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The report of the commissioner of pensions for month of April states that 5169 pensioners died during that month. Of this number 3190 were soldiers of the Civil war. Only 129 were added to the roll during the month.

Here's the best way we know of to get rich quick. Make a resolution to save a penny the first day of July and double the result each day during the month. Try this, and when you count up at the end of the month you will be astonished to find that you have laid by the snug little nest egg of \$21,474,836.46.

It was Thomas Jefferson who said that he would rather live in a country with newspapers and without a government, than to live in a country without newspapers although it had a government. Every editor is a torch-bearer. He spreads the light of intelligence and the army of the editors illuminate the world. Every editor is a preacher and a teacher and a public benefactor.

The anthracite coal strike has been settled and the price has been advanced 25c per ton because of the increased mining wage scale. This means that the dear people who burn hard coal will be called upon to put up something like \$12,000,000 more than hertofore for their year's coal supply. Half of this snug little sum will find its way into the miners' pay checks. Can you guess what will become of the other \$6,000,000?

The other day an editor of one of this paper's exchanges got a dun from a merchant mailed in a government stamped envelope and written on a gargling oil statement; he made a purchase in a store and got a duplicate bill printed in Chicago and wrote his check on a blank printed in Peoria. Ever think of it? As a rule, pub-

lishers have to be born boosters—for the other fellow—prepared to live on dried herring, look pleasant, subdue their profanity and stand for any old thing.

The state of Massachusetts has appropriated the sum of five million dollars for the improvement of its highways. The enterprise of this eastern state is a subject for congratulation and an example which might well be emulated by Illinois. Massachusetts already has very good roads but evidently they are not good enough, while the highways in our own state are a perpetual disgrace and the subject for remarks by strangers who visit here. Money spent by Illinois for this purpose would bring in large dividends.

The first test of lock gates has been made at the Panama canal. The first leaf of the upper guard gate in the east chamber of Gatun locks was swung to a position halfway open. Then it was swung shut, opened wide, closed and again swung halfway open. The gate, which is made of steel, weighs 448 tons, is 564 feet high, 65 feet long and 7 feet thick. It shut and opened noiselessly without a jar or the least vibration. It was at all times under perfect control. Evidently the canal is progressing nicely, thank you!

The United States is the only country in which the son of the poorest mechanic or laboring man may become its ruler and where the daughter of a farmer may become the wife of a president and the mothers of senators. It is the only country where all earthly honors are within the reach of every citizen and where it depends upon the individual himself whether he will be a senator or a street sweeper, a railroad president or a railroad section hand, a millionaire or a pauper, a general or a policeman, a banker or a bankrupt.

We have no sympathy with the Osler theory that a man ought to be chloroformed when he is 60, or something like that. A man is in the prime of life frequently when he is 70. In fact he is in the prime of life when he is doing his best work. The prime of life varies with the man. Alexander Hamilton was in the prime of life when he was 25. John Quincy Adams did not develop his prime of life until he was 70. Napoleon was about all in at 45, the age most generally accepted as the "prime" of life. Byron was getting old at 36 but Dandolo led the crusaders of Constantinople, when stone blind and more than 80 years of age.

### THE INTIMATIONS OF GREATNESS THAT COME TO YOUTH.

In the July American Magazine, H. G. Wells, writing his story, "Marriage," makes one of his principal characters, who is a successful business man, speak as follows:

"Oh, why should the life of every day conquer us? Why should generation after generation of men have these fine beginnings, these splendid dreams of youth, attempt so much, achieve so much, and then, then become—this! Look at this room, this litter of little satisfactions! Look at your pretty books there—a hundred minds you have pecked at, bright things of the spirit that attracted you as jewels attract a jackdaw. Look at the glass and silver, and that silk from China! And we are in the full tide of our years, Marjorie. Now is the very crown and best of our lives. And this is what we do, we sample, we accumulate. For this we loved, for this we hoped. Do you remember when we were young—that life seemed so splendid—it was intolerable we should ever die? \* \* \* The splendid dream! The intimations of greatness! \* \* \* The miserable failure!"

### THE JULY WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION.

An interesting feature of the July Woman's Home Companion is an article entitled "The Fatal Penny" by Mary Heaton Vorse, in which the author reports many startling facts about the dangers that children undergo who buy cheap candy, cheap ice cream, and other impure sweets sold to youngsters for one cent.

In the same number appear the letters descriptive of vacations which won prizes in the "Real Vacation" contest.

Other interesting contributions to the July Companion are: "The Spiritual Message of Nature," a sermon by Dr. Charles E. Jefferson of Broadway Tabernacle; "The Friendly Summer Trees" by Frank A. Waugh of the Massachusetts Agricultural College; "Tempting Hot-Weather Dishes" by Fannie Merritt Farmer; "Summer Time Books" by Jeannette L. Gilder, and a number of valuable articles in the regular Household, Fashion, Home Decoration and other departments.

The principal contributors of fiction are: Kathleen Norris, Eleanor H. Porter, Frederick M. Smith, Mary Brecht Pulver and Mary Heaton Vorse.

"Never put off until tomorrow what you might do today."

"A good maximum. I did that once, and the next day they took the mistletoe down."

## Statement of the condition of

# The First National Bank Of Dwight

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY

At the close of business June 14th, 1912

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$396,626.55
United States and other Bonds	67,367.61
Furniture and Fixtures	4,000.00
Real Estate	19,648.51
Redemption Fund	2,200.00
Cash and Due from Banks	130,244.62
	<b>\$620,087.29</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital and Surplus	\$65,000.00
Undivided Profits	13,598.25
Circulation	44,000.00
Deposits	497,489.04
	<b>\$620,087.29</b>

STATE OF ILLINOIS }  
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON } ss.

I, John J. Doherty, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN J. DOHERTY, Cashier

Correct. Attest:

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 20th day of June, 1912.

GEORGE T. DONIGAN  
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Directors

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