

ONLY THROUGH MICHEL'S PASS CAN ROADS ENTER POPE COUNTY.

Illinois Central and Wabash Companies in Legal Battle for Right of Way Over Narrow Road Leading From Town of Golconda, Ill.



MICHEL'S PASS. Claimed to be only possible railway entrance into Pope County, Illinois. Farmers and promoters at Schmidt's Station discussing the oil boom.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Golconda, Ill., March 8.—Only through Michel's Pass can a railroad enter the rich mineral fields of Pope County, Illinois. Along the Ohio River hills rise sheer from the banks, prohibiting entrance into the prosperous little county except at enormous expense.

OPPOSED ANY CONCESSIONS TO THE ILLINOIS OPERATORS.



WILLIAM D. RYAN, Secretary of the United Mine Workers of Illinois.

BANDITS START FOR MISSOURI TO-DAY

At 9 o'clock in the morning the prisoners will be arraigned in Police Court to face the charges which were placed against them to hold them here for the Missouri officers.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Hartford, Conn., March 8.—Sheriff Bruch and his party will start back to Missouri to-morrow morning with Collins and Rudolph, the Union bank robbers.

What you want is STYLE in your clothes. That's what you get in our Hartford Bros. Tailors, 215 and 217 Charles streets.

Burned to Death in Alaska. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Seattle, Wash., March 8.—A special Post-intelligence from Dawson says: "Five people were burned to death in the Aurora Roadhouse on Hunter Creek at 2 o'clock Thursday morning."

"Hobson's Choice" advertisement featuring Tobias Hobson and Uneda Biscuit. Text includes: "Tobias Hobson was the first man in England who let out hackney horses. When anyone wished to hire a horse, he was obliged to take the one standing nearest the stable door—he had no selection."

HALE FORCED ACCEPTANCE OF INFERIOR BATTLESHIPS. Not Pleased With Secretary Moody's Course in Consulting the House Almost Exclusively and Held Out for Two 12,000-Ton Vessels in Face of Construction Board's Opinion—Influences at Work Behind the Fight for a More Effective Navy.

Washington, March 8.—During the closing days of the last Congress there was fought out a question of great importance to the United States in the construction of war vessels. On the surface it appears to be but a difference of views between legislators as to the size of battleships which they thought would be the most effective; but behind it the story of some of the most unusual interest, especially in connection with the tactics employed by both sides to attain their several ends.

HALE'S ATTITUDE. Senator Hale, who has been the head of the Senate Naval Committee for many years, is reported to have been more or less unyielding in his attitude in connection with the tactics pursued by Secretary Moody, and was not prepared to acquiesce in the programme recommended by him.

Another reason is given for his attitude. The bill provided for 18,000-ton ships, for the construction of which there are but a comparatively small number of dry docks in Maine there is a shipyard which can build vessels up to 12,000 tons, which is at present attempting to construct a much larger vessel, the work on which, however, has not progressed to the point of complete satisfaction of the Navy Department and the contractors.

But Senator Hale determined that 12,000-ton ships should be constructed, and when the appropriation bill reached the Senate he succeeded in having an amendment for four vessels of this character and two armored cruisers of 8,500 tons each, instead of the ships provided for in the House bill.

Another very important consideration is that whereas a 18,000-ton battleship is relatively much more effective than a 12,000-ton ship, it requires as many officers to man the smaller vessel as to equip the larger one, and almost as many men for its crew, so that the cost of maintaining the smaller and less efficient vessel is practically the same as that of keeping the larger one in commission.

UNION BANK ROBBERS ARE PRISONERS IN THIS BUILDING.

Police building at Hartford, Conn., where Rudolph and Collins are confined. Some people go on using coffee for a great many years without showing much effect of the drug, but as a rule it is slowly doing its ill work, and the time will come when stomach or nerve disease of some kind will show itself.

To Clean Nursing Bottles. Nothing is more difficult to keep clean and sweet than a nursing bottle. Yet if it is not thoroughly cleaned, the particles of milk adhering to it become rancid and affect the health of the infant.

WANT BIBLE READ IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Bill Is Pending in the Illinois Legislature Providing for Scriptural Instruction. STRONG OPPOSITION DEVELOPS.

"American Secular Union" Comes Out With a Circular Denouncing Proposed "Union of Church and State."

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Springfield, Ill., March 8.—Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to the good government and happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.

CLASSES OF OPPOSITION. Several classes of citizens are opposed to the plan, most of them on the ground that sectarian divisions will not permit of confounding a religious and a general education.

THE WEATHER. Official Forecast Announced for To-Day and To-Morrow. Washington, March 8.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday:

BLOOD POISON. Home Pains, Itching, Scabby Skin Diseases, Eruptions, Scabies, Scrofula. Permanently cured by taking Botanic Blood Purifier. It destroys the Poison in the blood.

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