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ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

Illinois Grand Army.

At the annual encampment in Jacksonville of the Grand Army of the Republic of Illinois the report of the adjutant general for the department showed that during the last year 640 veterans in Illinois died and there are at present 22,818 veterans in the state. Officers were elected as follows: Department commander, Joel M. Longenecker, Chicago; senior vice commander, F. M. Boyer, Olney; junior vice commander, T. F. Blankley, Litchfield; medical advisor, R. L. Law, Galesburg; chaplain, Rev. S. W. Thornton, Jacksonville.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic elected Mrs. Louise Owen, of Chicago, president; the Sons of Veterans chose W. E. Hull, of Peoria, as commander, and the Women's Relief Corps elected Mrs. F. O. McClelland president.

To Be Spent in Illinois.

Washington, D. C., May 2.—The sundry civil bill reported to the house carries the following appropriations of interest to Illinois:

For improving the Chicago river, \$2,000; improvements in the temporary post office, Chicago, \$3,000; for rental of offices for the federal government in Chicago, \$25,500; from the continuing appropriation for the new Chicago post office, \$150,000; for post office building at Elgin, \$50,000; for post office at Freeport, \$37,500; for post office at Joliet, \$50,000; for post office at Monmouth, \$25,500; for post office at Streator, \$25,000; for the Illinois and Mississippi canal, \$1,000,000; for improvement of Calumet harbor, \$33,300; for the soldiers' home at Danville, \$44,500; for the new plant at the arsenal at Rock Island, \$60,000.

Smaller Business.

The annual report of the insurance department of Illinois as to the business done by fire, marine and inland insurance companies for the year 1899 shows that the result was unfavorable to the companies in the aggregate.

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Crops Catching Up.

The crop bulletin for the week ended April 30 issued by the department of agriculture says:

"The past week has had excellent both for farm work and for the growth of vegetation. Good rains fell throughout most of the state early in the week, and the weather has been warm, with bright sunshine most of the time. These weather conditions have forced the growth of vegetation very rapidly and have placed both wheat and corn in a reasonable condition of advancement, and in some cases, ahead of last year."

Incites Suicide.

W. J. Robinson, the Vandalian yardmaster at Collinsville, and Miss Edna Thompson eloped. The bride was visiting her sister in St. Louis, where the groom met her. They went from there to Indianapolis, where they were married. Robinson had been boarding at the Thompson residence for several months. When the mother of the girl heard of the affair she tried to kill herself, but was prevented.

Will Encourage Matrimony.

The Marriageable Benefit association of Champaign has received its charter and is prepared to encourage matrimony by making it possible for young persons of limited means to secure enough cash to start with a home by taking out a policy in the new concern.

Told in a Few Lines.

Grantsburg, a small village, was almost totally destroyed by fire. Only two business houses, the post office and a saloon, were left standing.

At the annual convention in Springfield of the state council of the Order of United American Mechanics, J. A. Arnold, of Bloomington, was elected state councilor.

Chicago national banks show an increase of \$553,260 in deposits since February 15. State banks have gained \$3,116,701.

The United States supreme court has held unconstitutional the Illinois law requiring all passenger trains to stop at county seats.

The state examiner has completed the examination of the books of the Olney Building and Loan association and reports a shortage of \$58,000.

Gertrude Bergeron, a school girl, 16 years old, received a verdict of \$15,000 in Chicago in her suit against the Rock Island railway for the loss of her left foot.

The entomological collection left by A. Bolter, of Chicago, valued at \$50,000, under the terms of Mr. Bolter's will has been given to the University of Illinois at Champaign.

Mrs. Ella Culp, aged 38, wife of Louis Culp, was adjudged insane at Beardstown. She believed her name was being used on notes, and that her husband was a detective.

Entertainment of national G. A. R. encampment in August will cost Chicago \$100,000.

The Illinois Steel company's billet and converter mills at Joliet shut down indefinitely, throwing 2,600 men out of work.

Six hundred men employed in the zinc factory at La Salle struck for an advance in wages.

George Miller committed suicide in Toulon. His mind was deranged. He was a son of the late James H. Miller, formerly speaker of the Illinois house.

Birdie Hoffman, the 19-year-old daughter of Jacob Hoffman, of Peoria while in company with Otis Botts shot herself dead. Parental objections to the marriage of the young people caused the suicide.

Eighteen barns at Rock Island have been burned by incendiaries in one week.

Alonzo Burr, for 50 years a leading business man of Bloomington, died of paralysis.

ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS.

Nominate Judge Richard Yates for Governor and Select Delegates to National Convention.

Peoria, Ill., May 10.—The republican state convention in this city was presided over by ex-Gov. Fifer and made the following nominations:

For governor, Richard Yates, of Jacksonville; lieutenant governor, W. A. Northcutt, of Greenville; secretary of state, James Ross, of Galesburg; auditor, James S. McCullough, of Champaign; state treasurer, M. O. Williamson, of Galesburg; attorney general, H. J. Hamlin, of Shelby county; trustees of the University of Illinois, S. A. Bullard, Springfield; Alexander McLean, McDonough county; Miss Carrie Thomas Alexander, Belleville.

The following were selected to represent the state at the national convention:

Delegates at large—Joseph G. Cannon, John J. Brown, Hale Judson, John M. Smyth.

Alternates—C. H. Cassell, W. H. Jamieson, Norman H. Moss and Horace Roosevelt.

H. D. Pierce and John M. Herbert were named as electors at large.

The platform reaffirms the St. Louis platform of 1896, indorses the administration of President McKinley and that of Gov. Tanner, favors legislation to prevent trusts, and instructs delegates to the national convention to vote for the re-nomination of President McKinley.



KILLED IN DETROIT.

Surgeon Vincent, of the Peary Arctic Expedition, is thought to be on a Street Car.

Detroit, Mich., May 5.—Dr. Edward Everett Vincent, who was surgeon of Lieut. Peary's '93 Arctic expedition, was run over by a street car and instantly killed Friday. Dr. Vincent was riding a bicycle along Grand River avenue. Endeavoring to escape collision with a buggy, he rode across the car track. His bicycle was struck by the car fender and he was thrown under the wheels and instantly killed. The body was fearfully mutilated. Dr. Vincent spent nearly ten years on the ice fields during the party's quest for the north pole and made some considerable contributions to science concerning the ethnology of Arctic tribes.

WHOLE TOWN WIPED OUT.

Corbett, Pa., Destroyed and 500 Persons Homeless—Aged Couple Burned to Death.

Galeton, Pa., May 9.—The lumber town of Corbett, five miles west of Galeton, on the Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad, was destroyed by a forest fire Tuesday. The town had 500 population. Only five buildings are left standing. A relief train took away one load of people and started to return after the rest. A mile out of Corbett the fires compelled the train to turn back. George Luke and wife, an aged couple, were surrounded by the fire and burned to death. Many of the women and children who escaped were seriously burned.

Cyclone in Michigan.

Blissfield, Mich., May 9.—Wellsville, four miles north of here, was visited by a cyclone Tuesday afternoon. The storm split two miles west of here, and the part going north struck Burton Kauch's general store, leaving it a heap of ruins. Mrs. Kauch was seriously injured. Burton Kauch's leg was broken, and their five-year-old child was severely injured. Outbuildings were reduced to kindling wood.

Heavy Losses in Michigan.

Houghton, Mich., May 9.—The damage to standing and cut timber in the upper peninsula of Michigan, through the area of the past three weeks, will probably exceed \$500,000 and may possibly reach \$1,000,000. Heavy damage has also been done in Canada on the north shore of Lake Superior. Further heavy rains are required to put the district out of danger.

No Minister Sent to Turkey.

Washington, May 7.—It is authoritatively announced that until the pending issue relative to the payment of the American indemnity claims is settled to the satisfaction of the state department no United States minister will attend at the Turkish capital, and Mr. Straus' leave of absence will remain as it is now, indefinite as to duration.

Yukon's Population.

Toronto, Ont., May 10.—A special from Dawson says: The Yukon territory census has been completed. The total population is 16,500; men 13,000; women, 2,500; children, 500; British subjects, 4,500; Americans, 9,000; Indians, 350.

Wrecked by Wind.

Topeka, Kan., May 7.—A hurricane wrecked many buildings in central Kansas and at Ellinwood George Helfrich and his wife were killed.

A Village Scorched.

Fruitport, Mich., May 5.—Fire destroyed the business section of this village.

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