.

William A. Marshall 22.....Bethany Rosa M. Davis 22.....Bethany Robert Gamblin 21.....Jonathan Creek Agnes Brackney 16.....Jonathan Creek

Richard De Vore 22.....Arthur Cora Dawkins 20.....Arthur

Notice to Taxpayers.

I am now located in the coroner's room at the court house. The time is short. Come and pay your tax. BERT FULTZ, Tax Collector of Sullivan Township

PITIALE CONDITION

J. M. Starbuck, Hopkins, is Taken to Chicago for an Operation to Remove a Tumor on the Brain

Dr. Zerfas and others with some of J. M. Starbuck's father's family at Mattoon attended J. M. Starbuck to Chicago, Monday. He was taken to a specialist for treatment; his condition is so much worse. The doctors have decided that his ailment is a tumor on the brain, and it is probable that he will undergo an operation for the removal of it. His condition is most pitiable. Besides the loss of his mental power he has also lost all control of his motor nerves, and has no control whatever of any movements he makes. When he undertakes to walk it is only to flounder about, etc.

CHURCH SERVICES.

CHRISTIAN.

At the morning services Sunday morning the regular Foreign Missionary offering was taken; although the weather was inclement, the offering amounted to \$32.00.

Next Sunday morning Rev. Smart of Decatur will occupy the pulpit. Rev. Smart is a fine talker, and has held some of the best pulpits in the state.

There will be a union service at the church Sunday night. At this service one of the state workers of the Anti-Saloon and Local Option League will occupy the pulpit. The services in all the other churches will be dismissed and the choir of the different churches will assist in the music.

The C. W. B. M. meets with Mrs. J. W. Smith on West Jefferson street, next Friday afternoon. Miss Minnie Wright is the leader.

On account of the sickness of Rev. Atkinson last Sunday there was no church at the Presbyterian church and some of the members of that church attended the services at the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp of Englewood, attended services at the church Sunday. They will move here about the middle of March, and have engaged rooms with Mrs. Townsend.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Sunday at 10:45 a. m. the pastor will preach on the "Light of God and Its Awakening Call." Owing to the union Anti-Saloon League services in the Christian church, there will be no night services in the Methodist church. The Rev. Parker Shields, who has been speaking in a number of counties on the anti saloon issue, will address the union service. Good reports come from every point of Rev. Shields' addresses—hear him.

The Wesley Brotherhood meets on Friday night at 7:30 p. m., when the following program will be presented: Impressions of the Sunday Revival—J. A. Sabia.

Pedagogical Principles Applied in Sunday School Teaching.—O. B. Lowe.

Reading—Prof. W. T. Cavins. Touching the Higher Currents in Spiritual Life—T. J. Wheat.

BAPTIST.

There were services last Sunday the pastor could not attend his appointment at Pleasant Grove.

Next Sunday is our regular meeting day. Services in the morning at 11 a. m. The pastor's theme will be, "The Deity of Christ." The evening theme will be, "The Gracious Invitation of Christ."

The bazaar that was held in Miss Chapman's studio last Monday was a grand success, socially and financially.

PRESBYTERIAN.

There will be the usual preaching by the pastor Sunday morning. In the evening there will be no services at the church on account of the union temperance meeting at the Christian church.

Ladies' Aid Society of the church meets Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. M. Craig. A good attendance is desired.

Second-class colonist rates to west, southwest and north west, March 1st to April 30th, via Wabash R. R.—W. D. POWERS.

THE TRUTH ABOUT STATE INSTITUTIONS

GOV. DENEEN STATES FACTS

The Light of Truth Shed on Maliciousness and Misrepresentation—Investigating Committee Has Shown Itself Prejudiced—"Evidence" Given Before Body Revealed at Its Right Worth—Newspaper Reporters in Search of "Sensation."

Springfield, Ill., Mar. 2.—Aroused by the unreliable and unsubstantiated attacks upon the state institutions that have appeared in the metropolitan newspapers as the result of the legislative investigation now in progress, Gov. Deneen has prepared a reply. It is as follows:

Because of the methods of inquiry adopted by the committee which is conducting the investigation of the state institutions, I was led some time ago to publish a statement in which an attempt was made to correct the false impressions sought to be created as to state institution conduct.

I now take occasion again to call public attention to this matter because the investigating committee has resolved itself into a peripatetic commission, wandering about from institution to institution, to pick up vagrant stories and rumors, without completing its investigation of any one institution. In this way, any statement, no matter how false, is given currency and an air of credibility because no opportunity is afforded to contradict it.

Conducts One-Sided Hearings.
This committee was selected to acquire and furnish to the general assembly information upon the condition of the state institutions. Its work, therefore, should be essentially judicial. In the conduct of its inquiries, however, the committee has seen fit to abandon every rule and precedent which the courts, high or low, in all Anglo-Saxon countries have found to be necessary to the ascertainment of truth. It has denied the right of cross-examination and thus has given to the witnesses called full license to tell any story, no matter how baseless, because they are aware that they are not to be subjected to cross-examination. This is the more astonishing in view of the fact that some of the members of the investigating committee are lawyers and familiar with the decent requirements of such a proceeding as this. The investigations of the committee have led so uniformly to the publication of false and exaggerated statements that it is suggestive of a uniform endeavor to secure such statements for publication purposes with a view to the defamation, rather than the investigation, of our state institutions.

It is perfectly manifest that the committee is seeking, not for persons most competent to tell it of the conditions of the institutions, but for anybody who is willing to tell it anything defamatory concerning them. Disgraced ex-trustees, discharged employees, jail-birds from Jacksonville—not one of these was found too much an enemy of our public institutions or of the truth to make a "good" witness for the purposes of the investigating committee. The correction of defects in the administration of our state institutions, whatever they may be, will not be aided in the slightest degree by the retelling of false stories of cruelty or misconduct, or of the false coal figures furnished to the committee and by the committee to the press—figures so obviously false and intended to mislead that no committee, even though governed by political considerations, could give them to the public without a consciousness of self-stultification.

Defames the Institutions.
I propose once more, therefore, to examine some of the "evidences" of cruelty and other misconduct which the committee has elicited and has permitted to be published broadcast. In doing this, I shall again substantiate the statement that the committee is engaged in the work of defaming, not investigating, the state institutions.

In the course of the investigation of the Illinois Central Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville, the charge has been made that that institution has been paying exorbitant prices for coal. A brief analysis of the price paid by the Jacksonville asylum will further show the falsity of the charge that it is paying exorbitant prices. Price for coal delivered, \$1.32; charge for hauling from cars at Jacksonville to purchaser, 25 cents per ton, leaving \$1.07 as price delivered on cars at Jacksonville; freight charges from Springfield, where the coal is mined, 54 cents per ton, leaving the price for coal at the mine 53 cents per ton.

The purchases of coal by the Illinois Central hospital at Jacksonville are made on competitive bids. The following extract from the minutes of the meeting of the board of trustees, held July 23, 1907, gives the coal bids for the year ending July, 1908:

Company	Screen.	Mine Run.
Jacksonville Coal Co.	\$1.32	\$1.29
W. York	1.37%	1.25%
Geo. Rogerson, 3%	1.37%	1.25%
U. J. Hale	1.40	1.29
Morgan Bros.	1.44	1.29%
Chas. Mitchell	1.50	1.29
Chicago W. & V. Coal Co.	1.71%	1.29
Royal Colliery, 3%	1.92	1.29

The contract was awarded to the Jacksonville Coal company. The Power Steel Railway and Gas ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN.

company of Jacksonville pays for screenings \$1.34 per ton; Capps Woolen Mills pays for screenings \$1.25 per ton, on board cars at Jacksonville; the Woman's college at Jacksonville pays for mine run coal \$1.69; the city of Jacksonville pays for pea coal \$1.49; the Illinois Central Hospital for the Insane pays for screenings \$1.32 per ton, delivered in the coal house of the institution.

The fact is, therefore, that the Jacksonville institution is paying less for its coal than any one of the large private concerns named and less than the price paid by the city of Jacksonville itself.

As to the prices paid by the institution for feeble-minded children at Lincoln, a similar comparison shows a like result. The charge that it has been paying exorbitant prices is false. These are the facts:

The institution at Lincoln for the year ending October 31, 1908, is paying \$1.96 for mine run coal. The Odd Fellows' Orphans' home at Lincoln, pays \$1.25 per ton at the shaft for mine run coal. (Note: Mine run coal is sold at the shaft in Lincoln to local consumers at \$1.75 per ton in carload lots; \$2.00 per ton retail.) The Odd Fellows' home hauls its own coal from the mine, but the price for hauling is 50 cents per ton. The price paid, therefore, by the Odd Fellows' Orphans' home for coal delivered, as is the coal for the institution for the feeble minded, would be \$1.75, or nine cents over the price paid by the institution.

Large business concerns at Lincoln pay the following prices:

Lincoln Sand & Gravel Co., lump	\$.13
Lincoln city schools, lump	2.50
Lincoln city hall and library, lump	2.50
Cork Faced Collar factory, lump	2.50
Lincoln Casket factory, screenings	1.40
Lincoln Street Car Co., screenings	1.35

Let on Competitive Bid.
As at Jacksonville, the coal contracts for the institution for feeble minded children at Lincoln are let on competitive bids. The following figures show these bids for the year ending October 31, 1908, for mine run coal, delivered at the institution:

The Latham Coal Co., per ton	1.64
The Lincoln Coal Co., per ton	1.63
The Citizens' Coal Mining Co., per ton	1.70
Martin Howe Coal Co., per ton	1.79

The contract was awarded to the Latham Coal company. It will be noted that no outside firm was able to compare with the Lincoln firm in bids for coal contracts at Lincoln, the reason being that freight rates and switching charges are prohibitive of outside competition. For illustration, purchasers of coal shipped from the Springfield mines to Lincoln via the C. & A. railroad are obliged to pay 80 cents per ton freight and ten cents per ton switching charges; coal shipped over the Illinois Central railroad 44 cents per ton, without switching charges.

Hill Would Save Million.

The method adopted by the committee in the investigation of the coal contracts of the state institutions, furnishes an accurate estimate of the value of any conclusion they may reach upon the subject of economy in the administration of state institutions. In this connection, however, attention may further be drawn to a statement attributed to the chairman of the investigating committee, Mr. John W. Hill. In the Chicago Tribune of a recent date, Mr. Hill is represented as stating that the enormous sum of \$1,000,000 per year could be saved to the state in the purchasing of supplies for the charitable institutions if present wasteful methods were abandoned and a better system inaugurated. The publication of this statement has furnished to hostile newspapers an opportunity to claim that the million dollars wasted was in fact diverted into the pockets of favored politicians. The following figures show the absurdity of the statement:

The total ordinary expenses of the 17 charitable institutions of Illinois for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, were \$2,393,755. Of this amount \$901,912 was expended for salaries and wages; \$51,453 for building repairs, etc.; \$12,036 for expenses of trustees, officials, etc.; and \$95,019 for articles manufactured by the state penitentiaries and reformatory, which, under the law, must be purchased by the state institutions from these sources through the board of prison industries. **Meal for Postage Stamp.**

The deductions of these amounts leaves the total amount of supplies annually purchasable upon the market at \$1,333,334. Deducting \$1,000,000, Mr. Hill's "saving" from this amount leaves \$333,334 for the purchase of supplies upon the market for the 17 state institutions. These institutions have a population of 13,474 inmates and 2,163 employees, a total population of 15,642. Mr. Hill's improved purchasing system would therefore place the cost of supplying the inmates and employees of our state institutions with food, fuel, light and water, laundry expenses, medical supplies and miscellaneous expenditures, at \$21.31 per capita per year; \$1.78 per month; 41

cents per week; six cents per day. If the total amount were spent for food alone, therefore, the inmates and employees of our state institutions would be furnished meals costing two cents each, or the price of a postage stamp.

Consider also the "detective work" done by that contingent of the committee to which has been assigned the duty of investigating the price and quality of the food supplies of the state institutions. After announcing in the public prints their intention to take the institutions by surprise, these gentlemen accompanied (as a stroke of secrecy) by a flying squad of five reporters connected with various Chicago daily newspapers, swooped down upon the Jacksonville institutions and proceeded to gather such valuable information as is always to be found afloat among the scandal-mongers of the town and discharged employees of the institutions. The stories thus secured were then given out, to be magnified and misrepresented by the reporters and published as trustworthy evidence of the condition of our state institutions. It is in this way that baseless stories condemning the food supplied to the inmates have gained currency before any tests could be made of its quality.

Seeks Material Contacts.
In the meantime also, other really valuable sources of information as to what is furnished to and consumed by the state institutions—the bills of goods purchased from the business houses of the highest reputation in the state and the books of the institutions themselves—are ignored. These bills and books afford valuable evidence of the quality, quantity and price of food supplies furnished.

The fitness of this branch of the investigating committee for the work assigned it may be further determined by the public from a perusal of the following letters written by Mr. McLaughlin, a member of the general assembly and one of the two members of this subcommittee, and by the firm of which he is a member. They are self-explanatory.

Forty-Fifth General Assembly, State of Illinois, House of Representatives. John J. McLaughlin, Nineteenth District, 1551 W. Monroe St., Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 17, 1908.
Dr. Hardt, Lincoln, Ill.—Dear Doctor: I am taking the liberty of inclosing you a card of a concern of which I am personally interested. We are desirous and anxious to furnish your institution with anything and everything that they are in need of in the building material line. Of course, we expect to do this on lines of competition, meeting any and all competitors as to quality, prices and service.

Won't you kindly let the name of our company be placed on the list of buyers to whom you mail proposals for estimates? Also, would like to have you say a word to your purchasing agent in behalf of our concern.

I probably will meet you at the institution this week, as I have been appointed on the committee that is investigating the institution. Hoping to meet you personally and that you will not forget this company when you are in the market to purchase materials, I am, Yours truly, (Signed) JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, Encl. (Business card of the McLaughlin Building Material company.)

Benny Mitchell Wants Order.
Other letters which I shall quote written by the McLaughlin Building Material company are as follows: McLaughlin Building Material Co., 201 Roanoke Building, 145 LaSalle St., Telephone, Central 3000.

Chicago, Feb. 13, 1908.
Hon. E. J. Murphy, Joliet, Ill.—Dear

Warden: Can you not arrange to give us one order for 5,000 fire brick, XX at \$32 per ton and two ton fire clay No. 1, Ohio, at five dollars per ton? I would appreciate this order. You use about that many, and they are always handy. Would be pleased if you could favor us with same. Yours very truly, BENJ. M. MITCHELL, McLaughlin Building Material Co., 201 Roanoke Building, 145 LaSalle St., Telephone, Central 3000.

Chicago, Feb. 19, 1908.
Hon. E. J. Murphy, Joliet, Ill.—Dear Warden: Both Mr. McLaughlin and myself wrote you several letters in reference to fire brick. We tried very hard to get you to give us a chance to furnish same. We are reliably informed that to-day one car of fire brick arrived at the penitentiary for use in repair of boilers over the Chi. R. I. & P. R. R.

Mr. McLaughlin and myself were sadly disappointed when we got this information, because we were watching this and desired to get the business. The fire brick was sold by the Chicago Retort and Fire Brick company.

We are very sorry you did not let us have this business, because as to prices, quality and service we are ready to meet all competitors. We always try to favor our friends, all things being equal, and we think in this instance, you should have favored us. We are surprised to think you would let us be passed up. Thanking you just the same, I am, Yours very truly, BENJ. M. MITCHELL, Warden Murphy Replies.

To this letter Warden Murphy replied as follows: Feb. 20, 1908.
Mr. Benjamin M. Mitchell, Care McLaughlin Building Company, 145 LaSalle Street, Chicago.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of yours of the 19th instant, in which you state you are much surprised upon learning from a reliable source that we had purchased one car of fire brick, after having assured you that we were not in need of fire brick but a few days ago having on hand all the bricks we could use for at least six months. In reply I would say that you are very much mistaken when you claim that we purchased a carload of brick recently. I have an impression that the carload of brick you mentioned as having been received here was sent to the Illinois Steel company of this city. If you will take the trouble to look the matter up, you will, I am sure, find this to be the facts in the case. Yours respectfully, (Signed) H. J. MURPHY, Warden. Regards to Fainting Bertha.

Still another letter, written by Mr. McLaughlin to Superintendent Zeller of the Bartonville institution is as follows:

Forty-Fifth General Assembly, State of Illinois, House of Representatives. John J. McLaughlin, Nineteenth District, 1551 W. Monroe St., Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 27, 1908.
Dr. George A. Zeller, Bartonville, Ill.—Dear Doctor: I am inclosing you in this letter the card of a concern in which I am greatly interested personally, and am desirous and anxious to sell your institution anything and everything that they use in the building material line, providing, of course, that we can meet all competitors, as to quality, prices and service, which I know we can do.

You no doubt have a list of supply houses to whom you send proposals, or from whom you ask for bids, whenever you are in the market for materials. Won't you kindly place our name on the same? If you will remember, I was one of the sub-committee of the committee on appropriations last year, who visited your institution in company with our personal good-natured friend, Judge C. J. Lindly, and Mr. McMakin, and I enjoyed the visit very much, and was pleased to follow all of your recommendations. I only regret that I cannot assist in making another appropriation at this adjourned session, and am also very sorry that we cannot have another visit with you, but I am going to ask you to kindly remember me to one of your guests, the unfortunate Fainting Bertha. Give her my regards. Come to think of it, I will probably pay you a visit soon. At least, from the reports in the public press, I suppose I will have to come over there, as I have been appointed a member of the committee that is now investigating the Feeble-Minded Home at Lincoln.

I am leaving to-day for Springfield, but you can address me at my Chicago office. Hoping you will bear my company in mind and give us a chance to get some of the business, I am, with best wishes, Yours very truly, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, Writes Numerous Letters.

Mr. McLaughlin, on the stationery of the general assembly, his name appearing thereon, also sent letters soliciting business from the state architect and the following institutions: Soldiers' Widows' home, Wilmington, February 11, 1908.

Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane, February 11, 1908.

Industrial Home for the Blind, February 11, 1908.

Soldiers' Orphans' home, February 11, 1908.

Illinois School for the Blind, February 18, 1908.

Illinois Western Hospital for the Insane, February 18, 1908.

St. Charles School for Boys, February 19, 1908.

The state architect, February 3, 1908, Governor Quotes Law.

There is, of course, no absolute standard of business ethics and Mr. McLaughlin may deem this method of going after state contracts with a big stick as quite within the lines of legitimate business enterprise. How the law of the state regards the matter, may be seen from the following citations from the constitution and statutes of Illinois:

(Constitution of 1870, Section 15, Article IV.)
"No person elected to the general assembly shall receive any civil appointment within this state from the governor, the governor and senate, or from the general assembly, during the term for which he shall be elected; and all such appointments and votes given for any such members shall be void; nor shall any member of the general assembly be interested, either directly or indirectly, in any contract with the state, or any county thereof, authorized by any law passed during the term for which he shall have been elected, or within one year after the expiration thereof."

(Chapter 127, Revised Statutes, Section 8.)
"No contract shall be let to any person holding any state office in this state, or a seat in the general assembly, or to any person employed in either of the executive offices of the state, or to the wife of a state officer, member of the general assembly, or employe as aforesaid, nor shall any state officer, member of the general assembly, or wife or employe as aforesaid, become, directly or indirectly, interested in such contract, under penalty of forfeiting such contract at the option of the commissioners, and of a fine not exceeding \$1,000."

(Chapter 38, Revised Statutes, Section 273.)
Section 1. "Whoever attempts to commit any offense prohibited by law and does any act toward it but fails, or is intercepted or prevented in its execution, when no express provision is made by law for the punishment of such attempt, shall be punished, when the offense thus attempted is a felony, by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than one year, nor more than five years; in all other cases by fine not exceeding \$2,000 or

by confinement in the county jail not exceeding six months."

Reporter Becomes "Happy."
It is scarcely to be wondered at that newspaper reporters, naturally prone to sensation, when accompanying this committee, have been encouraged to

outrage themselves. All that was necessary was that they should take their tone from the committee in charge of the "investigation." That they have done this is apparent from an incident which occurred during the visit of the committee to the Central Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville. On this occasion one of the reporters registered at the Dunlap hotel as "Happy No. 1." Webster has defined a happy as "a fabulous winged monster, ravenous and filthy, having the face of a woman and the body of a vulture, with long claws and a face pale with hunger." The articles furnished to the newspapers by the reporters affirm the accuracy of this description. This reporter knowing the work in which he was engaged undoubtedly caught a glimpse of his own resemblance to this fabulous creature, with its instincts and habits, for it must be agreed upon all sides that the stories furnished to the newspapers by "Happy No. 1" and his associates could not have been collected save by No. 1 harpies. The following are a few sample stories from their collection:

"Water Boiled at Blind."
On February 7, a story was published of alleged frightful conditions at the Illinois School for the Blind at Jacksonville. It was stated that "the investigators discovered that state wards were given water poisoned with sewage" and that an epidemic of diphtheria had been caused by these conditions. These conditions were stated to have resulted from the use of the water of "a well dug midway between a small creek used as a sewer, a graveyard and a slaughter house." It was further stated that "the water of the well has been analyzed and been declared poisonous."

The story is published in the Chicago Inter Ocean and, of course, is false. The facts are these: The water supply of the Illinois School for the Blind is procured from wells on the school ground, the city waterworks and a well in a pasture belonging to the school, but located half a mile from the buildings. The water from the wells on the school grounds is used for drinking and culinary purposes. That from the well in the pasture is used for flushing toilets, bathing and fire protection only. This well is located 300 yards from a cemetery and about 400 yards from a beef packing establishment, but across a deep ravine from each. In the bed of the ravine is a creek, into which sewage is turned. This in the well referred to in the veracious article and is not used for drinking or cooking purposes. Out of abundance of caution the water even from the wells on the school grounds is boiled before using, and this notwithstanding nine-tenths of the people of Jacksonville drink freely from the wells less protected from contamination.

Better Than City Supply.
Passavant hospital, a block distant from the school grounds, uses well water for drinking and kitchen purposes. The same is true of the Illinois Woman's college, a boarding school three blocks from the state institution, having an attendance of 150 students. St. Rose's convent, where 50 persons reside, uses water from a well for drinking and the city supply for bathing and other purposes. Furthermore, the fact that in nine years only two cases of typhoid fever have developed in the institution is a sufficient proof that the water has not been "poisonous" during that time.

It is not pretended that a better supply of water is not desirable, but it has been impossible to secure this in the past, and is at present, unless spring water were purchased from the Gravel Springs company, which, on account of the expense involved is out of the question, as was recently demonstrated. A year and a half ago a water famine was threatened and the institution for the blind was obliged to pay \$200 per day for the necessary amount of water to meet its needs, notwithstanding the institution was furnished water at half the price which regular customers are paying at present. The cost of a water supply from this source would be \$60,000 per year, or nearly one-third more than the present total ordinary expenses of the institution.

The state could not bear such an expense permanently and could better afford to move the institution to a place where a good water supply could be obtained than to continue the policy of purchasing spring water in its present location.

Shows Up Menezes Case.
The charges already dealt with are such as have been leveled against the general administration of the state institutions. Those which follow relate to special instances of alleged misconduct and can be more briefly dealt with. These, it will be found, are either wholly false or so grossly exaggerated as utterly to misrepresent the facts:

The most serious of these charges relates to the treatment of William Menezes, a patient at the Illinois Central Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville. In brief, the charges in this case are that Mr. Menezes was not in fact insane; second, that he was assaulted and beaten three times, picked up and pitched into the bath tub, terribly bruising and tearing strips of flesh from his back; that he was struck with the fists and that one of the attendants grabbed him by the head and so twisted his neck as to leave his head hanging. All this is said to have happened within the 48 hours he spent in the hospital. It is stated furthermore that he was given but one meal,

consisting of beans and water and that on his leaving the hospital one of the attendants brutally said in his presence: "You will die on the way home."

This story is horrifying in every detail. It is also false in every particular. **Facts Versus Fiction.**

As to the charge that Mr. Menezes was not insane; Mr. Menezes was declared to be insane on February 23 at a sitting of the county court of Morgan county upon the testimony of Dr. Edward Bowe, Dr. T. C. Hardesty and Dr. T. U. Pitner, the form of insanity being terminal dementia. The patient was further examined by Dr. Frank P. Norbury, a specialist on mental and nervous diseases of the highest reputation and not in the employment of the state, who declared him to be suffering from terminal dementia. The court having found the patient insane, it became the duty of the Jacksonville institution to receive him. He was accordingly received and Supervisor O. C. Bong, Night Watch C. A. Lambert, Head Attendant A. G. Hughes and Luther Moore, an insane patient in ward two, where Mr. Menezes was kept during his stay at the hospital, all testified that on account of his feeble condition he was handled with special gentleness. The reputation of all these attendants is excellent and their testimony is further corroborated by that of Dr. Norbury who, after the charges had been made, made a physical examination of Mr. Menezes which showed his back to be clean and without bruises of any kind. The only mark found upon Mr. Menezes' back was the beginning of a bed sore and on each heel a similar bed sore caused by pressure. The pendent head and so-called twisted neck are present in all cases of multiple sclerosis, with which to Dr. Norbury's personal knowledge, Mr. Menezes had been afflicted for the past 12 years. Furthermore, Dr. Allen N. King, who was called by the family to examine Mr. Menezes after he was taken home, stated that the only mark that he found on the patient's back was a discoloration which was either a bed sore or caused by pressure from sitting too long in one posture.

It is also stated that Mr. Menezes told his wife the story of his cruel treatment at the hospital. According to the testimony of the attendants, the only word Mr. Menezes could utter so as to be understood was "water" and Judge Baldwin stated that at the hearing Mr. Menezes was unable to speak.

Add to this that the attendants present when Mr. Menezes was delivered into the custody of his sons deny that anyone said to him "You will die on your way home," a statement so utterly improbable in itself, especially when the presence of the sons is taken into consideration, and all the charges in this case have been refuted seriatim and another tale of hospital horrors is left without a shred of truth to support it.

Denounces Runaways' Story.
The examination of another charge this time made against the Lincoln institution for feeble minded children shows a similar result. It has been published broadcast that nine girls of feeble mind escaped from the institution and were later found in houses of ill repute in the city of Chicago. The names of but two of these were given—Caroline Dahl and Catherine Belinski—and the slightest honest investigation of this statement would have disclosed its falsity. But that investigation was never made. The only actual incident to which reference can be had in this case is the following:

Caroline Dahl, the only girl who escaped from the institution during Dr. Hardt's administration, was a bright young woman, 23 years of age, who was placed in the home for feeble-minded children. She was there employed in the hospital and was on the payroll of the institution. She ran away on the night of August 18, 1907. Her mother was immediately notified by letter dated August 19, and a diligent search was made to ascertain her whereabouts, without success. On the 21st of August a letter was received from the mother stating that Caroline Dahl had been found in Chicago.

On August 25 Miss Dahl was released from the institution. Notwithstanding this terminated the legal supervision of the institution over Caroline Dahl, so solicitor was Superintendent Hardt for her future that a long series of communications passed between him, Miss Dahl, the relatives of Miss Dahl and Mr. John Belmont, county agent at Chicago, in an effort to maintain an actual moral supervision over her welfare. I have cited this case, which in every step of it redounds to the credit of the institution and its superintendent, but which has been made the basis of the charge that girls are escaping from the institution in large numbers, to be found later in the brothels of Chicago.

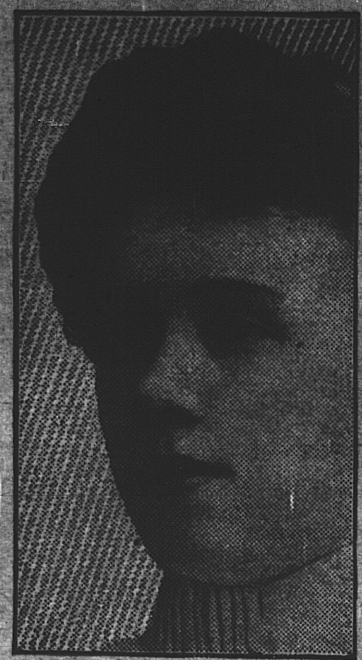
Through the prolongation of an investigation conducted along these lines, with its attendant publication of falsehoods, occasion has been furnished for as vicious and unwarranted an attack upon the charitable institutions of our state as was ever undertaken by enemies of public decency.

The administration has endeavored throughout its course to improve the conduct of the state institutions, and will welcome any suggestion, founded upon facts, which can be made for their betterment. But so long as these institutions are made the target for unmerited abuse, so long as the aspersions cast upon their management are made up in equal parts of lies and exaggeration, I shall endeavor, as occasion arises, to afford the public a means of judging fairly of the merits of the institutions and of the investigation which is maligning them.

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PLOTTER ATTEMPTS TO MURDER CHICAGO POLICE HEAD.

ASSASSIN SHOT TO DEATH

Son of Superintendent, However, is Probably Fatally Wounded—Mayor Busse's Life Believed in Danger.

Chicago.—What is believed to be a deep-laid plot to wipe out the entire body of officials in charge of the city administration was brought to light Tuesday, following a sensational attack upon Chief of Police George Shippy. Threats have been made against Mayor Fred Busse. Chief of Police Shippy was stabbed in the right side, his son Harry, 19 years old, was probably fatally shot in the left lung and his driver, James Foley, was wounded in the right wrist by a desperate assassin who attempted to kill the head of the police department in the front hallway of his home Monday. The assassin was himself killed by the chief, who fired a bullet into his right temple. The assassin is declared to have been an anarchist and leader of a plot aimed at others beside the chief. The man was identified as "F. B. Adams." Mrs. Shippy and the chief's daughter Georgia, 23 years old, were eyewitnesses of the tragedy. The chief's wife narrowly escaped being killed herself in an effort to prevent the assassin from drawing his revolver. Harry Shippy was rushed to the Augustana hospital, where his condition was said to be precarious. He was operated on immediately, but physicians despaired of saving his life, as he was just recovering from an attack of grip.

The man who attempted to assassinate Chief of Police Shippy, and whom the chief killed, was identified as Lazarus Averbuch, a 20-year-old Russian Jew, who had been in this country only three months. He resided at 218 Washburne avenue with his sister Olga, 25 years old. He had worked a month for W. H. Eichenberg & Co., 183 South Water street, a commission house.

Averbuch was an anarchist of a morbid, insane type—a disciple of Emma Goldman, "Queen of the Reds." Inspector Levin held Edward Berma, cobbler, 575 West Twelfth street, Tuesday, under suspicion of being implicated with Averbuch. A telephone message from an anarchist to Berma, saying, "For God's sake get out of town; they're on," overheard by Lieut. Darrow, caused the arrest. Berma admitted being an anarchist and knowing the assassin of Chief Shippy.

ROB BANK OF \$295,000.

Ambassador Creel's Institution Pillaged by Bandits.

El Paso, Tex.—A telegram received from Chihuahua, Mexico, late Monday afternoon says that the Banco de Minero, owned by Ambassador Creel, has been robbed of \$300,000 Mexican money. No persons have been arrested. Officers here, however, have been obtained to watch the border closely. The bank notes taken are in denominations of \$1,000, \$100, \$50 and \$20. A telegram from Gov. Creel of Chihuahua was received by Chief Ponce of Pinar Monday afternoon, stating that a liberal reward had been offered for the capture of the bank robbers, and asked that the United States immigration authorities be requested to keep a look-out for suspicious characters and for bills of the denominations.

STIRS UP NAVAL PROBE ROW.

W. H. Sims, Roosevelt Aide, Makes Many Warm Charges.

Washington.—Commander William H. Sims, naval aide to President Roosevelt, by his own statement is responsible for the "row" over criticisms of battleship construction. At the outset of his testimony before the senate committee on naval affairs Monday he gave the committee to understand it could expect some sensations. Continuing, he said he would have to go into unpleasant facts, such as charging officers or inventors with having made misleading statements, the secretion of official documents, and the refusal of superior officers to accept suggestions of value. The plan of Commander Sims to give the committee a sensation was upset immediately by Senator Tillman.

Cornelia Harriman Weds.

New York.—The marriage of Miss Cornelia Harriman, daughter of E. H. Harriman, to Robert Livingstone Gerry, son of Elbridge T. Gerry, took place in Grace church at noon Tuesday.

Would Tax Stock Sales.

Washington.—A bill to tax the sale and transfer of stocks was introduced Monday in the house by Mr. Hepburn of Iowa.

King Rex in Mardi Gras.

New Orleans.—King Rex of the Mardi Gras carnival and the first real summer weather of 1908 arrived in New Orleans simultaneously Monday to the delight of thousands of visitors who recently left almost snowbound homes in the north.

Raid Louisville Poolrooms.

Louisville, Ky.—Acting under orders of County Judge Peter a raid was made on the two poolrooms in South Louisville Monday afternoon and 29 persons taken into custody.

WINTER WHEAT CROP

HE REALIZED \$38 PER ACRE, HIS OATS \$32 PER ACRE IN SOUTH-BERN ALBERTA, WESTERN CANADA.

Coaldale, Alta. Can., Nov. 19, 1907. Sir: I beg to say that this year we had 349 acres of grain, consisting of 197 acres of spring wheat and 152 acres of oats. The average yield of wheat was 35 bushels per acre and oats 74 bushels. We were offered \$1.00 per bushel for wheat and 50 cents for oats, making the acre values for the two crops \$38.00 and \$37.00 respectively.

We also had 50 tons of hay worth \$18.00 per ton, and 500 bushels of potatoes, worth 60 cents per bushel, the latter of 2 1/2 acres of ground.

Our best yields this year were 107 acres of wheat, making 41 bushels per acre at \$1.00 per bushel, would be \$41.00 per acre; 47 acres of oats, yielding 95 bushels per acre were sold for 50 cents per bushel. Proceeds, \$47.00 per acre.

I might add that 50 acres of our oats were "stubbled in."

During the spring of 1906, we fired about 300 acres broken by steam. We put in and harvested 55 acres of grain last year, did the remainder of our breaking, worked up the ground and seeded this year's entire crop, put in seven acres of alfalfa and five acres of garden potatoes, trees, etc., all with one four-horse team. During harvest we hired other teams, but, aside from this, and part of the breaking, the one team did the work of raising practically 19,000 bushels of grain, worth \$12,000.

Yours truly, W. H. PAWSON, JR.

WINTER WHEAT 25 TO 30 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE IN SOUTH-BERN ALBERTA.

Warner, Alta. Canada, Jan. 9, 1908. Dear Sir: This is the first year of farming in this settlement. Mr. A. L. Warner raised twenty-five hundred and fifteen bushels of fine winter wheat on one hundred acres of breaking and Tenny brothers had sixty acres that went thirty bushels per acre. The winter wheat that is in this year looks fine.

Spring wheat here went thirty bushels per acre, oats fifty to eighty, barley fifty, and flax ten to fifteen on sod.

The settlers here are all well pleased with the country. The stock have not required any feed except the grass up to this date and are all fat.

Yours truly, F. S. LEFFINGWELL. (Information as to how to reach these districts, rates, etc., can be secured from any agent of the Canadian government, whose advertisement appears elsewhere.—Ed.)

SPITE.



Proud Mother—Everybody says the baby looks like me. Her Brother—The spiteful things don't say that to your face, do they?

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The Flatterer.

The tramp had applied to the farmer's wife for assistance. "You have a beautiful voice, lady," he said.

She looked interested. "Have I?"

"Yes, ma'am; I'd rather hear you say no, lady, than most other women say yes."

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; also cases of deafness are caused by Catarrh, which is not only an inflamed condition of the mucous surface, but will give you Headed Dizziness for any case of Deafness caused by Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular, free. J. C. HENLEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Friend (in whisper)—The toastmaster wants you to get off a good joke. The Banquet Man—Beg pardon—er—I didn't know I was in it.

WEDDED BLISS.



Salesman—You ought to have a talking machine. Mr. Grouch—I have. I married it.

Damage Done by Rats.

"The western farmer is waking up to a realization of the fact that he is, as the agricultural department told him some time ago, losing not less than \$100,000,000 a year from rats," says J. H. Van Burden, a Milwaukee grain merchant. "It costs about 50 cents a year to feed a rat. We know this because we have boxed them up and fed them as much grain as they would eat for a year. It is a conservative estimate to place our rat population at 150,000,000. About one-third of them live in the large cities, where they do not get so much grain."

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Cause for Alarm.

A young man had been courting a girl for nine years. "Jennie," he said, one evening, "I read the other day that in 50,000 years Niagara falls would dry up."

Jennie clutched his arm excitedly. "Why, what's the matter?" he asked.

"Why, you promised to take me there on our bridal trip. Don't you think you had better be a little careful that it does not dry up before we get there?"

Heard at the Drama.

Mrs. Ryetop—John, how much time elapses between the second and third acts? Mr. Ryetop—The program says six months, Maria.

Mrs. Ryetop (aghast)—Six months, John? Lands, we can't wait! Why, them buckwheat cakes I left to rise will have gone clear through the roof by that time.

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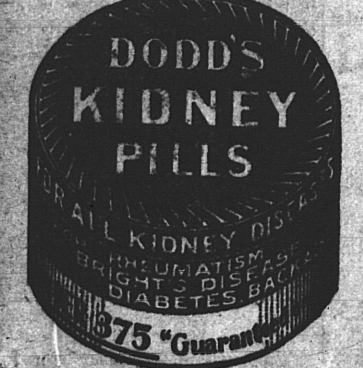
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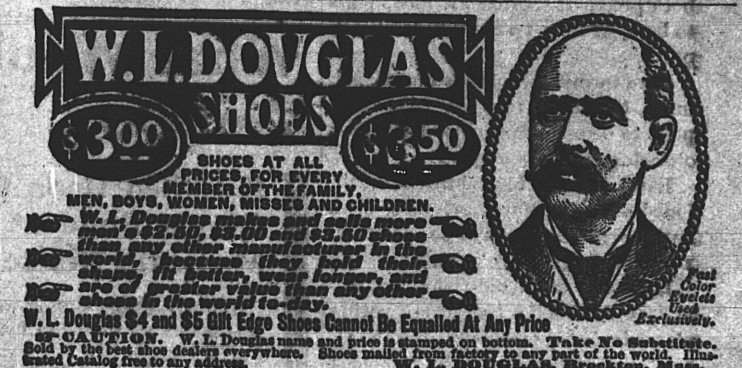
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TOWNSHIP PRIMARIES
The democratic voters of Moultrie county are requested to meet at their respective voting places...

Sullivan township primary will be held March 7, 1908, from 12 o'clock m. till 5 o'clock p. m.

Lovington township primary will be held March 14, 1908, at the city hall, Lovington, Ill.

Jonathan Creek township, old-fashioned primary at Center school house, March 21, 1908, from 1 o'clock to 5 o'clock p. m.

Whitley township, old-fashioned primary at the usual voting places in both precincts, March 21, 1908, polls to be open from 1 o'clock till 5 o'clock p. m.

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Marrowbone township, mass convention, town hall at Bethany, March 21, 1908, 2 o'clock p. m.

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March was the first month of the year, and was named from Mars, the god of war. Mars looked like a twin brother to Richard P. Hobson, and he was the regular Roman delegate to the Peace Conference at the Hague.

The comedy of life will be about what it has been—the men will labor day and night, and the wives of men will spin.

The money indiscreetly loaned will faithfully keep Lent, and the lady teacher will sit on the pin when it is bent.

Until the 21st, March will be under the influence of the zodiacal sign known as Pisces the Fish.

After the 21st, March will be under the influence of Aries, the sign of the Head. Under this sign, old heads will come to the front in the presidential race...

Persons born under Pisces drink like a fish and vote wet. They make excellent subordinates, like Friday and Loeb.

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The ides of March will come again, When Caesar's blood was let; The foes of Bryan will hide out Behind the parapet; And when he sees them lurking there, He'll guess their fell intent.

The candidates Republican will pass the stand again, and the portly form of Taft will show a handsome gain; the whiskerlets of Mr. Hughes will float upon the breeze...

Another lot of foreign counts, and busted sports and old, will come across to marry more of our dead easy gold; a count will marry a million cool, and a discount two or three, and gold and girl (and horse laugh loud) they'll all put out to sea...

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The comedy of life will be about what it has been—the men will labor day and night, and the wives of men will spin. They'll have a club for every day, and never cease to go; they'll learn to talk of many themes...

The money indiscreetly loaned will faithfully keep Lent, and the lady teacher will sit on the pin when it is bent. But when the principal responds To screams heard through the house She'll not tell him what happened, but Will say she saw a mouse.

Until the 21st, March will be under the influence of the zodiacal sign known as Pisces the Fish. Pisces will induce his relative, Stuyvesant Fish, to take the Illinois Central fight into the U. S. Supreme Court, where E. A. Harriman will be ditched with two bum lamps, a derailed back-bone and a swift kick in the caboose.

Persons born under Pisces drink like a fish and vote wet. They make excellent subordinates, like Friday and Loeb. They can say no, and it is futile to expose them to any more life insurance, for they won't take it. They are very cautious, and always take seats near the fire escape.

Persons born under Aries always think before speaking, and then never say anything. They are good organizers and generally belong to the Anti-Saloon League. They make good lawyers, and generally get the case continued until they can elect the prosecuting attorney.

The Vernal Equinox will come, And the Irish will parade; The booming bullfrog will resume His music in the glade. The mole will burrow in the lawn. And the rash duck hunter toot His caller while pneumonia drills A leak-hole in his boot.

And then the gentle spring will come and the poet will essay, with swelling breast and bliss his bum

and Mars attended by a monster will announce the news, and the king will scratch the dirt, and everybody will put on a thinner undershirt. The cassafra will brew again to toss the system rank, and the washout will upset the train and throw it down the bank...

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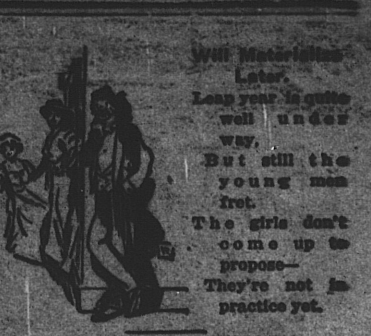
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Post Banker Threw Away and Bought Back His Own Property.

Edmund Clarence Stedman, the poet banker, had a high temper and was exceedingly sensitive. One day, exasperated by the crass stupidity of a servant, he threw a book at his head. The book ducked and the book sailed out of the window. After it hurried the mental, but he was too late; a passerby had picked it up and walked off with it. Stedman began to wonder what book he had thrown away, and to his horror discovered that it was a quaint and rare little volume for which he had paid \$50. His chagrin was intense, as the work was almost unique and the prospects of replacing it were remote.

Some time afterward, when browsing in a second-hand book shop, our splenetic poet banker perceived to his great delight a copy of the very book he had lost. He asked the price. "It's very rare," replied the dealer, "but as you are an old customer I'll let you have it for \$40; nobody else could have it for less than \$60." Stedman gladly paid the \$40, got home with his treasure as soon as possible, and sat down to gloat over it. A card dropped out of the leaves. It was his own. Further examination showed that he had bought back his property. It cured him of casting books at servants' heads.—New York Press.

Sunday School Lessons for the World.

A power greater than that of kings seems to have been wielded by the little group of thoughtful men who gathered at the Fenway residence of W. N. Hartshorn to select the lessons for the Sunday schools of the world, says the Boston Herald. Every year they gather to make this choice, and when a decision has been reached the lessons are handed out to the printers and by them literally scattered over the planet. The word thus goes forth not in one but in scores of languages. Europe and Africa, east and west, north and south, get these helps to religious study in the vernacular. There is a supply for Hawaii, Japan and the islands of the sea. For India alone 40 dialects have to be provided for. Some 500,000,000 Sunday school leaflets are thus distributed every year.

With an Eye to the Future.

Queen Alexandra attended last spring's annual Mansion House fete in London, and because of that auspicious fact there is a tale to tell—and worth the while. One of the diminutive flower maidens was both pretty and plump, and when her majesty stopped for an instant to smile down upon her, what did she do but put up her wee (and tempting) mouth for a kiss, which she received.

"Molly!" gasped her astounded mother, and after the distinguished visitor had passed on, "how could you!"

And Molly gave a good reason. "I fought," said she. "It 'ud be interest' in' to tell my grandchildren."—Harper's Weekly.

Wonderful Phraseology.

A party of American tourists who were comfortably established in a hotel in Germany discovered a new contribution to "English as she is spoke," only this time they found it in the written word. The building had been recently wired for electricity and under the bulbs in each room directions were posted in French, German and English. The French was impeccable, the German nearly so. The English read as follows: "To open and shut the lightning electrical on, is requested to turn to the right hand. On going to bed it must be closed. Otherwise the lightning must be paid."

Where It Belongs.

"Excuse me," said the playwright to his friend who was hissing the piece, "do you think it is good form to hiss my show when I gave you the ticket that admitted you?"

"Certainly," resentfully replied the friend. "If I'd bought a ticket I would have contented myself by going outside and swearing at myself."—Success Magazine.

HOMELESS URCHINS

HOW THEY ARE CARED FOR BY THE STATE.

APPROPRIATIONS TOO SMALL.

Excellent Work Accomplished by This Comparatively New Department of the State Government.

Springfield, March 9.—In an office on the second floor of the state house is the department to which is confided the protection of the homeless children of Illinois. The demands this department makes is that the homeless child shall have a home, parental care, school education and moral training to enable it to become a respectable and law-abiding citizen.

For two years the department for the visitation of children has been organizing and perfecting its system. When it began its work there was no centralized record of the 4,000 children who had been placed in homes by the home finding societies and other agencies in the state. To assemble these records and make a complete list of the children who had been placed in homes by the respective societies was the first duty of the department, which consisted of a state agent and two home visitors. Having obtained the names of these children, the department compiled a complete history of every child. This is maintained in a card system in which is kept the name, age and color of the child; when born; when received by the respective society or asylum; when it was placed in a family home; whether committed by the court or released voluntarily by the parents. The card also shows the influence placing the child in the home; the name of the persons with whom it is placed; the town and county in which they reside. Having completed this record, the home visitor is called upon. The state maintains two at present, Miss Katherine Gallagher and Mr. William Blackwelder, who are assigned under the direction of the state agent, Rev. Charles Virden. A visitor is sent to visit the child and the obverse of the card shows the number of visits made in each instance; the date of the visit; and general remarks concerning the individual case.

The work of the home visitors often is embarrassing and most unpleasant. Frequently they are not well received. They are made to feel that they are trespassing upon the privacy of a home, and not infrequently their visit is resented. They must be tactful but resolute, because it is their duty to find whether or not the child is receiving proper care and is in a good home. Frequently the persons to whom the child has been entrusted are reticent and refuse to give any information concerning it. The home visitor must obtain the information in some way and must be sure that it is absolutely reliable.

Case of Baby Ben.

One case in particular in which the tact of the home visitor was called in question may be cited. It is that of a boy called Baby Ben who was 2½ years of age when his mother died. There were several other children in the family. His father feeling the burden of the care of so many children decided to leave Ben with his sister, who resided on a small farm, while he sought employment and a home in the west. Rumors of the ill treatment of the boy frequently were heard in the neighborhood. Finally the neighbors, unable to stand it any longer, asked for an investigation. The officer found that the aunt to whose care the boy had been entrusted believed that he was possessed of witches. To protect him from the evil influence he was kept in a box at night with slats nailed down in such a way as to admit the air. An older boy slept on the box. Yet with all these protections Baby Ben would escape from his narrow bed, wander about the house, climb up the smooth walls and run along the ceiling, always, however, mysteriously returning to the box again without ever having disturbed the sleeping boy. Often the aunt deemed it necessary to keep him chained in bed. Sometimes she even burned him or permitted him to burn himself. When the officer found him large burns were discovered upon his body and his eyes were blackened, the injuries requiring medical attention. After the child was removed from the home and his injuries treated by a physician, it was discovered that he was a fair, healthy baby. The father was notified. He came from the west and the child was rescued.

Visitor Reports Conditions.

Whatever a home visitor finds in a home is reported to the department with the condition of the child at the time he visited it. A duplicate of this report is sent to the institution or society which placed the child. If that report be unsatisfactory a request is made by the state agent for the removal of the child from the home and if necessary the attention of the society is directed to the clause in the statute giving the state agent authority to make this request. The clause is as follows:

"If said association, institution or individual shall not take suitable action in the case within 15 days the said state board of charities may cause said child to be removed from the home in which it had been placed and may return the child to said association, institution or individual or to the circuit or county court in the county from which said child was originally

received; and the actual and necessary expense of such removal shall be paid by the agency that originally placed such child."

Action of this character seldom has been found necessary by the department as the institution and societies usually are ready and often anxious to remove children when they have been unfortunately placed.

Besides the inspection work related above the department which is under the general supervision of the state board of public charities is required to make an inspection of institutions containing children. This is done to ascertain if institutions are conforming with the requirements of the law. If such be found to be the case a written recommendation is placed on file and a certificate is issued to the institution. If on the other hand the law has not been complied with the recommendation is withheld.

The department is required to make an inspection of institutions before certificates may be renewed and must make an investigation of domestic applications for charter. Foreign corporations or individuals may place children in this state but not until after a good and sufficient bond has been filed as guarantee that such foreign ward shall not become dependent upon this state.

The department frequently has special cases called to its attention. Demands for instant removal of children are made and often the prosecution of some individual for cruelty or a crime against a child is sought.

Work Steadily Increases.

The work of the department steadily is broadening. The law creating the department was passed by the forty-fourth general assembly with the support of Gov. Deneen. The department was organized and began its work July 1, 1905, home visitors, however, were not appointed until the following spring when Miss Gallagher and Mr. Blackwelder, who had passed an examination under the new state civil service law, were appointed home visitors. Miss Gallagher was appointed March 15, 1906, and Mr. Blackwelder April 1, 1906.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, they, with State Agent Virden, made 324 visits to children placed in 99 towns in 30 counties. Last year the work more than trebled.

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DIFFERENT EFFECT.



Mrs. Goodsole—My boy, it makes me sick at heart to see you smoking.
Kid—Dat's funny. It seems to ketch me right in the stumpleck.

Hog Cholera.

The greatest drawback to the hog industry which breeders in this country have to contend with is what is known as "hog cholera" and "swine plague."

Hog cholera is a highly contagious disease and unless checked is liable to carry off a great number of hogs in a very short time.
Mr. A. F. Williams, of Burnetts Creek, Ind., tells of an experience which he had with some hogs that had the cholera. "Five years ago," says Mr. Williams, "I was in the employ of Mr. J. D. Richardson, Lafayette, Ind., as his barn foreman. Some fine hogs that I was feeding took the cholera. I gave them Sloan's Liniment and did not lose a hog. Some were so bad they would not drink sweet milk and I was compelled to drench them. I have tried it at every opportunity since and always find it O. K."

Write for Dr. Sloan's free book on the treatment of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, and Poultry. Address: Dr. Earl S. Sloan, 615 Albany Street, Boston, Mass.

The "Patrol" Wagon.

The telephone in police headquarters rang.
"Is this the police station?" inquired a woman's voice.
"It is," said C. E. McVey, the desk sergeant.

"Well, I wish you'd send the patrol wagon over to Fourth and Oak streets right away. Ole Bill's got drunk again and he's just raising Cain. And say," the voice added, "if you all don't send that wagon mighty quick you all might as well send a hearse, 'cause I'm goin' to hit that fool nigger in a minute."
The wagon made a "hurry" run, but returned empty a few minutes later. The driver reported that he could find no trouble.—Kansas City Star.

In Demand.

"I hear you have a new automobile, old man," said the motor-car fiend.
"What does it look like?"
"Well, to tell you the truth," replied the amateur motorist, "it is as ugly as a steam roller, makes as much noise as a traction engine, knocks over as many people as a freight engine and raises as much dust as a street-sweeping machine."
The motor-car fiend was wild with enthusiasm.

"You don't say!" he blurted eagerly.
"Tell me where I can buy the same make and I'll give you my old machine as a present."

How the Governor Felt.

Gov. Hughes recently addressed the West End Woman's Republican club of New York and remarked in the course of his talk: "My happiness on this occasion may be compared with the young lady on her first visit to Venice. I believe she wrote her intimate friend as follows: 'I am here on the Grand Canal, drinking it all in.' She added: 'Life's never seemed so full before.'"

OLD SURGEON

Found Coffee Caused Hands to Tremble.

The surgeon's duties require clear judgment and a steady hand. A slip or an unnecessary incision may do irreparable damage to the patient.

When he found that coffee drinking caused his hands to tremble, an Illinois surgeon conscientiously gave it up and this is his story.

"For years I was a coffee drinker, until my nervous system was nearly broken down, my hands trembled so I could hardly write, and insomnia tortured me at night.

"Besides, how could I safely perform operations with unsteady hands, using knives and instruments of precision? When I saw plainly the bad effects of coffee, I decided to stop it, and three years ago I prepared some Postum, of which I had received a sample.

"The first cupful surprised me. It was mild, soothing, delicious. At this time I gave some Postum to a friend who was in a similar condition to mine, from the use of coffee.

"A few days after, I met him and he was full of praise for Postum, declaring he would never return to coffee but stick to Postum. We then ordered a full supply and within a short time my nervousness and consequent trembling, as well as insomnia, disappeared, blood circulation became normal, no dizziness nor heat flashes.

"My friend became a Postum enthusiast, his whole family using it exclusively.

"It would be the fault of the one who brewed the Postum, if it did not taste good when served.

"The best food may be spoiled if not properly made. Postum should be boiled according to directions on the pkg. Then it is all right, anyone can rely on it. It ought to become the national drink." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkg.

RESOLVED TO SHUT EYE.

Mrs. Intheswim Intended to Draw Social Line in Heaven.

The minister had dropped in to tea, and the conversation had drifted through various channels to the question of whether or not we should know each other in heaven. Presuming that our physical beings would be perpetuated, and that recognition would be assured, the minister had asked various ones at the table among whom the Biblical characters they would be most interested in recognizing.

Some mentioned one prophet and some another, but one lady, noted for her social exclusiveness, had not spoken. Turning to her the minister said: "And who would you like to meet in heaven, Mrs. Intheswim?"

"Mrs. Intheswim pursed her lips. "I really don't know," she said, "but there is one thing I do know, and that is that I shouldn't care to meet Eve, in fact, I don't know that I would speak to her if I did!"

HIS LECTURE ON JOB.

Brother Dickey Thinks He Was Over-rated as Patient Man.

"I dunno what dey call Job a patient man fer," said Brother Dickey, "kase of all de growlers I ever hearn tell on he sho' wuz de growlinest. But he sho' had de enough ter make him grow—dat he did. De devil say: 'Looky yere, Job, you in my power, now, an' I gwine ter 'flict you wid a few biles.' An' Job say: 'All right; I kin stan' it ef you kin.' But de biles commence ter break out so thick an' fas' dat Job say: 'Looky yere, man, dese ain't no biles—dis de smallpox, ech' so dat he had ter scratch hisself wid a goat's head. Den de devil git in a high win' and blow down Job's house; an' dat wuz too much. So 'f Job lift up his voice an' he say: 'Looky yere, I bargain fer biles, but I didn't want no harricane 'thowed in fer good measure.'"—Atlanta Constitution.

Billion Dollar Grass.

Most remarkable grass of the century. Good for three routing crops annually. One Iowa farmer on 100 acres sold \$3,800.00 worth of seed and had 300 tons of hay besides. It is immense. Do try it.

For 10c AND THIS NOTICE send to the John A. Salszer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., to pay postage, etc., and they will mail you the only original seed catalog published in America with samples of Billion Dollar Grass, Macaroni Wheat, the all miller mixer, Sainfoin, the dry soil luxuriator, Victoria Rape, the 3c a ton green food producer, Silver King Barley yielding 178 bu. per acre, etc., etc.

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Champ (savagely)—Your dog has bitten a piece clean out of my dog.
Sharpe (ditto)—Confound it! I wanted to bring him up as a vegetarian.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Application Put on File.

The Needy One—I say, old man, could you lend me a dollar for a day or two?

The Other One—My dear fellow, the dollar I lend is out at present, and I've several names down for it when it comes back.—Harper's Weekly.

Sudden Changes of the Weather

often cause Bronchial and Lung troubles. "Brown's Bronchial Troches" allay throat irritation and coughs.

The best acting at an amateur performance is always done by the people who sit down in front and act as though they enjoyed it.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE.

From October to May, Colds are the most frequent cause of Headache. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes cause. E. W. Grove on box file.

Goethe: There is nothing more frightful than ignorance in action.

FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. FASO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blisters, Bleeding or Protruding Files in 10 to 14 days or money refunded, 50c.

Why do people who pick quarrels always select such ugly ones?

Lewis' Single Binder costs more than other 5c cigars. Smokers know why. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Some silence may be golden, but much of it is ironical.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

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HER GOOD FORTUNE.

After Years Spent in Vain Effort.

Mrs. Mary E. H. Rouse, of Cambridge, N. Y., says: "Five years ago I had a bad fall and it affected my kidneys. Severe pains in my back and hips became constant, and sharp twinges followed any exertion. The kidney secretions were badly discolored. I lost flesh and grew too weak to work. Though constantly using medicine I despaired of being cured until I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills. Then relief came quickly, and in a short time I was completely cured. I am now in excellent health."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Similar Result.

There are certain delicate shades of expression of which a Frenchman is, as a rule, past master. One member of that fluent nation, stranded in New York, was setting forth his troubles to a lawyer.

"I understand from what you say that you are convinced your friend Leconte has stolen your purse," said the lawyer.

"No, no, monsieur, not so fast!" cried his client. "I only say that if Leconte had not assisted me to hunt for it I should have found it again."—Youth's Companion.

The Difference.

"Grafton calls himself a 'professional man' and yet he takes no part in anything but politics. Is politics a profession or a business?"

"Well, when his side is in power it's a business; otherwise it's merely a profession."—Philadelphia Press.

Every Lover of Good Music

should take advantage of the offer the Jerome H. Remick Co. of New York make in the advertising columns of this paper to send for 25 cents the words and music of nine of the best pieces of the Merry Widow Opera, all the rage at present in London, Paris and New York.

The Wicked Husband.

"Why does a man lie to his wife?" asks a woman writer. Dear me; does he?—Duluth Herald.



After suffering for seven years, this woman was restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Read her letter.

Mrs. Sallie French, of Faucaux, Ind. Ter., writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I had female troubles for seven years—was all run-down, and so nervous I could not do anything. The doctors treated me for different troubles but did me no good. While in this condition I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for advice and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am now strong and well."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Don't hesitate to write to Mrs. Pinkham if there is anything about your sickness you do not understand. She will treat your letter in confidence and advise you free. No woman ever regretted writing her, and because of her vast experience she has helped thousands. Address, Lynn, Mass.

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Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Discomfort from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER, and Biliousness. Fully Vegetable.

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Our Springfield Letter

Special Correspondent Writes of Things of Interest at the State Capital.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes statistics on coal production, shipping, and mining machinery.

Report of Chicago State Banks. An echo of the financial storm is found in the recapitulation of the condition of the state banks in the city of Chicago, issued by State Auditor McCullough. The statement shows the condition of the 44 state banks in Chicago on February 15 last.

Lawyers Get Evidence. Attorneys for the state in the suit against the Economy Light and Power company are busy taking depositions relative to the case. Mr. Fitch of the attorney general's office, Merritt Starr, special counsel, and former Congressman Reeves are busily engaged in securing evidence to prove the Desplaines river a navigable stream.

Requisition for Munn. A requisition was issued from the executive office for the return to Litchfield of Robert Munn, under arrest at Denver, Col., on a charge of murder. Assistant State's Attorney Stuttle of Montgomery county secured the papers and Sheriff Bray and State's Attorney Hill of the same county left immediately for Colorado.

Authorities Criticized. Residents at Barry reported to the state board that the authorities there were not enforcing vaccination in the schools despite an outbreak of smallpox.

Pass State Law Examination. The state board of law examiners reported the following named persons as having satisfactorily passed the examination for admission to the bar held at Ottawa on February 25 and 26: William F. Ater, Walter Bachrach, Wilbur C. Bacon, John Borden, Charles Nickerson Caldwell, Paul Carpenter, Carroll Caruthers, Bert Martin Cavanaugh, Lincoln R. Clark, Lawrence A. Cohen, Henry Dvorak, Clint C. Hine, George H. Hough, W. H. Jackson, Byron V. Kanaley, Chester Arthur Legg, Alexander Pitcairn Lindsay, Wayland Wells Magee, Joseph D. O'Donnell, John H. Passmore, Jesse Quitman, Neal D. Reardon, Frank P. Scheiner, Emil Seidenglanz, Marshall Solberg, Hyman Soboroff, Harold G. Spurling, Charles P. Starke, Samuel A. Strauss, Chicago; W. G. Armstrong, Dixon; Alexander Falconer Beaubien, Waukegan; Edward R. Branson, Petersburg; Minto L. Burroughs, Edwardsville; James Stewart Clarke, Staunton; William Debusk, Park Ridge; Guy P. Denton, Effingham; James Dwight Dickerson, Evanston; Ezra J. Frantz, Decatur; Charles S. Gibbs, Springfield; James P. Graham, Illiopolis; Victor R. Griggs, Kewanee; Eugene F. Hargot, Fairfield; James V. Heidinger, Fairfield; George Arthur Kelly, Ottawa; Edward L. Maher, Venice; William Charles McNitt, Evanston; Ira Rymer, Wilmette; Arthur J. Tripp, Belvidere.

Plan "Board of Control." There is every indication that the legislature, when it reconvenes May 4, will be given an opportunity to solve the asylum muddle by the simple expedient of passing the proposed "board of control" bill. Every member of the legislature's asylum investigating body, after a month of delving into the institution ills and abuses of all sorts, favors such a plan. It is understood that such a measure as outlined by Representative David Shanahan, chairman of the house appropriation committee, is being drawn up roughly and will receive the official indorsement of the committee. With all the members of the investigating body in Chicago recently, a general summing up of the evidence in hand took place and the board of control idea was advanced as the best method of preventing the abuses which have been uncovered during the course of the present probe.

Knocks Out Double Taxation. The Illinois supreme court holds that the local school boards in six districts of Cook county and the township boards controlling the high schools in the same districts have no authority to levy each a tax of 2 1/2 per cent. or a total of five per cent. on one district. The high schools affected are those of Barrington, Palatine, Maywood, Riverside, Blue Island and Morgan Park. They are controlled by a township board superimposed upon the school district, which is regulated by the local board. The law provides that members of a township board have equal powers with school directors. The supreme court holds that while the boards are legally organized the attempt of each to levy a tax of 2 1/2 per cent. under the law is unwarranted.

Templeton Would Be Auditor Again. James W. Templeton, who was a candidate for the Republican nomination for state auditor in 1888, when Joseph Fifer of Bloomington was nominated for governor, has announced his candidacy for that office again, this time in the primaries and against Auditor McCullough. He has secured a long list of names in support of his candidacy and says that Auditor McCullough, having served 12 years in the office, should not ask for four more. "I could have been nominated in 1888," he said, "if it had not been that Mr. Fifer and I both were from McLean county at that time, and his nomination put the nomination of another man from that county out of the question."

County Treasurers Meet. County treasurers from all over the state gathered in Springfield to organize a permanent association. The meeting proper was held on Wednesday, but a preliminary session of the promoters of the project was held Monday, when the program was completed and final details for the convention arranged. W. H. Eubanks, chief clerk in the office of the auditor of public accounts, addressed the convention and County Treasurer James A. Hall of Sangamon county was another speaker.

HOMELESS URCHINS

HOW THEY ARE CARED FOR BY THE STATE.

APPROPRIATIONS TOO SMALL

Excellent Work Accomplished by This Comparatively New Department of the State Government.

Springfield, March 6.—In an office on the second floor of the state house is the department to which is confided the protection of the homeless children of Illinois. The demands this department makes is that the homeless child shall have a home, parental care, school education and moral training to enable it to become a respectable and law-abiding citizen. For two years the department for the visitation of children has been organizing and perfecting its system. When it began its work there was no centralized record of the 4,000 children who had been placed in homes by the home finding societies and other agencies in the state. To assemble these records and make a complete list of the children who had been placed in homes by the respective societies was the first duty of the department, which consisted of a state agent and two home visitors. Having obtained the names of these children, the department compiled a complete history of every child. This is maintained in a card system in which is kept the name, age and color of the child; when born; when received by the respective society or asylum; when it was placed in a family home; whether committed by the court or released voluntarily by the parents. The card also shows the influence placing the child in the home; the name of the persons with whom it is placed; the town and county in which they reside. Having completed this record, the home visitor is called upon. The state maintains two at present, Miss Katherine Gallagher and Mr. William Blackwelder, who are assigned under the direction of the state agent, Rev. Charles Virden. A visitor is sent to visit the child and the obverse of the card shows the number of visits made in each instance; the date of the visit; and general remarks concerning the individual case.

The work of the home visitors often is embarrassing and most unpleasant. Frequently they are not well received. They are made to feel that they are trespassing upon the privacy of a home, and not infrequently their visit is resented. They must be tactful but resolute, because it is their duty to find whether or not the child is receiving proper care and is in a good home. Frequently the persons to whom the child has been intrusted are reticent and refuse to give any information concerning it. Case of Baby Ben. One case in particular in which the tact of the home visitor was called in question may be cited. It is that of a boy called Baby Ben who was 2 1/2 years of age when his mother died. There were several other children in the family. His father feeling the burden of the care of so many children decided to leave Ben with his sister, who resided on a small farm, while he sought employment and a home in the west. Rumors of the ill treatment of the boy frequently were heard in the neighborhood. Finally the neighbors, unable to stand it any longer, asked for an investigation. The officer found that the aunt to whose care the boy had been intrusted believed that he was possessed of witches. To protect him from the evil influence he was kept in a box at night with slats nailed down in such a way as to admit the air. An older boy slept on the box. Yet with all these protections Baby Ben would escape from his narrow bed, wander about the house, climb up the smooth walls and run along the ceiling, always, however, mysteriously returning to the box again without ever having disturbed the sleeping boy. Often the aunt deemed it necessary to keep him chained in bed. Sometimes she even burned him or permitted him to burn himself. When the officer found him large burns were discovered upon his body and his eyes were blackened. The injuries requiring medical attention. After the child was removed from the home and his injuries treated by a physician, it was discovered that he was a fair, healthy baby. The father was notified. He came from the west and the child was rescued. Visitor Reports Conditions. Whatever a home visitor finds in a home is reported to the department with the condition of the child at the time he visited it. A duplicate of this report is sent to the institution or society which placed the child. If that report be unsatisfactory a request is made by the state agent for the removal of the child from the home and if necessary the attention of the society is directed to the clause in the statute giving the state agent authority to make this request. The clause is as follows:

"If said association, institution or individual shall not take suitable action in the case within 15 days the said state board of charities may cause said child to be removed from the home in which it had been placed and may return the child to said association, institution or individual or to the circuit or county court in the county from which said child was originally received; and the actual and necessary expense of such removal shall be paid by the agency that originally placed such child."

Action of this character seldom has been found necessary by the department as the institution and societies usually are ready and often anxious to remove children when they have been unfortunately placed.

Besides the inspection work related above the department which is under the general supervision of the state board of public charities is required to make an inspection of institutions containing children. This is done to ascertain if institutions are conforming with the requirements of the law. If such be found to be the case a written recommendation is placed on file and a certificate is issued to the institution. If on the other hand the law has not been complied with the recommendation is withheld.

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Illinois State News
Recent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities and Towns.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR.

Illinois Farmers' Grain Dealers Choose Their Officers.

Bloomington.—The following officers were elected by the Illinois Farmers' Grain Dealers' association: President—Thomas Lamb, Bement. First Vice-President—L. C. McCabe, Ludlow. Second Vice-President—C. H. Knight, Anchor.

Secretary—J. A. McCreery, Mason City.

Assistant Secretary—John Miller, Galva.

Treasurer—J. P. Abbott, Mason City.

Directors—J. C. Waldine, Putnam, and Henry Shafer, Illiopolis.

Resolutions were passed condemning the legislators who voted against the passage of the reciprocal demurrage bill; indorsing a non-partisan tariff with two commissioners, one representing agriculture and one manufacturing; asking federal grain inspection, and indorsing the deep waterway movement.

The dues of each company belonging to the association were raised from \$10 to \$20. A traveling representative will be employed to organize new companies and to strengthen weak ones.

DIRECTORS HELD NOT LIABLE.

Clear Cut Decision Made by Judge Thompson at Charleston.

Charleston.—The only federal jurist ever under indictment in a criminal case, Peter S. Grosscup, was freed from that position when Judge Thompson denounced the action of the Coles county grand jury in holding the directors of the Mattoon City railway liable for the deaths of 18 persons in a wreck on their line as unjustified and unwarranted.

In a sweeping oral opinion, based upon broad and general grounds as well as upon legal faults, he quashed all the indictments against the officers and directors of the corporation. Because of technical errors Judge Thompson also discharged the two motormen who were in control of the ill-fated cars; but because of the public standing of the directors and the legal issues as to their responsibility their release is regarded as the most important phase of the decision.

Landlady Will Sue Evangelist.

Kewanee.—Because he cut scriptural passages on the windows of his boarding place with a diamond-pointed instrument, Evangelist Layfield, who has just closed meetings at Neponset, will receive a bill for the cost of new panes by Mrs. Morse, his landlady. The evangelist sought permission to cut texts on the post office windows, but was refused by Postmaster Carpenter. Mrs. Morse protested against the damage to her property, but the evangelist insisted he had done good. Neponset church people disapprove of his action.

Douglas Indorses All Around.

Tuscola.—The Republican central committee of Douglas county met here and passed resolutions indorsing the Roosevelt administration. The candidacy of Cannon and the administration and candidacy of Gov. Deneen, the policies of both of Illinois' senators, and the candidacy of Senator Hopkins and Congressman McKinley were also indorsed.

Says Store Coal Under Water.

Urbana.—Experiments by Prof. S. W. Parr of the University of Illinois on the keeping of soft coal from mines of the state, show that contrary to popular opinion and practice, there is no advantage in storing such coal under cover. In fact, Illinois coal keeps best, according to Prof. Parr's report, when stored under water.

Asks \$10,000 for Miner's Death.

Taylorville.—J. N. Malhot, administrator of the estate of Stephen Mariotti, who was killed by falling coal in the Assumption Coal Mining company's mine on July 22, 1907, commenced suit for \$10,000 against the coal company, alleging that the man's death was due to their negligence.

Life Term Given to Maniac.

Peoria.—A maniac, Henry N. Hatchett at Linton, Ill., was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Chester penitentiary. Hatchett, who had escaped from the Bartonville asylum, shot and killed William B. Hagenbeck at Chestnut on January 17.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Mount Vernon.—Gov. Charles S. Deneen received the indorsement of the Republican county central committee of Jefferson county without a dissenting vote. The Deneen resolution also indorsed Cannon for president, Hopkins for senator, John J. Brown for secretary of state, and A. C. Mills-paugh for appellate clerk, Fourth district.

Pontiac.—The Livingston county Republican central committee met here and called a county convention to be held here March 18 for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state and congressional conventions. The caucuses will be held March 14.

Effingham.—The Republican county committee of Effingham county, in naming delegates to the district and state conventions, indorsed Cannon for the presidency and Gov. Deneen for re-election.

Carlyle.—The Republican central committee of Clinton county indorsed Speaker Cannon for the presidency and Gov. Deneen for re-election, but did not instruct the delegates chosen.

Jacksonville.—The Twentieth district congressional committee indorsed Speaker Cannon for the presidency, as was also Gov. Deneen's administration.

Mount Carmel.—The Republican county committee of Wabash county indorsed Secretary Taft for the presidency in selecting delegates to the district convention.

Freeport.—The Republican congressional convention of the Thirtieth district was called to meet in Freeport on April 16, to elect two delegates and alternates to the national convention. The county central committees were authorized to select delegates. The representation of the counties is: Carroll, 10; Jo Daviess, 11; Lee, 15; Ogle, 17; Stephenson, 16; Whiteside, 19; Stephenson county selected state and congressional delegations. Cannon's friends control both.

TRIPLE WEDDING AT STERLING.

Remarkable Circumstances Connected with Each Ceremony.

Sterling.—A triple wedding, in which two brothers married two sisters and in which the third couple were friends from the cradle, took place at Lanark. The three couples were Miss Ola Hesper and Bert Tallman, Miss Grace Hesper and Harry Tallman, and Earl Roland and Miss Etta Stevens. The wedding was attended by four mammas, four papas and 24 brothers and sisters.

Beauty Spoiled; Gets Damages.

Chicago.—Beauty attendant upon a perfect Grecian nose was valued at \$2,500 by a jury in the superior court. Dr. Bessie M. Andrus, a handsome young physician with an office at 824 West North avenue, suffered injury to her nose on a North avenue street car some time ago and sued for \$20,000 damages. She said she was satisfied with the jury's decision, though the disaster to her nose has been considerable.

Farmers Outbid Horse Market.

Assumption.—Of the twenty or thirty farm sales held in this vicinity since January 1 none has been a failure. Live stock has brought exceptionally good prices. J. D. Anderson received \$450 for a team of mules. Other teams and single animals are selling in proportion. It is said that the market men cannot afford to buy at farm sales, as the farmers outbid them.

Falls Dead in Corn Crib.

Kewanee.—When Charles Cartune entered a corn crib he stumbled over the lifeless body of his father, George Cartune, 56 years old, who had dropped dead while getting feed for stock.

Scarlet Fever Closes Schools.

Bloomington.—The scarlet fever epidemic at Chenoa has reached such proportions that the churches and the schools have been closed and all public meetings forbidden.

Threatens Wife; Kills Self.

Mendota.—Edward Palmer, a restaurant man, after threatening to kill his wife, shot and killed himself. Domestic troubles are said to have been the cause.

