

THE THEOCRAT

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS

The careless setting of fires in Zion City streets and parkways is strictly prohibited and must be stopped. This is one of the most serious damages we have to contend with in regard to trees. The Police are instructed to make prompt arrests of any guilty of a misdemeanor of this kind.

We also want to call your attention to an ordinance regarding poultry of all kinds. The running at large is strictly prohibited. Please do not annoy your neighbors by permitting your poultry to run at large.

All dog licenses expire May 1st and must be taken out prior to that time. If not, any dog found without proper license tag will be taken in charge by the City Marshal. Please do not expect further notice.

Yours respectfully,

W. Hurd Clendinen,
Mayor.

—NOTICE—

All Special police, not now on regular assignment, having stars, clubs or other implements belonging to the City of Zion will please return the same to A. A. Walker, Chief of Police, at once.

UNITED STATES POSTOFFICE

Zion City, Illinois.

March 27, 1914.

FOREIGN MAIL SCHEDULE.

Trans-Atlantic Mails.

Trans-Atlantic mails are forwarded daily to port of departure, making connections with regular mail steamers sailing from New York on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Trans-Pacific Mails.

Trans-Pacific mails are forwarded daily to port of departure. Next Australian mail closes at the post office on

Saturday, March 28th, 4:30 p. m., S. S. Aorangi, via San Francisco; and Saturday, April 4th, 4:30 p. m., S. S. Ventura, via San Francisco; also Saturday, April 11th, 4:30 p. m., S. S. Makura, via Seattle, Washington; and Saturday, April 25th, 4:30 p. m., S. S. Tahiti, via San Francisco.

Mails for the Philippines close at 4:30 p. m. at the post office on the following dates:

March 28th. April 1, 3, 11, 14, 17, 24 and 25.

Geo. E. Wiedman,
Postmaster.

Special Meetings

At Rock Island, Illinois—In the Illinois Theatre, (corner of Second Avenue and 16th Street) Lord's Day, March 29, 1914, at 2:45 p. m.

At Moline, Illinois—In the Moline Opera House, (3rd Avenue, between 16th and 17th Streets) Lord's Day, March 29, 1914, at 8:00 p. m.

Chicago, in the Orchestra Hall, Lord's Day, April 26, 1914 at 2.45 p. m.

Minneapolis, Minnesota—In the Auditorium Building, (11th Street and Nicollet Avenue) Lord's Day, May 24, at 2:45 p. m. and at 8:00 p. m.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

DOMESTIC

SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR A LIFE is the estimate placed by an employers' liability insurance company in settlement of the claims for damages of the families whose members perished in the Triangle fire, in which 148 shirt-waist makers perished in New York three years ago. Twenty-three have accepted the pitiful sum of \$75 rather than continue the hopeless fight which many families have kept up.

HINDUS FOUND CLOSED the gateway to this country when the immigration authorities at San Francisco ruled that thirty-five of those who recently arrived, bearing passports procured at Manila, were aliens and must be deported.

TO RIGHT EVERYTHING was the cause for being of the National Civic Federation a decade ago. It began with the labor problem. The best minds of the country were enlisted, and there was an unlimited cash fund. There were expensive investigations, and arbitrators labored long and hard. Foreign countries were visited by sociologic experts and the wisdom of the world drawn upon; but today the Federation confesses it is no nearer a solution of the question than when it started, and it is now turning its attention to agricultural conditions.

SIXTY THOUSAND WOMEN were added to the Chicago lists of new voters last Tuesday. The showing was a disappointment to the suffrage leaders.

Including the 158,524 women who registered in February and those whose names were enrolled Tuesday, the total number of Chicago women qualified to vote at the April election is about 220,000.

THE EIGHTH SERUM VICTIM died at the county hospital at Los Angeles this week as the result of taking a serum cure for a blood disease.

The investigation showed that chemical changes occurring in the remedy after it had been made up for administration had made it deadly.

A CUT IN PARCEL POST RATES will enable farmers and truckers to ship their products at lower rates than hitherto, and it is expected, will help reduce the high cost of living.

An actual express service will be performed by the Postal Department in parcels weighing over twenty pounds.

Butter, eggs, fruits, berries, vegetables, dressed poultry, and other articles in parcels weighing ten, twenty, and fifty pounds for shipment within the first and second zones—approximately 150 miles—can now be packed in boxes and crates, similar to those generally used when shipped by express, as these large parcels will in the future be handled outside of mail bags.

Packages of these articles weighing twenty pounds or less are required to be packed securely so that they can be carried in the mail bags as formerly.

POTATOES! is the cry from the government. This country imported about 17,000,000 bushels of potatoes during the last twelve months, and with the close of the season before the new crop comes into the market the supply in this country will be practically exhausted, according to the government experts' figures. The crop and marketing officials in Washington are appealing to the potato states to come to the aid of the consuming public and plant a big crop. As the second potato state in the Union, a special appeal is being made to the State of Michigan in this matter. The 350,000 acres under cultivation in Michigan last year produced a little more than 32,000,000 bushels, valued at nearly \$19,000,000.

THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE of Chicago for clean street cars has been disregarded by the City Council which at its last meeting voted against the proposed ordinance prohibiting smoking on street cars. The agitation which has followed the defeat of the ordinance makes it probable that not more than ten aldermen who voted against clean street cars can be re-elected.

NEGOTIATIONS HAVE FAILED, so far, between the operators and miners of the bitu-

minous coal districts of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, and western Pennsylvania. Should the mines close down at midnight March 31st, 200,000 miners will be thrown out of employment, about 80,000 of these in Illinois. Probably another 300,000 miners in Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, and other soft coal states will be involved indirectly. The last general strike among bituminous miners was in 1897. Four years ago, the Illinois field was shut down by a strike which lasted from April 1 until September 1.

A NEW UNION DEPOT, to cost \$65,000,000, is to be begun shortly in Chicago. It will be a monumental structure with a complete modern equipment for the convenience and comfort of the traveling public. It is expected this huge industrial undertaking, which is to be rushed night and day, will give employment to many now idle.

WAGES OF FARM LABORERS have increased more rapidly than those of city workmen during the last twenty years, a Department of Agriculture investigation reveals. During the last year, the pay of the farmhand increased 2½ per cent. The increase has been 11 per cent. in the last four years and 36 per cent. since 1902, and, while wages went up about 37 per cent. from 1900 to 1910, farm land values nearly doubled in that decade.

DR. HARVEY W. WILEY, who has done much for the American people in exposing the frauds practiced upon them in the adulteration of foods and drugs, in the cheating by short weights and measures, and in many other ways, has just sounded the note of alarm in the prevalent use of drugs and narcotics, and is urging a nation-wide crusade against these. Dr. Wiley declares the candy school children buy is poisoned with cocaine and allied adulterants.

ONE OF THE SIGHTS to be seen at Pass Christian, Miss., "the winter capital" of the nation, is an oyster canning establishment, where, in an open room, unprotected from the weather, scores of little children—some not more than eight years old—labor opening oysters. From four o'clock in the morning until five in the afternoon is a day's work.

THE AMERICAN BATTLESHIP "Oklahoma," the largest and most powerful of ships of the United States, was launched this week. For the first time in fifty years at such an event, it is said, the launching was preceded with prayer. The warship was dedicated to "the errands of peace and Christianity."

"ROAD DAY" is named for April 15th by Governor Dunne. The "good roads" movement in Illinois has aroused much enthusiasm. The Governor calls upon all communities to "unite to carry out this work, so as to give the greatest number of citizens an opportunity to celebrate the observance of 'road day' by practical work on the roads, such as road dragging, grading, draining, hauling, and placing gravel, stone, or other road material."

LIKE A GEM found in the mud is this paragraph among the dark record of the sordid things of life:

A pale, smiling lad of 12 lay on a stretcher in the blue room of the White House early today. Beside him sat the President of the United States. The scene was the culmination of weeks of yearning and the kind response of President Wilson to the little boy's plea.

Paralyzed in limb, his life slowly ebbing away, Harry Winthrop Davis, of Sewickley, Pa., was the President's early caller....

The President's eyes were dimmed as he turned away to his day of work, and the little boy was carried out on his stretcher.

NEEDY WIDOWS with children are to be given allowances from the state if the bill now before the legislature of New York goes through. The "allowance" requested in the measure is described as "a salary granted to the mother by the state, in return for which she undertakes to perform a certain present task of child rearing."

MONOPOLY of the oatmeal business of the country is charged by the government in an anti-trust suit to dissolve the Quaker Oats company, the alleged oatmeal trust. A woman, Miss Kate Holmes, has been appointed special examiner.

DEAD for this Congress is the proposed amendment for woman suffrage. The question has been heard in both the House and Senate, and though it received a majority of votes in the Senate, it lacked the necessary two-thirds. The vote, as announced, was 35 senators for and 34 senators against the proposed amendment.

LAKE ELLEN WILSON is now the name of a beautiful body of water in Glacier National park. Secretary Lane has so named it in honor of the President's wife. The lake, said to be the most beautiful of its size in the West, is a mile long and half a mile wide.

THE PROBLEM OF THE UNEMPLOYED is being tried out by Gov. Glynn of New York. The State opened employment bureaus, and connection with farmers crying for labor to do spring work was established. Free transportation was offered men desirous of finding jobs—including that of the wives of those who were married. The result of the experiment is disappointing to the Governor. One of the "generals" of the unemployed asked why Glynn didn't "hoe potatoes himself," and in other ways indicated that they were not "slaves."

TOO MUCH TALK on the part of Chicago's women tax assessors came near losing them their jobs, and they are now under a strict injunction of silence concerning tax information, and admonished they must tell the results of their work only to the officials.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S PLEA for the repeal of free tolls for American coast-wise vessels passing through the Panama Canal is at this writing being debated in the House.

There are two sides to the question, and each has ardent supporters. It is charged the railroads are back of the attack on free tolls. It costs \$14.70 a ton to ship a carload of citrus from San Francisco to New York by rail. Through the canal it would cost \$6.50 a ton. But if the vessel had to pay toll, even the smallest of them could not get through under \$25,000.

ASKING DAMAGES of \$1,000,000, a complaint has been filed against the United Mine Workers of America officials by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. The complaint charges that the defendants "caused large quantities of guns and ammunition to be purchased for use, which were used in terrifying the said employes of plaintiff into striking, and that the defendants caused inflammatory and intimidating speeches to be made to plaintiff's said employes, which speeches contained intimations and insinuations and statements that personal injury and abuse would come to those who failed to respond to said call of strike."

ILLINOIS LEADS in the number of colleges and secondary schools, in a list approved for 1914 of the North Central Association. One thousand and twenty-seven secondary schools are accredited for 1914. Illinois has 164 and Ohio comes second with 155. Seventy-three colleges are accredited, of which Illinois has 18 and Ohio 17.

PRESIDENT WILSON has nominated Robert Lansing of Watertown, N. Y., to be counselor for the Department of State, succeeding John Bassett Moore, and Cone Johnson of Texas to be solicitor for the Department, succeeding Joseph W. Folk.

SPORTS ON SUNDAY is occupying the attention of New York's legislators. A bill legalizing all amateur sports on this day, such as baseball, fishing, etc., is receiving support from many ministers and churchmen. The labor unions, and ninety per cent. of New York State Mayors are said to be in favor of it. This will help Zion people to see preachers and churches are drifting.

FOREIGN

CHINA IS THREATENED with the establishment of a "national college of medicine." President Judson of the University of Chicago is going to China as the head of a special commission, sent by the Rockefeller foundation, with this purpose in view.

IMPROVEMENTS now progressing on the Suez canal, for which the company has power to raise \$30,000,000 through bonds, are expected to be completed in 1918-'19. Provision is made for a depth of 40 feet throughout, and for widening up to 196 feet 8 inches in the south section, and cutting an appropriate number of sidings in the north and central sections.