THE WORLD OVER.

LATEST NEWS FROM EVERY LAND.

CHILI HAS PAID UP.

SETTLES FOR HER FUN WITH UNCLE SAM.

The Japs Take Chee Foo—Italy Counsels Peace—Mad Act of a Maniac—New York Tribune Printers Strike—English Hop Pickers Killed.

From Far and Near.

—The Chilian Government, through its Washington minister, has just paid into the State department $245,554.35, being the amount of the judgments rendered against Chili by the Chilian claims commission, which closed its work in Washington three months ago. Most of these claims are based upon injuries sustained by American citizens resident in Chili and Peru during the war between these countries. From the total amount of the judgments there was deducted 5 per cent., amounting to $12,023, in accordance with the provisions of the treaty, to pay the expenses of the commission. The awards will be paid by the State department to the persons who obtained judgments, as follows:

Central and South American Telegraph Company	$ 38,887
W. S. Shrigley	4,831
Gilbert Bennet Borden	8,728
Wells, Fargo & Co	27,745
Jennie R. Read	1,081
Edward C. Dubois	147,470

—Yokohama dispatch: It is reported that the Japanese have captured Che-Foo. Che-Foo is a treaty port of China, on the Shan-Toong promontory. It has a population of over 30,000 and a good harbor. A dispatch received at Paris from Rome says that the Italian Minister at Peking has addressed a note to China, at the request of his government, inviting pourparlers with Japan in an endeavor to bring about an end of the war and offering his own offices in order to effect such an arrangement. It is also stated that the General of the Jesuits has sent a memorial to the Pope, asking the latter to use his influence with the European powers in order to terminate the war between China and Japan.

—James Kine, thirty years old, a New York laborer, suddenly became insane and shot his brother-in-law, Robert Porehza, in the back. He then fired two shots at himself, one of which took effect in the left temple. It is thought both men will die. After doing the shooting Kine ran to the roof and had a terrific struggle there before he was overpowered and taken to the hospital.

—New York Tribune compositors, all of whom are members of Typographical Union No. 6, struck because the pressmen and stereotypers are not members of the International Typographical Union, but insisted on working under the rules of the Knights of Labor.

—During a fog a freight train running over a grade crossing in Kent, England, dashed into a wagon full of hop pickers. Eight of the hop pickers were killed and five were badly injured.

—Seven negroes are reported to have been killed in a race fight on an excursion train near Hawesville, Ky. The negross were drunk, and started the row because they were not allowed to ride in the coaches with the whites.

—The west-bound vestibule limited train on the Southern Railroad was wrecked by a bolt placed on the track at Vance, Tenn. The train crew and eight passengers were seriously hurt. The cars caught fire and were completely destroyed.

—Obituary: At Boston, Luther Colby, the spiritualist leader and editor of the Banner of Light, aged 80.—At Racine, Wis., Chauncey Hall, aged 72.—At Portland, Oregon, John K. Terrill, of St. Louis. —At Hammond, Ind., Rev. Julius Dunsing, aged 65.

—Benjamin Musgrave, of Terre Haute, Ind., fatally injured his mother with a hatchet, and attacked his brother when he interfered.

—Dr. G. G. Corman, of Geneva, Neb., was fatally wounded by Will Harris in a duel caused by the latter's wife.

—Richard Johnson, a Little Rock (Ark.) gambler, blew the head off C. K. Dickson with a shotgun as the result of an altercation.

—Four miners are hemmed in by flames in a colliery at Shamokin, Pa. The carpenter whose carelessness caused the fire was suffocated.

—A hurricane struck Pensacola, Fla., wrecking many buildings and forcing a suspension of business. Several vessels were wrecked.

—Louis Waibel committed suicide on his mother's grave in Evergreen Cemetery, Newport, Ky., by shooting. He was despondent.

—A 1,500-barrel oil well was struck near Marietta, Ohio.

—The action brought by the actress Marie Wainwright for absolute divorce from Louis James has been dismissed in New York on her default.

—Suits have been brought in the United States Court at Trenton, N. J., against the Eastern Rubber Manufacturing Company for the infringment of patents for pneumatic tires. The suits are brought by Morgan & Wright of Chicago.

—The wife of Charles Stetting, grocer of San Francisco, eloped with a street car conductor, taking with her $5,000 in cash and $90,000 in securities.

—Mabel Ryan Edwards, a World's Fair dancer, is heir to a fortune through the death of Frederick Ryan in a railroad accident near Yonkers, N. Y.

—Ferdinand Ward, who abducted his son at Thompson, Conn., a few weeks ago, has been adjudged in the Connecticut Superior Court an unfit person to care for the boy. The uncle, F. D. Green, was appointed guardian.

—Gracie Hamilton, aged sixteen, has been granted a divorce at Muncie, Ind., from Marion Hamilton, aged seventeen. Gracie says her husband was too young to take care of her and she could not take him home to her parents.

—Fred Filgiano, cashier in the Grand Trunk freight office at Hamilton, Ont., is reported to have fled to the United States, leaving a shortage of $150,000.

—William S. Thorn Jr., formerly assistant secretary of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, committed suicide at Brooklyn. Business reverses were the cause.

—The steamship Chattahoochie, reported at Galveston as lost with all on board, is safe at Savannah.

—John Hero was killed by a mine explosion at Cripple Creek, Colo. He had a mother and sister in Chicago.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SERMONS FOUND IN THE EXAMPLE OF THE JEWESS.

Her Real Name Was Hadassah, Which Means "Myrtle"—She Was Equally Good and True in Prosperity and Adversity—The Vile Court of Ahasuerus.

Esther the Orphan.

Rev. Dr. Talmage, who is still absent on his round the world tour, selected as the subject of last Sunday's sermon through the press "Hadassah," the text chosen being Esther ii, 7, "And he brought up Hadassah."

A beautiful child was born in the capital of Persia. She was an orphan and a captive, her parents having been stolen from their Israelitish home and carried to Shushan and died, leaving their daughter poor and in a strange land. But an Israelite who had been carried into the same captivity was attracted by the case of the orphan. He educated her in his holy religion, and under the roof of that good man this adopted child began to develop a sweetness and excellency of character, if ever equaled, certainly never surpassed. Beautiful Hadassah! Could that adopted father ever spare her from his household? Her artlessness, her girlish sports, her innocence, her orphanage, had wound themselves thoroughly around his heart, just as around each parent's heart among us there are tendrils climbing and fastening and blossoming and growing stronger. I expect he was like others who have loved ones at home—wondering sometimes if sickness will come and death and bereavement. Alas, worse than anything the father expects happens to his adopted child! Ahasuerus, a princely scoundrel, demands that Hadassah, the fairest one in all the kingdom, become his wife. Worse than death was marriage to such a monster of iniquity. How great the change when this young woman left the home where God was worshiped and religion honored to enter a palace devoted to pride, idolatry, and sensuality! "As a lamb to the slaughter!"

The Oppressed Jews.

Ahasuerus knew not that his wife was a Jewess. At the instigation of the infamous prime minister the King decreed that all the Jews in the land should be slain. Hadassah pleads the cause of her people, breaking through the rules of the court and presenting herself in the very face of death, crying, "If I perish, I perish!" Oh, it was a sad time among that enslaved people! They had all heard the decree concerning their death. Sorrow, gaunt and ghastly, sat in thousands of households, and mothers wildly pressed their infants to their breasts as the days of massacre hastened on, praying that the same sword stroke which slew the mother might also slay the child, rosebud and bud perishing in the same blast.

But Hadassah is busy at court. The hard heart of the King is touched by her story, and although he could not reverse the decree for the slaying of the Jews he sent forth an order that they should arm themselves for defense. On horseback, on mules, on dromedaries, messengers sped through the land, bearing the King's dispatches, and a shout of joy went up from that enslaved people at the faint hope of success. I doubt not many a rusty blade was taken down and sharpened. Unbearded youths grew stout as giants at the thought of defending mothers and sisters. Desperation strung up cowards into heroes, and fragile women, grasping their weapons, swung them about the cradles, impatient for the time to strike the blow in behalf of household and country.

The day of execution dawned. Government officials, armed and drilled, cowed before the battle shout of the oppressed people. The cry of defeat rang back to the palaces, but above the mountains of dead, above 75,000 crushed and mangled corpses, sounded the triumph of the delivered Jews, and their enthusiasm was as when the Highlanders came to the relief of Lucknow, and the English army, which stood in the very jaws of death, at the sudden hope of assistance and rescue lifted the shout above belching cannon and the death groan of hosts, crying: "We are saved! We are saved!"

Christian Perseverance.

My subject affords me opportunity of illustrating what Christian character may be under the greatest disadvantages. There is no Christian now exactly what he wants to be. Your standard is much higher than anything you have attained unto. If there be a man so puffed up as to be thoroughly satisfied with the amount of excellency he has already attained, have nothing to say to such a one. But to those who are dissatisfied with past attainments, who are toiling under disadvantages which are keeping them from what they ought to be, I have a message from God. You each of you labor under difficulties. There is something in your temperament, in your worldly circumstances, in your calling, that acts powerfully against you. Admitting all this, I introduce to you Hadassah of the text, a noble Christian, notwithstanding the most gigantic difficulties. She whom you might have expected to be one of the worst of women is one of the best.

In the first place, our subject is an illustration of what Christian character may be under orphanage. This Bible line tells a long story about Hadassah. "She had neither father nor mother." A nobleman had become her guardian, but there is no one who can take the place of a parent. Who so able at night to hear a child's prayer or at twilight to chide youthful wanderings or to soothe youthful sorrows? An individual will go through life bearing the marks of orphanage. It will require more strength, more persistence, more grace, to make such a one the right kind of a Christian. He who at forty years loses a parent must reel under the blow. Even down to old age men are accustomed to rely upon the counsel or be powerfully influenced by the advice of parents if they are still alive. But how much greater the bereavement when it comes in early life before the character is self reliant and when naturally the heart is unsophisticated and easily tempted!

The Triumph of Grace.

And yet behold what a nobility of disposition Hadassah exhibited. Though father and mother were gone, grace had triumphed over all disadvantages. Her willingness to self sacrifice, her control over the king, her humility, her faithful worship of God, show her to have been one of the best of the world's Christians.

There are those who did not enjoy remarkable early privileges. Perhaps, like the beautiful captive of the text, you were an orphan. You had huge sorrows in your little heart. You sometimes wept in the night when you knew not what was the matter. You felt sad sometimes even on the playground. Your father or mother did not stand in the door to welcome you when you came home from a long journey. You still feel the effect of early disadvantages, and you have sometimes offered them as a reason for your not being as thoroughly religious as you would like to be. But these excuses are not sufficient. God's grace will triumph if you seek it. He knows what obstacles you have fought against, and the more trial the more help. After all there are no orphans in the world, for the great God is the Father of us all.

Again our subject is an illustration of what religion may be under the pressure of poverty. The captivity and crushed condition of this orphan girl and of the kind man who adopted her suggested a condition of poverty. Yet from the very first acquaintance we had with Hadassah we find her the same happy and contented Christian. It was only by compulsion she was afterward taken into a sphere of honor and affluence. In the humble home of Mordecai, her adopted father, she was a light that illumined every privation. In some period in almost every man's life there comes a season of straitened circumstances, when the severest calculation and most scraping economy are necessary in order to subsistence and respectability.

Trials of the Poor.

Christians in satin slippers, with their feet on damask ottoman, may scout at such a class of temptations, but those who themselves have been in the struggle and grip of hard misfortune can appreciate the power of these evils to dissuade the soul away from religious duties. We admit the strength of the temptation, but then we point to Hadassah, her poverty equaled by her piety. Courage, down there in the battle! Hurl away your disappointment. Men of half your heart have through Christ been more than conquerous. In the name of God, come out of that! The religion of Christ is just what you want out there among the empty flour barrels and beside the cold hearths.

You have never told any one of what a hard time you have had, but God knows it as well as you know it. Your easy times will come after awhile. Do not let your spirits break down midlife. What if your coat is thin? Run fast enough to keep warm. What if you have no luxuries on your table? High expectations will make your blood tingle better than the best Madeira. If you cannot afford to smoke, you can afford to whistle. But merely animal spirits are not sufficient: the power of the gospel—that is what you want to wrench despair out of the soul and put you forward into the front of the hosts incased in impenetrable armor.

Again, our subject illustrates what religion may be under the temptation of personal attractiveness. The inspired record says of the heroine of my text, "She was fair and beautiful." Her very name signified "a myrtle." Yet the admiration and praise and flattery of the world did not blight her humility. The simplicity of her manners and behavior equaled extraordinary attractions. It is the same divine goodness which puts the tinge on the rose's cheek, and sparkle in the eye, and majesty in the forehead, and symmetry into the form, and gracefulness into the gait. But many through the very charm of their personal appearance have been destroyed. What simperings and affectations and impertinences have often been the result of that which God sent as a blessing! Japonics, anemones and heliotropes never swagger at the beauty God planted in their very leaf, sepal, axil, and stamen. There are many flowers that bow down so modestly you cannot see the color in their cheek until you lift up their head, putting your hand under their round chin. Indeed any kind of personal attractions, whether they be those of the body, the mind or the heart, may became temptations to pride and arbitrariness and foolish assumption.

The mythological story of a man who, seeing himself in a stream, became so enamored of his appearance that he died of the effects illustrates the fatalities under which thousands of both sexes have fallen by the view of their own superiority. Extraordinary capacities cause extraordinary temptations. Men who have good moral health down in the valley, on the top of the mountain are seized of consumption. Monimia, the wife of Mithridates, was strangled with her own diadem. While the most of us will not have the same kind of temptation which Hadassah must have felt from her attractiveness of personal appearance, there may be some to whom it will be an advantage to hold up the character of the beautiful captive who sacrificed not her humility and earnestness of disposition to the world's admiration and flattery. The chief secret of the beauty of the violet is that away down in the grass from one week's end to another it never mistrusts that it is a violet.

Domestic Trials.

Again, our subject exhibits what religion may be under bad domestic influences. Hadassah was snatched from the godly home into which she had been adopted and introduced into the abominable associations of which wicked Ahasuerus was the center. What a whirl of blasphemy and drunkenness and licentiousness! No altar, no prayer, no Sabbath, no God! If this captive girl can be a Christian there, then it is possible to be a Christian anywhere. There are many of the best people of the world who are obliged to contend with the most adverse domestic influences, children who have grown up into the love of God under the frown of parents and under the discouragement of bad example. Some sister of the family having professed the faith of Jesus is the subject of unbounded satire inflicted by brothers and sisters. Yea, Hadassah was not the only Christian who had a queer husband.

It is no easy matter to maintain correct Christian principles when there is a companion disposed to scoff at them and to ascribe every imperfection of character to hypocrisy. What a hard thing for one member of the family to rightly keep the Sabbath when others are disposed to make it a day of revelry, or to inculcate propriety of speech in the minds of children when there are others to offset the instructions by loose and profane utterances, or to be regularly in attendance upon church when there is more household work demanded for the Lord's day than for any secular day. Do I speak to any laboring under these blighting disadvantages? My subject is full of encouragement. Vast responsibilities rest upon you. Be faithful, though you stand as much alone as did Lot in Sodom, or Jeremiah in Jerusalem, or Jonah in Nineveh, or Hadassah in the court of Ahasuerus. There are trees which grow the best when their roots clutch among the jagged rocks, and you verily have but poor soil in which to develop, but grace is a thorough husbandman and can raise a crop anywhere. Glassware is molded over the fire, and in the same way you are to be fitted as a vessel of mercy. The best timber must have on it saw and gouge and beetle. The foundation stone of yours and every other house came out only under crowbar and blast. Files and wrenches and hammers belong to the church. The Christian victory will be bright just in proportion as the battle is hot. Never despair being a thorough Christian in any household which is not worse than the court of Ahasuerus.

Religion in High Places.

Finally our subject illustrates what religion may be in high wordly position. The last we see in the Bible of Hadassah is that she has become the queen of Persia. Prepare now to see the departure of her humility and self sacrifice and religious principle. As she goes up you may expect grace to go down. It is easier to be humble in the obscure house of her adopted father than on a throne of dominion. But you misjudge this noble woman. What she was before she is now—the myrtle. Applauded for her beauty and her crown, she forgets not the cause of her suffering people, and with all simplicity of heart still remains a worshiper of the God of Heaven.

Noble example, followed only by a very few. I address some who, through the goodness of God, have risen to positions of influence in the community where you life. In law, in merchandise, in medicine, in mechanics and in other useful occupations and professions you hold an influence for good or for evil. Let us see whether, like Hadassah, you can stand elevation. Have you as much simplicity of character as once you evidenced? Do you feel as much dependence upon God, as much your own weakness, as much your accountability for talents intrusted? Or are you proud and overdemanding and ungrateful and unsympathetic and worldly and sensual and devilish? Then you have been spoiled by your success, and you shall not sit on this throne with the heroine of my text. In the day when Hadassah shall come to the grander coronation in the presence of Christ and the bannered hosts of the redeemed you will be poor indeed. Oh, there are thousands of men who can easily endure to be knocked down of misfortune, who are utterly destroyed if lifted up of success. Satan takes them to the top of the pinnacle of the temple and shoves them off. Their head begins to whirl, and they lose their balance, and down they go.

Dangers of Pride.

While last autumn all through the forests there were luxuriant trees with moderate outbranch and moderate height, pretending but little, there were foliage plants that shot far up, looking down with contempt on the whole forest, clapping their hands in the breeze and shouting, "Aha, do you not wish you were as high up as we are?" But last week, a blast let loose from the north came rushing along, and grasping the boasting oaks hurled them to the ground, and as they went down an old tree that had been singing psalms with the thunder a hundred summers cried out, "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." The humble hickory and pine and chestnut that had never said their prayers before bowed their heads as much as to say, "Amen."

My friends, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to humble." Take from my subject encouragement. Attempt the service of God whatever your disadvantages, and whatever our lot let us seek that grace which outshone all the splendors of the palace of Shushan.

A Wife's Strategy.

The other evening as a muscular person was passing a house a lady who stood at the gate called out to him: Sir, I appeal to you for protection!"

"What's the matter?" he asked, as he stopped short.

"There's a man in the house, and he wouldn't go out of doors when I ordered him to."

"He wouldn't, eh? We'll see about that."

Thereupon the man gave the woman his coat to hold and sailed into the house. He found a man at the supper-table, and took him by the neck and remarked:

"Nice style of brute you are, eh? Come out o' this, or I'll break every bone in your body!"

The man fought, and it was not until a chair had been broken and the table upset that he was hauled out of doors by the legs, and given a fling through the gates.

"Now, then, you brass-faced old tramp, you move on, or I'll finish you!"

"Tramp! Tramp!" shouted the victim, as he got up. "I'm no tramp! I own this property, and live in this house!"

"You do?"

"Yes, and that's my wife holding your coat!"

"Thunder!" whispered the muscular man, as he gazed from one to the other, and realized that it was the wife's method of finishing a row she had been having with her husband. And then he made a grab for his coat and disappeared into the darkness.

AFTER a woman has kept a cow a few years, her troubles are so great that she is ready for religion.

IF a man's natural disposition to do a thing is strong enough, principle will not keep him from it.

WHEN a doctor advises a patient that he needs relaxation, why doesn't he prescribe a laxative?

ILLINOIS INCIDENTS.

SOBER OR STARTLING, FAITHFULLY RECORDED.

Farmer Keistel Foolishly Loses $1,000—Fearful Fate of an Aged Woman—Crookedness Suspected in the Lewiston Bank's Affairs—Sugar May Tumble.

Fleeced by an Old Trick.

Two confidence men swindled Henry Keistel, a farmer living twelve miles southeast of Carlyle, out of $1,000 Saturday on the three-card monte game. A couple of individuals called on Keistel and after several hours of conversation succeeded in purchasing his farm from him. The bunco men, together with the unsuspecting farmer, started for Centralia, several miles distant, to close the deal. When near that city they met a seedy-looking stranger slowly walking along the road, who was accosted by them. After asking several trivial questions the man opened a valise and displayed $12,000, remarking at the same time that he would like to make some one rich. He explained the game and offered to wager $5,000 that Keistel could not pick a certain card. His companions loaned him $4,000, and he planked down $1,000, which was placed in a tin box and securely fastened. The farmer got the box and returned home and opened it, but the money had flown as well as the bunco men. Keistel is still holding the box.

The Michigan Ship Canal.

A matter of present interest, particularly to Chicago, is the fact that incorporation papers and prospectus are being prepared for the ship canal connecting Lake Michigan with Lake Erie, with termini at Toledo, Ohio, and a point between New Buffalo and Michigan City, Ind. It is stated by experts that the canal will cost between $10,000,000 and $12,000,000, the cost being greatly lessened by the new and improved methods and machines for excavation. Eastern railroads favor the canal and it is stated that the Western roads see great advantage to themselves in the enterprise, as it will enable them to run their freight cars loaded with grain and other dead freight on to transports, conveying them through the canal to Lake Erie, and thence through the widened Erie Canal to the tidewaters of the Hudson River, Governor Roswell P. Flower and Senator David B. Hill having already introduced measures for the widening of the Erie Canal. The canal is being pushed with zeal in financial circles of London, Paris, Berlin, Boston and New York. It will shorten the present lake route from 100 to 160 miles.

Shortage of $10,000 Is Found.

The expert employed to examine the books of the late banking firm of Turner, Phelps & Co. report a shortage of over $10,000 that is not accounted for in any way in the books. The bank failed at Lewiston Jan. 6 last with liabilities of about $250,000 and estimated assets somewhat larger. At the last term of the Circuit Court indictments were found against Henry Phelps, President; Moses Turner, Cashier; and G. K. Linton, bookkeeper, of the defunct institution. Charles W. Hawley, of Chicago, was the expert employed by the creditors to make an examination.

Aged Mrs. Merrick Burns to Death.

Mrs. Eliza Merrick, aged 77 years, met with a horrible death at Okawville Saturday morning. While in the house alone she fell into the fire, and, owing to feebleness, she was unable to escape from it. She endured the torture for an hour or more, but when found she was in the last agonies of death.

Record of the Week.

AT Vandalia Mrs. Charles Mills died suddenly just after finishing the noonday meal.

AT Decatur, Mrs. Charles Musser, aged 31, died. George W. Drury died suddenly of heart disease.

GOV. ALTGELD has appointed H. M. Bledsloe, of Mount Vernon, a State fish warden for Jefferson County.

THE Rev. Frank N. Atkins of Macon has been secured as the new pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, at Decatur.

THE Russian thistle has been found at Gurnee, Lake County, where it is supposed to have been brought in wheat screenings used for sheep feed.

MRS. ALEXANDER E. STUMP, one of the early residents of Bloomington, daughter of Squire "Zack" Lawrence, a noted early pioneer of McLean County, died, aged 62.

THE Illinois State Board of Mine Managers have announced that they will hold an examination of candidates for mine managers at Peoria on Monday, Oct. 22, and Springfield, Tuesday, Jan. 1.

LORENZ OCKENGA, car inspector of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Road, was instantly killed while at work under a car in the railroad yards at Peoria, a switch engine striking the string of cars and breaking his neck.

IN a free fight at a shooting match at Christ Hock's place, a few miles north of Mascoutah, Saturday, George Breder was struck over the head with a club, sustaining dangerous, if not fatal, injuries. The fight was the outcome of a neighborhood feud, and further trouble is expected in that vicinity.

A SENSATION was created at the largely attended funeral of William H. Marens in Ridge Prairie, near Mascoutah, when it was discovered at the grave that the corpse showed signs of life. The burial was stopped and medical aid summoned. After a thorough investigation and the futile application of restoratives the physicians declared there was no life in the corpse and the funeral rites were concluded.

LENA A. JAMES, of Peoria has begun suit in the Oklahoma District Court at Guthrie for a divorce from Aaron F. James, of that city. She charges him with cruelty and neglect, coming home and breaking up the furniture and threatening to kill her.

IN the gymnasium at Jacksonville, a banquet was tendered the visiting college students. Rev. F. S. Hayden was toastmaster. The speakers were Schuyler Livingston, of Monmouth; W. A. Chalacom, of Blackburn; A. Sidney Otto, of Knox; A. B. Fairbank, of Illinois; R. H. Schutt, of Wesleyan, and a student from Lake Forest.

LEE WATTERMAN and Miss Vessa Hopper, both of Moline, were married.

AT Casey, C. C. Goble and Miss Clara Guthrie were united in marriage.

MR. AND MRS. J. TAGUE, of South Moline, celebrated their silver wedding.

MISS CATHERINE BRADY sued Francis Mahoney at Joliet for breach of promise.

ALBERT RICHARDS, aged 19, committed suicide at Catlin. The cause is unknown.

FRANCE FRANKS, an Illinois Central employe, was killed by the cars at Champaign.

JOHN MEYER, formerly the leading wholesale liquor dealer of Quincy, is dead at the age of 64.

A DIVIDEND of 10 per cent. will soon be declared by the receiver of the broken bank of Mascoutah.

THE Lodge of Elks at Rockford has disbanded. Most of the members will join the Order of Mystic Shrine.

AT Dixon, the jury gave a verdict of $8,000 against the Illinois Central Railroad for the death of Fireman Swisher.

YOUNG EWING McCLENDON, 79 years old and a resident of Moline for twenty-nine years, died of consumption.

THE home of Mr. Christ. Higgins, near Chenoa, was burned. The loss is $2,000; insurance on house and furniture, $950.

IN Urbana Prof. James D. Bruner, of the State University, was granted a divorce from his wife on the ground of desertion.

MRS. R. NEWMILLER, of Freeport, was accidentally shot through the right eye. She is still alive, but in a critical condition.

THE farm residence of N. Gullidge, southwest of Assumption, was destroyed by fire, with contents. Loss, $2,000; insurance, $500.

EDWARD P. SMITH, foreman of the paper pail factory at Moline, who was injured in the recent explosion, died of his injuries, aged 38 years.

THE jury in the case of Jos. Williams, the Quincy street-car motorman who was charged with manslaughter, brought in a verdict of acquittal.

THE Hennepin Creamery Association, which failed recently, has leased its plant to W. H. McClaren, who will start business again immediately.

THE Illinois State Board of Health has been advised of an outbreak of typhus fever in Havana and of diphtheria at Burnt Prairie, White County.

ONE HUNDRED miners employed by Newsam Brothers in the Star and Millard mines, near Peoria, struck for 55 cents a ton, mine run or digging coal.

A COLD wave struck Elgin Wednesday, and was accompanied by a flurry of snow, the first of the season. The mercury fell more than 20 degrees during the day.

THE Governor has appointed Dr. George A. Christman, of Chicago, a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners, vice Dr. Fred Huxman, whose term has expired.

JOHN WOESNER, a farmer residing at Shannon, while attempting to cross the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul tracks with his team, was struck by an engine and hurled a distance of sixty feet. He died.

THE Illinois Central Railroad pays to the State in lieu of taxes 7 per cent. of the gross receipts from the 705 miles of railway built under the original charter. The sum so paid last year amounted to $680,231.

WHEN Marshal Frankland, of East Dubuque, questioned two suspicious characters, one of them fired at him three times, one bullet passing through a package of letters, grazing off a suspender buckle, and inflicting a slight wound. The men escaped.

ORRIN WEMPLE, a student in Illinois College at Jacksonville, son of Banker F. H. Wemple, of Waverly, was taken ill a week ago with stoppage of the appendicitis. An operation was performed, but the boy died in a few hours after. He was 17 years old.

A DOUBLE murder was committed three miles south of Mount Vernon, in which James Scott, a farmer, shot and instantly killed Littleton Hulett, an itinerant Methodist minister, and Scott was also killed. Hulett had camped on Scott's farm, being on his way from near Centralia to Gallatin, Tenn. Scott ordered Hulett to move on. Hulett refused. Scott made for him and a hand-to-hand conflict ensued. Hulett was shot twice, dying instantly. But he first inflicted wounds on Scott with a club from which he died.

THE census office has issued a bulletin showing the ownership and debt in Illinois. In Illinois 64.28 per cent. of the people own the farms they cultivate, and 63.29 per cent. own free of incumbrance. On the owned farms there is an incumbrance of $98,940,935, or 34.63 per cent. of their value. The average rate of interest is 6.82 per cent. Of the home families 43.10 per cent. own and 23.82 per cent. of these are free from incumbrance. The debt on homes is $78,555,736, about 37.37 per cent. of their value. Interest is 6.69 per cent.

WILLIAM S. SMITH, a noted pioneer in the Mississippi Valley, whose name was a power in the business world for thirty years up to 1861, died at his suburban estate, near Alton, aged 87 years. He began as a wholesale commission merchant in St. Louis in 1833, and retired with a snug fortune at the commencement of the civil war, since when he has resided there, spending much time in traveling. He was one of the famous American party whose European tour furnished the text for Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad." He is survived by his aged widow and only son, William Eliot Smith, founder and President of the Illinois Glass Company, the largest establishment of its kind in the world.

DAVID PARKER died at his home near Bowen, aged 80 years. He at one time was widely known throughout the State. Deceased had been an invalid for several years and for the last three years had not been able to leave his bed.

MISS BELLE WHITE, who fell dead in the parlors of a Chicago electric freckles doctor, died from natural causes. This was the verdict of the coroner's jury. It relieved the operator, Dr. Sophie Saunts, and her assistant, Mrs. Eliza James, from blame, and in consequence they were released from the Harrison-street station.