ILLINOIS NEWS

Choice items from over the state, specially selected for our readers

LOSES $48,000 IN POKER GAME!

Country Merchant Tells of Costly Night in a Gambling-House.

One night at a poker table in a Chicago gambling-house cost Jacob Cohen, once a wealthy merchant of Jacksonville, $48,000, according to testimony offered by him before Bankruptcy Referee E. S. Robinson at Chicago. Creditors of Cohen, who say he left Jacksonville several months ago with $61,000, have been endeavoring to locate the money, and the hearing was for the purpose of finding it, if possible. Cohen accounted for the remaining $13,000 by saying he lost it in a gambling room in Terre Haute, Ind., a few days later. Cohen could not say where the Chicago gambling-house was located. Managers of eight safety deposit vault companies were examined in an effort to locate Cohen's wealth, but nothing of value was gained.

YOUNG GIRL MAY GET $10,000,000

Letters of Rich Medical Student to Fiancee Basis for Claim.

Sudie Cady of Freeport may fall heir to $10,000,000 left by Frank Hess, aged 19, a young student of Rush Medical College, Chicago, who died last March without making a will. His father, who died less than a year ago, was owner of many clothing houses and wealthy. He left all of his money to his son. An uncle, Dr. Hess of New York, also died within a year and left his fortune to the student. Young Hess was to have been married in the fall to Miss Cady and her relatives have letters which show that in case of Hess' death it was his desire that the money go to his fiancee. Two uncles and three aunts of the young man will contest the right of the girl to the fortune. One of the uncles lives near Freeport.

Illinois League Organizes.

The Illinois State Baseball league has been organized, consisting of teams from Galesburg, Canton, Kewanee and Quincy. The season will open June 10 and will close Sept. 25. Each club is to play fifty games, the first games to be played by Quincy at Canton and Galesburg at Kewanee. The officers constitute the board of directors. Brady is manager of the Kewanee, Kinsloe of Galesburg, and Hofer of Quincy, and Fox for Canton. Harry Hofer of Quincy is president; Rupert F. Kinsloe, Galesburg, secretary, and J. M. Fox of Canton, treasurer.

Union Against Militia.

Capt. Charles Walz, commanding troop D, First cavalry, Illinois national guard, has been requested by the Springfield Plumbers' union, of which he is a member, to resign from the national guard. In case he does not he will be compelled to leave the union and his employers will be requested by the union to discharge him. He reported the matter to Adjt. Gen. Scott.

Swedish Baptists Name Officers.

The Ministerial Association of the Swedish Baptist church of Illinois at Rockford elected the following officers: President, the Rev. Gust Holmberg, Joliet; secretary, the Rev. John H. Swanson, Chicago; treasurer, the Rev. G. Wallendorff, Chicago; executive committee, the Rev. P. Swartz and A. F. Grahn, Chicago.

Wheat Order is Revoked.

Judge Burroughs of St. Clair county circuit court at Evansville dissolved the injunction granted by himself against the Illinois railroad and warehouse commissioners and the inspectors at East St. Louis and Venice, to prevent the grading of red Russian wheat as No. 2 red winter wheat.

Bursting Bottle Severs Artery.

Larry Cahill, proprietor of a saloon at East St. Louis, received a gash in his forehead about 3 inches long by the explosion of a bottle which he was opening for a customer. He came near bleeding to death before a physician could be found. A small artery in the forehead had been severed.

Naval Academy Appointments.

Congressman D. S. Dickson has named John J. Saxer of Centralia as a candidate to the United States naval academy at Annapolis for the Twenty-third Illinois district, with Francis C. Bennett as alternate.

Company Bores for Coal.

The coal company holding options on several thousand acres of coal land north of O'Fallon is now boring for coal at different points, and the results have been gratifying.

Oil and Gas Leases.

Thirty-two oil and gas leases have been filed for record at Hillsboro by the Equitable Oil and Gas company, which proposes to sink several wells to determine whether or not oil and gas can be found in paying quantities in Montgomery county.

Goes to Philippines.

Harry H. Wallace of Mattoon, who graduates this week from Hanover college, has accepted an appointment as a lieutenant in the Philippines. He will leave for his new station in July.

CULVER FIRM GETS CONTRACT

Springfield Company Lowest Bidder for Tanner Monument.

The Culver Construction company of Springfield has been awarded the contract for erecting the Tanner memorial monument in Oakridge cemetery by the board of directors of the Tanner Monument association upon a bid of $16,867.50. Present at a meeting of the directors were: Chairman James A. Rose, State Auditor McCullough, James R. B. Van Cleave, F. K. Whittemore, John W. Bunn, M. O. Williamson and H. F. Aspinwall. Col. J. Mack Tanner was elected a member of the board and Chairman Rose was instructed to appoint a building committee of five members.

TRANSFER TITLE TO SMALL BOY

East St. Louis Couple Acquire Deed to Lad Whom They Adopt.

A deed has been filed in the county recorder's office at Belleville from the National Benevolent association of the Christian church of Missouri to Harry and Ruby Davis of East St. Louis, transferring the right, title and interest in Filbert Whitt, aged 4 years, of Stoddard county, Missouri. There was no consideration named other than that the child's name should be John James Davis. The child was present when the deed was filed, and looked on in wonderment at the transaction.

HEADS STATE DOCTORS.

Dr. H. C. Mitchell, recently elected president of the Illinois State Medical Society, is one of the distinguished residents of Carbondale. He is a member of the American Medical Association and of the American Association of Surgery and ranks high

DR. H. C. MITCHELL

among the Masons. Dr. Mitchell was born in Williamson county forty-nine years ago, and is a graduate of the Northwestern University medical school. He is president of the Jackson State Bank and also is treasurer of the Southern Normal School. His family consists of a wife and five children.

High School League Officers.

The executive committee of the southeastern Illinois High School league, at Morris City, has elected the following officers: M. N. McCartney, president; W. R. Jennings, vice president; W. C. Fairweather, secretary and treasurer. The committee voted to hold the next annual meet at McLeansboro, Shawneetown and Vienna.

Bids for Tanner Monument.

Out of eleven bids submitted for the construction of the Tanner monument in Oak Ridge cemetery, Springfield, that of the Culver Construction company was $2,000 less than the next lowest bidder. While the bids were not made public, they range from something less than $17,000 to over $26,000.

Banking Company Officers.

The new Clay County State Banking company of Flora has chosen the following officers: Lewis Dillman, president; J. H. Smith, P. N. Smith, W. D. Dillman, A. H. Moore, C. S. Erwin and B. F. Scalfe, directors. The capital stock of the new banking company is $35,000.

Cigarette Smoker a Suicide.

Harry Howard, aged 28, a candy maker, went to a grave south of Lincoln, smoked a cigarette and then cut his throat with a razor, tearing the wound open with his hands. He was out of work and despondent.

Land for Orphanage.

Hudelson home, the orphanage in Ewing, has purchased 100 acres of land from J. R. Gibbs.

Reward for Firebug.

The St. Charles city council has offered a reward for the arrest of an incendiary who set fire to the foundry of the Glenn Manufacturing company, the sixth fire in the last month. The loss was $1,200.

To Build Coal Washery.

It is stated that the Madison Coal company has decided to place a coal washer at Glen Carbon which will cost about $85,000. A pumping station and reservoir will be part of the equipment.

MILLIONS DONATED BY WOMAN

Over $2,000,000 of Mrs. Lord's Estate Bequeathed to Charities.

More than $2,000,000 of the estate left by the late Mrs. George P. Lord of Elgin will be distributed to various Illinois charitable institutions in accordance with the will made by the deceased, one of the wealthiest women in the state. The husband is given $350,000, and some of the charity donations are: Board of foreign missions, Congregational church, $20,000; Beloit college, $10,000; Berea college, Kentucky, $16,000; Snow Hill Normal and Industrial Institute, $10,000; Wheaton college, $10,000; Jerome Davis, $5,000; First Congregational church, Elgin, $5,000; Northwestern university, in trust for Elgin academy, $5,000; First Congregational church, Carpentersville, Ill., $40,000; Library and Literary association, Elgin, $25,000; Young Men's Christian association, $20,000; Old People's home, Elgin, $20,000; Woman's club, Elgin, $30,000; Woman's club, Elgin, $40,000; Illinois Home Missionary society, $10,000.

BOY IS CHARGED WITH ARSON

Twelve-Year-Old Lad Is Suspected of Having Set Fire to Elevator.

Roy Swetenham, 12 years of age, who says his home is in Newman, is in jail at Charleston, charged with incendiarism on a large scale. He was arrested at Ashmore, just after a big grain elevator and broomcorn warehouse, with all its contents, had been burned. The boy's actions aroused suspicions and he was held as a suspect. It is believed that he is implicated in the numerous fires that have recently occurred in Mattoon. Swetenham's father says the boy ran away from home a month ago.

Three-Eye League Changes.

President Holland has been notified of the release by Springfield of Jones, a pitcher, and Tadfe, a catcher, signed by Springfield; Clarence Holmes, pitcher, released by Cedar Rapids; released by Decatur, Doolin, formerly with Rock Island; released by Rock Island, Hedges, a pitcher, and Burkee, an infielder; signed by Peoria, E. R. Sapp, infielder, from the Texas league; signed by Rock Island, Harry Wallace, a pitcher, formerly with Davenport.

Miners Ask Fair Trial.

The state executive board of the United Mine Workers of America suggested to the Illinois Coal Operators' association that the shot firer law be given a fair trial. Then if it can be shown that loss of life has increased or that the law works any other hardship on the operators, the mine workers will meet the operators to adjust any disputes that may arise over the enforcement of the shot firer law.

To Advance Price of Cigars.

The conference between the cigar manufacturers and the cigarmakers' union of Alton resulted in the acceptance of the scale by the former, and it will go into effect June 1. The advance for making cigars will be about $2 on the 1,000, and the manufacturers have decided, it was claimed, to advance the price of the finished product to dealers at least half that amount.

Kills Wolf in Hennery.

Howard Henry of East Alton was attracted by a commotion in the henhouse of J. H. Chessen of that place, and upon investigating found a large wolf eagerly devouring chickens without regard as to whether they were spring or fall fowls. Henry killed the animal with a pitchfork. The wolf was the first one seen in that vicinity in many years.

Stork Visits Piasa Chautauqua.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Beauchamp at the Piasa Chautauqua hotel, which is said to be the first baby born in the Chautauqua valley for twenty years, and the first visit the stork has ever made to the new hotel. The father has charge of the hotel during the closed season.

Sells Patrons Blue Sky.

Harry Wilmerding, manager of the United States Roof Paint Company, was arrested by United States officials at Peoria for using the mails to defraud. It is alleged that he has sold "blue sky" territory extensively in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other states and there are five counts against him.

Strike Affects Growers.

Alton growers of strawberries are being seriously handicaped in disposing of their crops on account of the Chicago strike, most of the berries being distributed via Chicago to northern markets.

Former State Treasurer Dies.

Edward Rutz, state treasurer of Illinois for three terms, from 1872 to 1878, and a resident of Los Angeles for the past thirteen years, is dead at Los Angeles, Cal., of a complication of diseases, aged 76 years.

Veteran Jailer is Dead.

John Woodruff, 65 years old, who served Aurora twenty-three years as jailer under the terms of thirteen mayors, is dead. He was born in Tompkins county, New York, and located in Aurora in 1877.

GOVERNMENT LIGHT.

HISTORIC CHICKAMAUGA PARK ABLAZE WITH ILLUMINATION.

United States System of Lighting Military Post Pronounced Gratifyingly Successful—Six and One-Half Miles of Mains—Sixty-Five Street Lights.

Chickamauga Park Ga., May 21.—The United States government has here in operation one of the largest acetylene gas plants in the world. The military post at the entrance of the historical Chickamauga battlefield where thirty thousand Union and Confederate soldiers were lost in the memorable battle of Sept. 19 and 20, 1863, contains about one hundred buildings, the seventy-five principal ones of which are lighted with acetylene. To accomplish this six and one-half miles of mains and two miles of service pipes are in use, while sixty-five street lamps brilliantly illuminate the avenues of the post.

In 1903 the War Department installed a test acetylene plant at Fort Meyer, Virginia. The results were so gratifying and the superiority of the illuminant so evident that the government, March 20, 1904, placed the contract for the Chickamauga plant, in which every citizen of the United States should have his pro rata of pride.

But the government has not confined its acceptance of acetylene to this military post. Since becoming satisfied of the efficiency, superiority and economical advantages of this particular illuminant, the United States has installed a number of plants in Indian schools and other government institutions.

Acetylene gas is one of the simplest as well as the most perfect of artificial lights. It is made by the contact of water and carbide, (a manufactured product for sale at a nominal price), is absolutely safe and gives a beautiful white light soothing to the eyes and nerves. It can be produced anywhere—in the farm home, the village store, the town hall, the church—and is so easily maintained as to be practical for all classes.

It is a matter for national congratulation that in beautifying so historic a spot as Chickamauga, nothing but the best, including the lighting system, has been deemed good enough for the American people.

New Field for Business Woman.

Women, especially widows, drift into strange lines of work to make a living for themselves, but there are few who have chosen a stranger occupation than a Mrs. Harris of this city.

Last winter, when, deserted by her husband she found that she must earn a living for herself and children or become dependent upon relatives who could ill afford to provide for her. Her husband had kept a large force of men busy in the boiler cleaning business. His principal patrons were steamboat owners and captains. Mrs. Harris took charge of her absent husband's office, in search for clews to his whereabouts, and in the mail she found many orders to clean steamship boilers.

The work was urgent; there was no time to waste, so she called her husband's employes together and told them she was going to continue the business, and asked their loyal co-operation, which they were glad to give, inasmuch as they knew their own livelihood in a measure depended upon her success. She made one of the men foreman, and then proceeded to the wharf, where she met the captain of a big steamship, and, after closing a contract, set her men to work. The plucky young woman, after several months in business says she never had so much money in her life."—Philadelphia Record.

Are the Packers Receiving Fair Play?

When the Garfield report on the business methods of the packers appeared after eight months' investigation, it was severely criticised and roundly denounced. After three months of publicity it is significant that those who attempted to discredit it have failed to controvert the figures contained in that exhaustive document. The public is beginning to notice this omission, and the feeling is rapidly growing that the sensational charges out of which the "Beef Investigation" arose were without foundation. If the official statements of the report are susceptible of contradiction, a good many people are now asking why the facts and figures are not furnished to contradict them.

The truth seems to be that most of the charges contain unfounded sensational assertions. A flagrant example of this appeared in a recent article in an Eastern magazine, to the effect that "forty Iowa banks were forced to close their doors in 1902-4 by the Beef Trust's manipulation of cattle prices." Chief Clerk Cox, of the banking department of the Iowa State Auditor's office, has tabulated the list of banks given in the magazine article and has publicly denounced the statement as utterly untrue. He gives separately the reasons for each failure mentioned and officially states that they have been caused by unwise speculations and by reckless banking methods. It may be well to suspend judgment upon the packers until the charges against them are proved.

Fairchild as a "Chaser."

Lee Fairchild tells of a bit of unconscious humor displayed by a chairman of a political rally in the recent campaign. Fairchild was to be the last speaker. The hour was late, Congressman Dalzell and Senator Kean having spoken. Consequently, as the chairman rose, he said:

"It is time you were all on the way home—so I will introduce Mr. Fairchild."—New York Times.

FIRST CARNEGIE HEROES GET MEDALS AND MONEY

Silver and Bronze Emblems Are Given to Those Who Risked Life to Rescue Others.

Pittsburg dispatch: The first "Carnegie heroes" have been named by the commission in charge of the $5,000,000 fund given by the ironmaster.

Three silver and six bronze medals were awarded. Three widows, whose husbands lost their lives in the performance of acts of heroism, were cared for by the commission, and in one case a money grant was made to a heroine for educational purposes. The commission made a grant of $10,000 to the general fund for the relief of the dependents upon the victims of the Brockton, Mass., disaster last March.

A young woman of Iowa was awarded a bronze medal. The heroine is Lavinia Steele, aged 27, a library cataloguer of Des Moines.

The other awards were made as follows:

Ernestine F. Atwood, aged 17, a student of Melrose, Mass., was awarded a silver medal and $500 to be devoted by her to educational purposes.

Alexander Cameron, aged 27, of Lindsay, Canada, was awarded a silver medal.

Gideon King Marshall, aged 39, lost his life at Springdale, Pa., while attempting to rescue two laborers. The commission awarded the widow a silver medal and $500.

Seymour J. Leighton, aged 41, a machinist, was drowned while trying to rescue two school girls. Leighton's widow was awarded a bronze medal and $600.

Thomas H. McCann, aged 32, tried to save an 8-year-old boy from drowning. Mrs. McCann was awarded a bronze medal and $600.

Louis A. Baumann, Jr., aged 17, a farmer's son, was awarded a bronze medal for saving the life of a companion.

John J. Riley, aged 44, for rescuing a would-be suicide, was awarded a bronze medal.

John J. Healy, aged 24, hospital attendant at Ellis Island, was awarded a bronze medal.

SLAYS WHOLE FAMILY THEN ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

California Man Murders His Wife and Five Children and Endeavors to Kill the Milkman.

San Francisco, Cal., dispatch: Edwin Steppens, who lived at Ross Valley, Marin county, murdered his wife, shot his five children, three of whom died instantly, attempted to murder a passing milkman and then ended his own life. The two other children died later in a hospital.

Steppens, who was 35 years old, was formerly a book agent, but latterly, was said to be connected with a rubber goods house of San Francisco. The family also conducted a chicken ranch at their home in Ross Valley. Steppens emerged from his house, revolver in hand, and fired upon a passing milkman. The milkman whipped up his horses and Steppens pursued him for 200 yards, firing as he ran. Steppens then halted in the roadway, placed the revolver to his breast and discharged the weapon. The bullet did not end his life and he sent a second bullet through his brain.

When neighbors and officers entered the home of Steppens they came upon a shocking scene. The members of the family, each with a revolver wound in the head, were found in their beds. The children ranged from 1 to 11 years in age.

There is no known reason for the tragedy, but the theory is advanced that Steppens became suddenly insane.

THREE HURT IN SHAM BATTLE

Participants in Spectacle Are Trampled on During Charge.

New York dispatch: Three men were seriously injured and another may die as a result of being trampled on in the charge of the New South Wales lancers and the Highland brigade at the Boer spectacle at Brighton Beach. The accident occurred in the tableau representing the battle of Paardeberg, when more than 800 men are on the field. Charles Stewart and James Hardner, British gunners; John Barlow, a cavalryman, and Piet Gonner, one of the Boer horsemen, were badly hurt. Barlow may die.

LOSES ALL RELATIVES AT ONCE

Indiana Man Hears of Train Killing Four of His Kin in Ohio.

Mishawaka, Ind., dispatch: Joseph Howell, connected with the Lake Shore office, sent his mother, sister, uncle and the latter's wife to Ohio for a visit May 3. Friday he received a telegram informing him that all four had been killed by a train at the town of Louisville. They were the only relatives he had in the world.

Respects Jewish Rites.

Vienna cablegram: The government has overruled a recent decision of the municipality prohibiting the slaughter of cattle according to Jewish rites, which alleged that the method employed entailed undue suffering.

Banker is Sentenced.

Clark, S. D., special: Carl Jackson, cashier of the defunct First State bank, was convicted of making a false statement to a bank examiner and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

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REPORTED CURE STANDS TEST OF FULL INVESTIGATION.

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"What were they?"

"Well, the first indications were a stiffness about the knee joints that came on about four years ago. A few months after that appeared, my walk got to be uncertain, shaky-like. I lost confidence in my power to control the movements of my legs. Once, when I was in the cellar, I started to pick up two scuttles of coal, and my legs gave way suddenly, and I tumbled all in a heap in a basket. I couldn't close my eyes and keep my balance to save my life. Then I had fearful pains over my whole body and I lost control over my kidneys and my bowels."

"How about your general health?"

"Sometimes I was so weak that I had to keep my bed and my weight fell off twenty pounds. Things looked pretty bad for me until I ran across a young man who had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and who advised me to try them."

"Did these pills help you right away?"

"I didn't see much improvement until I had used six boxes. The first benefit I noticed was a better circulation and a picking up in strength and weight. I gradually got confidence in my ability to direct the movements of my legs, and in the course of seven or eight months all the troubles had disappeared."

"Do you regard yourself as entirely well now?"

"I do the work of a well man at any rate. I can close my eyes and stand up all right and move about the same as other men. The pains are all gone except an occasional twitch in the calves of my legs."

Mr. James H. Watkins resides at No. 73 Westerlo street, Albany, N.Y. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can be obtained at any drug store. They should be used as soon as the first signs of locomotor ataxia appear in a peculiar numbness of the feet.

Colorado Cliff Dwellings.

The most remarkable ruins in America are the Colorado cliff dwellings. These queer old constructions of a now extinct race are hereafter to be protected from wanton destruction by tourists and professional curio hunters. They are safe so far as the Ute Indians are concerned, who stand in superstitious awe of them, believing them inhabited by the spirits of the dead. The two principal and most easily accessible of the ruins are the so-called "Spruce Tree House" and the "Balcony House." They are in the southern Ute reservation. The "Spruce Tree House" or village is so called from a large red fallen spruce by means of which the ruin is reached. It is composed of a number of connecting square houses, and it is supposed to have contained about 130 separate rooms. The builders evidently understood the use of the right angle, the plumb line and circle, for the walls are true, the corners correct, and the ground plan of the towers and "estufas" perfect circles.

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