



THE PELUGE

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CHAPTER XXX.—Continued.
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Illinois State News

Recent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities and Towns.

WILL MEET IN DECATUR.

Methodist Women's Missionary Society Elect Officers.

Decatur.—The eighth annual convention of the Women's Home's Missionary Society of the Decatur district of the Methodist Episcopal church closed at a close at Macon May 18. All of the old officers were re-elected as follows:

President, Miss Hillian New, of Peoria; vice president, Mrs. S. L. Payne, Decatur; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. G. Imboden, Decatur; recording secretary, Mrs. J. E. Mrs. Gertrude Rodman, Mowqua; secretary young people's work, Mrs. Mae Jacobs, Macon; secretary systematic benevolence, Miss Edna Pierce, Corro Gordo; secretary literature, Miss Allen Day, Mowqua.

The next meeting will be held in the Grace Methodist Episcopal church in Decatur, the date to be set later.

FIVE MEN BOUND OVER.

Are Charged with Causing Death of Coffeen Girl.

Hillsboro.—The primary hearing of Cullom and Oran Allen, Bryan Davis, William Sharp and Taylor Phillips, charged with being responsible for the death of Lola Vance, resulted, in the two Allen's and William Sharp being held under bond of \$3,000 each and Davis and Phillips under bond of \$2,000 each.

The evidence was only circumstantial and it is not believed any of the five will be convicted.

Founder of Great Order Dies.

Chicago.—William Woolf, 109 E. Burnside avenue, an old settler in Chicago and one of the organizers of the Catholic Order of Foresters, died at the age of 67. He was born in Devonshire, England, and after serving nine years in the English navy came to America in 1851. In May, 1884, he, with William Thomas, organized the Foresters, which now numbers 127,000 members.

Many Attend Muggie's Funeral.

Springfield.—Fully 200 persons attended the funeral of State Senator Charles H. Hughes at his home in Dixon. Among those in attendance were United States Senator Albert J. Hopkins, Congressman Frank O. Lowden, United States Attorney Charles B. Morrison, together with a large delegation from the state senate and many state officers.

Teacher Exposed; Jumps Town.

Kankakee.—Following an exposure of his alleged relations with a disreputable woman, making advances to girl students, George Grinnell, a teacher in the Kankakee high school, suddenly left the city. In talking of the charge against him the teacher had a personal altercation with the president of the school board.

To Investigate Books.

Tuscola.—The recent agitation stirred up in Tuscola against Circuit Clerk Jeffers by the charges brought against him by competitors in the abstract business, has finally been taken up by the board of supervisors, and F. H. Fisher, an expert accountant, is going over the books.

Scarlet Fever at Bloomington.

Bloomington.—There have developed a number of scarlet fever and diphtheria cases and there are 12 houses placed under quarantine. There is no special anxiety felt by the city health commissioner, Dr. A. W. Meyer, as the cases are of a universally light form.

Reservoir Breaks During Storm.

Ramsey.—During a severe electrical and rain storm the dam of the large reservoir belonging to the Illinois Central Railroad company, containing 60,000,000 gallons of water, broke.

Schoolgirl Commits Suicide.

Belleview.—Miss Hilda Schonder, aged 19, a high school pupil, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. The police are unable to discover any motive for the girl's act.

Sunday School Workers to Meet.

Havana.—The annual Mason county Sunday school convention will be held in Mason City Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25 and 26.

Hotel at Fairbury is Burned.

Fairbury.—The Thomas house, the leading hotel here, burned to the ground with all the furnishings, making the loss over \$10,000.

Sullivan Wants New Depot.

Sullivan.—The people of Sullivan have started a petition to present to the Wabash Railway company to have a new Wabash depot and freight house built in that city. Sullivan wants a \$25,000 building erected.

Intoxiated Man Shoots Wife.

Quincy.—William Bruening, a cove-maker, while intoxicated, went to the home of his wife, from whom he has been separated for two months, and shot her dead. The head Bruening surrendered to the police.

ELECT FRATERNAL OFFICERS.

Members of the Reserve Life Association Pick Officials for Year.

Peoria.—Officers of the Fraternal Reserve Life association were chosen at the annual grand lodge meeting of the order as follows: President, H. C. Springfield, Peoria; vice president, Robert P. Lovett; Clerk, C. N. Carson, Peoria; treasurer, R. J. Curtis, Ottawa; chaplain, Mrs. Lulu McCrackin, Knoxville; attorney, D. B. Ellis, Elgin; medical examiner, Dr. G. S. Bowers, Galesburg; directors, O. E. Child, Moline; S. W. Dickson, Danville; S. A. Murdoch, Havana; George H. Lark, Delong; John F. Thomas, Spring Valley; inspector, R. L. Kenton, Christiana; assistant inspector, F. W. Campbell, Elgin; watchman, Mrs. Ellen Schrimp, Springfield; auditor, Benjamin P. Shadley, Galesburg; Archie Poew, Oglesby; S. W. Hardin, Carbonate; sentinel, Horace Evans, O'Fallon.

LEFT FORTUNE IN SAFE.

Burglars at Yates City Overlook the Sum of \$22,000.

Peoria.—When the vault door of the Bank of Yates City was opened by a Chicago expert it was discovered that the burglars who had blown the locks off had succeeded in getting into the vault and securing \$500 worth of postage stamps. In the inner safe there were several bags of gold and currency, about \$22,000 in all, which the robbers did not see. They were probably frightened away after blowing the outer door, and slammed the door shut as they went.

State Grand Deputy K. of C.

Chicago.—Louis Edward Sauter, who has been elected to serve a second term as state grand deputy of the Knights of Columbus, has been con-



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needed with that organization since the formation of the first council in Chicago in 1896. He is a native Chicagoan. Prior to his election as state

Miss Dixon Will Plead.

Bloomington.—The six indictments for the alleged embezzlement of the funds of the Second Christian church, are placed on the criminal calendar to be heard May 27. It seems to be a foregone conclusion that Miss Dixon will plead guilty and will take what sentence the court will give. She will be allowed to plead to the minor charge against her, and will take and serve the balance for that offense and the remaining indictments against her will be dismissed.

Win Honors With Rifle.

Chicago.—Joe Dixon, of Chicago, Rolla Heikes, of Dayton, O., and F. C. Riehl, of Alton, won honors in the closing day of the Illinois state shooting tournament at the new grounds of the Chicago Gun club. Barto is now amateur champion of the state at the trap, Fred Riehl is professional champion and Rolla Heikes has the credit of having pulled down the first place for ten events 20 targets each, missing but eight birds out of a total of 200 which he fired.

Kind Years Ago: Gets \$35,000.

Rock Island.—An act of kindness in 1890 has brought to Wilbur L. Rutledge, of this city, who has been notified that he is heir to a tract of land valued at \$35,000 in Colorado, left him by H. Paul, a former cowboy. Years ago, when Rutledge, who is a painter, was living in Colorado, he gave Paul and a companion a home for two weeks, both men being out of funds and ill.

Oakdash Wins School Debate.

Bloomington.—The annual intercollegiate debate between representatives of the state normal schools of Illinois and Wisconsin was held at the State Normal university here. Oakdash was awarded the victory.

Popcorn Machine Explodes.

Du Quoin.—A popcorn gasolene tank exploded here brightly burning two boys, Wiley Stomore and Miss Rosa, and the former's sister, Miss Ella Stomore. The victims are in a critical condition.



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to any man for any reason. And he was doing it for mere money—to try to save, not his fortune, but only an imperiled part of it. "If Anita could see him now!"

To him I said, the more coldly, because I did not wish to add to his humiliation by showing him that I pitied him: "I can only repeat, Mr. Langdon, you will have to excuse me. I have given you all the time I can spare."

His eyes were shifting and his hands trembling as he said: "I will transfer control of the Coal combine to you."

His tones, shameful as the offer carried, made me ashamed for him. For money—just for money! And I had thought him a man. If he had been a self-deceiving hypocrite like Roebuck, or a frank believer in the right of might, like Updegraff, I might possibly, in the circumstances, have tried to release him from my net.

But he has never for a moment deceived himself as to the real nature of the enterprises he plotted, promoted and profited by; he thought it "smart" to be bad, and he delighted in making the most infernal epigrams on the black deeds of himself and his associates.

"Better sell out to Roebuck," I suggested. "I control all the Coal stock I need."

"I don't care to have anything further to do with Roebuck," Langdon answered. "I've broken with him."

"When a man lies to me," said I, "he gives me the chance to see just how much of a fool he thinks I am, and also the chance to see just how

she wishes," said I, ignoring his question. "Then come to me."
His look made me shake hands with him. As I did it, we both remembered the last time we shook hands—when he had the roses for my home-coming with my bride. It seemed to me I could smell those roses.
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LANGDON COMES TO THE SURFACE.
I shall not estimate the vast sums it cost the Roebuck-Langdon clique to maintain the prices of National Coal, and so give plausibility to the fiction that the public was buying eagerly. In the third week of my campaign, Melville was so deeply involved that he had to let the two others take the whole burden upon themselves.
In the fourth week, Langdon came to me.
The interval between his card and himself gave me a chance to recover from my amazement. When he entered he found me busily writing. Though I had nerved myself, it was several seconds before I ventured to look at him. There he stood, probably as handsome, as fascinating as