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ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

Memorial Day. Joel M. Longenecker, commander of the department of Illinois, G. A. R., has issued the following general order:

The Work Being Done by Our Law-makers at Fifty-Sixth Session in Washington.

SUMMARY OF THE DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

Senate Passes the Naval Appropriation and Other Bills--In the House an Amendment to the Constitution is Proposed Concerning the Control of Trusts.

Washington, May 11.--In the senate yesterday the Clark (Montana) case went over until Tuesday next. A joint resolution concerning certain Chippewa Indian reservations in Minnesota, the project being to preserve forests on the reservations as a national park, was passed.

Washington, May 12.--Consideration of the naval bill occupied the time of the senate yesterday. During the discussion a notable speech was delivered by Senator Lodge (Mass.) upon the necessity of building up the United States navy without delay.

Washington, May 13.--The time in the senate on Saturday was occupied in discussing the naval appropriation bill. An official report by Col. E. B. Williston in answer to an inquiry shows that there is less liquor sold in Manila than prior to the American occupation.

Washington, May 15.--The senate yesterday passed the naval appropriation and "free homes" bills and received a favorable report on the Nicaraguan canal bill. Senator Jones (Ark.) introduced a bill to prevent and punish blacklisting by railroad, sleeping car, express, steamboat, telegraph and telephone companies engaged in interstate commerce, and also to provide a civil remedy in damages for blacklisting.

Washington, May 16.--The senate yesterday devoted the time to consideration of the bill providing for civil service in the country's new island possessions. The resignation of Mr. Clark, of Montana, was received.

Washington, May 17.--Bills were passed in the senate yesterday to give ex-soldiers preference in civil service appointments; granting a pension of \$100 per month to the widow of Gen. Lawton, and for the erection of a public building at East St. Louis, Ill. The committee on inter-oceanic canals reported recommending the Nicaraguan route. The administration of affairs in Cuba by agents of the United States was discussed.

House.

Washington, May 11.--Mr. Pearson (rep.) was yesterday given the seat in the house occupied by Mr. Crawford (dem.), of North Carolina. A favorable report was made on the pure-food bill, which is intended to prevent the adulteration; misbranding and imitation of beverages, foods, candies, drugs, etc.

Washington, May 12.--The house yesterday broke all records, passing 150 private pension bills, and adjourned until Monday.

Washington, May 15.--The general deficiency appropriation bill was passed in the house yesterday. The military academy bill, the last of the supply bills, will follow it.

Washington, May 16.--The last of the general appropriation bills--the military academy bill--was sent to the senate yesterday by the house. An amendment to the federal constitution which puts the control of the trusts in the hands of congress was reported as follows:

"Section 1. All powers conferred by this article shall extend to the several states, the territories, the District of Columbia, and all territory under the sovereignty and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to define, regulate, control, prohibit or dissolve trusts, monopolies or combinations, whether existing in the form of a corporation or otherwise. The several states may continue to exercise such power in any manner not in conflict with the laws of the United States. Sec. 3. Congress shall have power to enforce the provisions of this article by appropriate legislation."

Washington, May 17.--The Alaska code bill was considered in the house yesterday and the senate bill to incorporate the American National Red Cross was passed.

A Town in Ruins.

Milwaukee, May 15.--A Sentinel fire from Marinette, Wis., says: Fire started in the big lumber and cedar yards of C. H. Worcester & Co. at Fisher, Mich., 23 miles west of here, at noon Monday, and by night the town was in ruins. A high westerly wind prevailed. The loss will be over \$200,000, partially insured. The C. H. Worcester company of Chicago, which owned most everything in the place, is the heaviest loser.

College of Journalism.

Columbus, O., May 12.--The College of Journalism was incorporated Friday by Murat Halstead, George H. Davidson, A. E. Brown, G. E. Ogle and C. C. Archer. The capital stock is \$25,000 and Cincinnati is designated as its place of business.

Missouri Republicans.

Kansas City, Mo., May 17.--The republican state convention yesterday nominated Joseph Flory, of St. Louis, for governor, and elected McKinley delegates to the national convention.

Adjourn for a Week.

Washington, May 15.--The supreme court Monday adjourned for a week without announcing a decision on the Kentucky governorship case.

Factory Destroyed by Fire.

Kenosha, Wis., May 16.--The plant of the Rockford hosiery works was destroyed by fire Tuesday, entailing a loss of \$70,000.

The thirty-sixth day of May is now recognized by the nation as a holiday. Most of the states of the union have made it so by law. Upon all calendars noting holidays it is so marked. It is a reminder that upon this day the people of this great nation are to honor their dead defenders. Thanks to the great general and past commander in chief of our order, Comrade John A. Logan, who has long since gone from among us, and to the Grand Army of the Republic who brought about its legislation, it has come to be known as Memorial Day.

Long after the grand army shall have laid down its work a grateful people, not now, but then, living, will take up the labor and keep fresh and green in all their hearts the deeds of the union soldiers of the great war.

On the return of Memorial day, Wednesday, May 30, 1900, let love and gratitude inspire every post commander and every comrade to observe this hallowed day in a manner worthy of its sacred purpose, and that shall make them feel that by having willingly performed such a loving duty they are bettered thereby.

It is urged by your commander that every post in the department have such exercises as are appropriate to Memorial day, and that they decorate with flowers all the graves of the union soldiers and sailors in their respective neighborhoods.

Benefited by Rain.

The United States department of agriculture climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau of Illinois section for the week ended May 5 says:

Good rains at the end of the week are reported from the greater portion of the state, and consequently a much more favorable condition for growing exists. In some places the heavy rains were general throughout the northern district from the 20 to the 5th. It is generally believed that no material injury resulted from them. The condition of wheat and oats continues good. Corn planting is progressing throughout the state, though dry weather has held it back in parts of the southern district. Much corn has come up in the central and southern districts. The fruit prospects appear not to have suffered by the recent dry weather. Strawberries are reported to be ripening in parts of the south.

Leaps to Freedom.

While a train on the Illinois Central was going at the rate of 60 miles an hour Francis Burns (colored) leaped from one of the windows and has not been seen since. The woman had been arrested on the charge of attempting to kill a negro girl at Murphysboro and was being brought back from St. Louis, when she escaped between New Athens and Belleville.

Drives Him Mad.

John Sims, a wealthy Shelby county farmer, living west of Mt. Zion, has been adjudged insane and taken to the Army asylum. Fifty years ago Sims killed a neighbor, but was acquitted on trial. The image of the slain man haunted him and a week ago Sims went stark mad.

Told in a Few Lines.

Charles G. Robinson, for 35 years postmaster at Saxon, has resigned. Final report of George M. Pullman's executors in Chicago will show an estate of \$15,000,000.

The reports of the 17 state banks in Chicago of their condition on April 27 show an increase in the aggregate resources and liabilities of \$3,488,296 over the amount shown by the report on February 14.

Rural free delivery has been established in Chester. The population to be served is 625.

Bloomington celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation as a city.

Col. Leander Dyer, a prominent member of the G. A. R., died at Bloomington, aged 58 years. He was consul at Odessa, Russia, for 12 years, being appointed to that position by President Grant.

Mrs. Anna Grabert ended the lives of her two step-children and seriously injured herself by setting fire to her dwelling in Chicago. Domestic trouble was the cause.

After being on a strike for 15 days the 2,000 miners of the Spring Valley Coal company have returned to work, the trouble being adjusted satisfactorily.

The authorities at Beardstown arrested Mrs. Mary Shores, of that city, on the supposition that she committed the murder of William Behan in Calhoun county five years ago.

Nelson Ziebold, mayor of Redbud, died after a lingering illness.

Theodore Hyatt, who led the charge into the mine gap at Vicksburg, May 22, 1863, died at Joliet, aged 70 years. He was first sergeant of company D, One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Illinois volunteers.

Edna Hoover, of Hannibal, Mo., who was on a visit in Quincy, was under arrest on a charge of forging Quincy national bank checks to the amount of \$80.

Wholesale cheese dealers of Chicago formed a combination to control prices and restrict retail trade.

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