

# NEWS FROM ILLINOIS

Items from All Over the State of Matters of Interest to Our Readers.

Happenings of the Week from Cairo to Chicago Carefully Compiled for Busy Men.

## DRYS LOSE SIX COUNTIES. NEW PAROLE LAW DEFECT.

**Wets Gain Nine Districts in State, While Drays Capture Three.**  
Sweeping victories of the "wets" in Illinois cities and villages Tuesday will enable the saloons to enter nine counties which have been hitherto entirely "dry." Three new counties, however, have been added to the "dry" list. This leaves thirty-two "dry" counties instead of thirty-eight. The accession of three counties gave the anti-saloon leaders a little comfort, but was not sufficient to overcome the disappointment at the loss of Rockford, Decatur, De Kalb, Dixon, Mattoon, Belvidere, Pontiac and other cities whose conquest two years ago was one of the greatest achievements ever recorded for the "dry" movement. The "drays" had hoped to add ten or more counties to the list of those without saloons, bringing the total up to fifty, if possible. To have the number drop nearly twenty below this mark caused the spirits of the leaders to droop considerably.

The nine counties lopped off the "dry" list Tuesday were Boone, Champaign, Coles, Dewitt, Greene, Macon, Mercer, White and Winnebago. In Boone County Belvidere went "wet," in Champaign Tolono succumbed to the attacks of the "wets," in Coles County Mattoon went "wet," in Dewitt County Clinton reversed the decision of two years ago, in Greene the town of Bluffdale, which includes the village of Eldred, tired of the "dry" regime, in Macon County Decatur went "wet," in Mercer County Keltsburg went "wet," in White County Grayville voted "wet," while in Winnebago County it was the downfall of the "drays" in Rockford which turned the trick. The three counties which were made entirely "dry" for the first time are Warren, Pike and Schuyler. In Warren County Monmouth went "dry," in Pike County New Canton, Pearl and Barry ousted the saloons, while in Schuyler County Rushville Township voted "dry." The "dry" counties in Illinois as a result of this latest change in the map are as follows:

**COUPLE THRICE MARRIED.**  
Divorced, Rewed, Believing Ceremony Illegal, Have Knot Tied.  
Charles E. Ferguson, aged 49, and Clara M. Miller, aged 32, both of Keokuk, were married the other day by Rev. J. R. Campbell. This was their third marriage. Two years ago they secured a divorce and in a few days were remarried. Recently they were told that the Illinois law required divorcees to remain single for one year and that their remarriage was illegal. Accordingly they secured another marriage license and were married again.

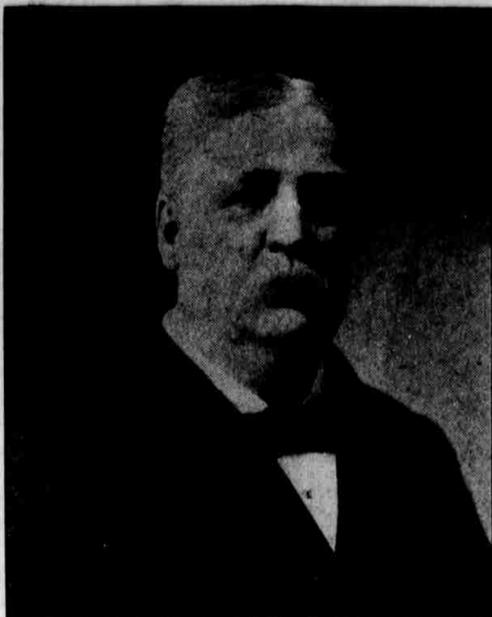
**AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.**  
Judge W. B. Grimes, one of the oldest Magens in the United States, died in Pittsfield.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis of Forrest recently celebrated their fifty-second wedding anniversary.  
Fire destroyed the Bartlett mills and two warehouses in Mound City with a loss of more than \$50,000.  
Some of the residents of Ransom have the pink eye, a disease now going the rounds in that section.  
Vandals are at work in La Salle killing trees by boring holes in them and filling with acid, and the trees are just beginning to die.  
Alexander Ludeman of Peoria has sold a tract of land near Eureka to Peter Schertz of Metamora, for \$225 per acre, amounting to \$75,927.  
The little daughter of William Cotton of Peoria, who was recently bitten by a dog, has been taken to the Pasteur Institute at Chicago for treatment.

A farmer living between Forrest and Chatsworth recently found some of the plunder taken from the Herr bank at Chatsworth when it was robbed.  
L. B. Hurst of DeLand has purchased 160 acres of land between Belmont and Monticello of Lawrence E. Sexton of New York, paying \$24,000 for the same.  
On account of the continued high price of meats at Monmouth people are eating less meat, and in consequence five markets have closed within the last few days.  
The \$10,000 chapel at the Old Folks' home in Mattoon will be the first building ever erected exclusively by the Rebeekah of the State, and the cornerstone will be laid April 21.  
Hector McAllister of Streator left for Cherry, where he will take charge of the removal of sixty bodies from the third level of the St. Paul mine. All the water has been pumped out of the mine.  
While they were away on a visit a sneak thief entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stobler of Belleville and stole seventy-five dollars' worth of jewelry and money. Mr. and Mrs. Stobler forgot to lock the doors.

**FATHER STOPS WEDDING.**  
Decides Youth Engaged Five Times Unfit for His Daughter.  
Plus W. Fahrner, druggist of Joliet, who is only 23 years old, has been engaged no less than five times. Three of the engagements were terminated by the young women themselves. Fahrner did not, as at first reported, forsake Catherine O'Leary, the Joliet girl of 21 whom he was to have led to the altar the other day. It was her father, John O'Leary, he fled from. Mr. O'Leary, hearing whispers of Fahrner's former tussles with Cupid, went as-leuthing, and as a result of his discoveries decided to stop the marriage. Accordingly he served notice on the groom prospective that the wedding bells would be as silent as the proverbial "dumb" water. Fahrner left Joliet suddenly and has not returned.

**TROLLEY-STEAM AGREEMENT.**  
First Traffic Compact of Kind Expected Between Illinois Lines.  
The first traffic agreement in the country between an interurban system and a steam road is expected to be effected, when General Traffic Manager George Quackenbush, of the Illinois traction system will meet passenger officials of the Alton, headed by Fred Elder of Springfield. A rate war has been on between the electric line and competing steam roads throughout central Illinois, with the result that business has become demoralized. Sunday excursions may be included in the agreement.

**GIRLS IN FIRE PANIC.**  
Several Jump from Windows and Others Injured in Explosion.  
A dozen girls were injured, several seriously, in a fire in the Central Steam Laundry in Chicago. Several girls jumped from windows and others were injured in an explosion. Four are in a serious condition at a hospital. The panic was caused by the bursting of a steam pipe in the mangle room on the second floor. When the clouds of steam burst into the room, seven girls jumped from the windows. More than 200 girls were working on the second and third floors.



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**EAOLETS.**  
Speed maniacs should be given a sentence, when convicted, on the treadmill, which would make the punishment fit the crime.  
A prison expert now proposes to teach convicts farming. In other words, they are to raise money on green goods in quite another way.  
A man 70 years old has made application for admission to the University of Missouri as a student. He must be one of those who subscribe to the theory that a man is never too old to learn.  
More ice than ever this summer, but it is so thick and heavy that the expense of delivery will be so great that of course the price must stay up. How'd you like to be the ———?

**BUSINESS NOTES.**  
The largest lumber yards in the world are those of the Edward Hines Lumber Company. Everything in the way of lumber can be bought there. The main offices of this great concern are on Lincoln street, just south of Blue Island avenue.  
One of the foremost concerns of its kind in Chicago is the Lake Building Material Company. Everything in the way of lime, cement, rubble, crushed stone, plasters, lath, sand, sewer pipe, etc., is handled by this big firm. Matt. A. Mueller is president, John Golombiewski is treasurer, and E. Withall is secretary. Office and yards are at 2144 West 47th street.  
A letter addressed to Oblivion might reach Dr. Cook," says the Columbia State. It might, and perhaps the surest way to reach Oblivion would be to address a letter to Dr. Cook.  
A grim argument in favor of letting well enough alone is found in a recent New York case. Not content with a verdict of murder in the second degree, the lawyer for the convicted man secured a new trial, at which the prisoner was found guilty in the first degree and sentenced to death.  
A Mississippi ice driver found a wallet containing \$2,000, hunted up the owner, was docked for the lost time and got a reward of a five-cent cigar for the restoration of the money. He now cynically believes it pays to be honest.  
An ungallant French judge has decided that spinsters of 39 have no legal redress if they are jilted, because by that time they are old enough to

know whether a man is in earnest or not, and it is their own fault if they are swindled out of their mature affections. This decision will be a blow to the spinsters whose hopes are blighted, but whose thrift remains.  
buildings, special cabinet work and bank and office fixtures. Office and factory at 86-94 North Ada street, and 410-420 Carroll avenue.  
Old Style Lager is now one of Chicago's most popular beers and the business of the G. Heileman Brewing Company, which in Chicago is under the able and popular management of W. J. Welbaskey, is increasing at a rapid rate.  
No better place in Chicago for picnics, festivals and parties of all kinds than U James Kolze's beautiful Electric Park, at the corner of Irving Park boulevard and Northwest 64th street.  
Roads treated with Liquid Asphalt, and roads built with Liquid Asphalt Binder, are a demonstrated success. Booklet and specifications can be had at the Indian Refining Company, at 413 Teutonic Building. Col. W. H. Baldwin is the Chicago agent for this big company.  
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W. Kolacek & Co. at 559, 561, 563 and 565 Blue Island avenue, is one of the foremost department stores in the city. Everything in the line of merchandise at the lowest prices. West Siders should remember Kolacek's when looking for real bargains.  
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