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The conditions at Springfield are fierce. No one party has enough votes to do anything.

There are about 4,000 patriotic Democratic statesmen in Illinois, who have applied for 150 offices. Verily, the life of a new governor can be made miserable.

Freeport Standard: A feature of the inaugural parade at Washington, the fourth of next March will be ten thousand suffragettes in line. If the weather in Washington on the fourth of March is anything like it was four years ago, we would advise the suffragettes to provide themselves with knee boots.

The Highway Improvement convention at Springfield, January 31st, bids fair to be a big meeting. There will be prominent speakers present from different states and it is quite probable that a bill will be drawn there to be introduced in the legislature, which will mean permanent improvement. Everybody interested is invited.

Freeport Journal: President Taft's last two messages have set more people to wondering if the voters didn't make a mistake. The messages are evidence that as a constructive statesman President Taft will be given a prominent place in history. Even the Democratic and Bull Moose press concede that the recommendations are deserving of the greatest consideration.

H. H. Kohlsaat says that The Inter Ocean will be republican, because it believes in the principles of the Republican party, respects its traditions, reveres the memory of its great leaders and sincerely believes that this great party has not outlived its usefulness, and, that, under the leadership of patriotic, unselfish men, it will still be the party of progress and sanity.

During the first nine months of 1912 the number of automobiles manufactured in the United States was 275,293. The average price paid was \$1,200. The ratio of the cars to the population is one car to every 93 inhabitants, taking the last census as the basis of calculation. The total number of cars in the country at the time the compilation was made was 990,738.

The Chicago Record-Herald says to ask the majority of the voters to pass on supreme court decisions, to say whether or not those decisions properly construe the constitution, is to adopt the worst and silliest method of curing the evil of excessive judicial interference with the legislative function. It is to make a laughing-stock of the nation. We have no fear, by the way, of action along the Bristow line either by this Congress or the next.

We are in receipt of Holiday Greetings and Echoes from Col. Geo. C. Rankin, receiver of National Banks, Washington, D. C. Col. Rankin is an old Illinois newspaper man from Monmouth, a former representative, but has been in Washington for a number of years. He is an able man and has gathered together through his geniality and good-fellowship probably the greatest bunch of personal friends of most any one man in the country. His little book of greetings makes everyone who reads it feel better, and touches the spots which make men better and makes them more fully realize their duties one to another. Congratulations Colonel, and many thanks.

Illinois is the eighth state in the total number of automobiles registered, with 47,904. In the number of new cars in 1912 Illinois is tenth, with 9,800. California surpasses all other states in this respect. The percentage of increase in registration in Illinois was 25. In this state there is one automobile to every 112 people. In the total number of garages and dealers Illinois ranks second to New York with 1,220, New York having 2,057. There are 575 distinct automobile manufacturing companies in the United States, Illinois is sixth, with 37, being exceeded by Michigan, New York, Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania in the order named. The number of dealers in Illinois is 793, garages 664, supplies 32, repairs 55.

**A Debt Recognized.**  
"The world owes me a living," shouted the excitable theorist. "Well," replied the serene citizen, "you're alive, aren't you?"

### Obituary of Mrs. Mary Finley.

Mary Conway Finley was the daughter of Philip and Catherine Plunkette of County Meath Ireland. She was born at Lambertville, New Jersey, December 24, 1843. When but a child she moved with her parents to Ottawa, Illinois, and there spent her girlhood days. About forty years ago she moved to Livingston county, and has lived in the vicinity of Dwight ever since, having resided in her late home for 30 years. Her death was not wholly unexpected as she had been ill for several months. She bore her illness with great resignation to the will of God, never complaining, her only regret being when Sunday came she was unable to attend mass. The end came peacefully at about 10.30 on New Years morning. She fell into that long sleep that knows no awaking. The funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Patrick's church, the church of which she was a consistent member and faithful worshipper for over forty years. A solemn high mass of Requiem was celebrated, with Rev. Fr. Power as celebrant, Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald as Deacon and Rev. Fr. Grace as sub Deacon. The regular church choir assisted by Mrs. Thos. Ready with Mrs. Orr at the organ furnished the music and sang her favorite hymn, "Face to Face", also other appropriate hymns. The funeral address at the close of the mass by Father Fitzgerald was of exceptional merit and listened to with interest. He summed up the life of the deceased in the words, "She was a true Christian Mother." What more needs to be said. Mrs. Finley was a typical house mother, caring also for the community and her friends, a warm hearted disposition and the most sincere and earnest Christian life made the influence of her quiet life always on the side of the right. All her expressions and wishes in life were tenderly remembered by her family and her funeral was arranged accordingly. The interment was at the Catholic cemetery, six nephews acting as pall bearers. She leaves to mourn her loss 5 children, Mrs. Hagerty, Mrs. Brown, Philip, Catherine and James Conway at home, and one remaining grandchild two having died in infancy, also three step children, Mrs. Metelle, of Odell, Mrs. Devlin, of Bancroft, Iowa, and Daniel Finley of Dwight, also three sisters, Mrs. Ellen Gleason and Mrs. Julia Murphy, of Roberts, Illinois, and Mrs. Kate Gleason of Buckley, Illinois. Those from out of town who attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Finley were as follows: Mrs. D. E. Gleason and two sons of Buckley, Illinois, Mrs. E. R. Gleason, of Roberts, Illinois, Prof. D. W. McCarty, of Roanoke, Mrs.

Phillip Gleason, of Monroe, Nebraska, Mr. John Boyle and daughter Nelle and Dr. M. E. Gleason, Gibson City Attorney, J. M. Boyle, Thomas Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyle, of Danville, Illinois, Mrs. M. E. Buckley and daughter Mrs. McGuire, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. James Golden and daughter, of Joliet, Mrs. James Clark, of Pontiac, James and Daniel Larkin, of Campus, Illinois.

### Card of Thanks.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly tendered their sympathy and assistance to us in the saddest hours of all our lives, the death of our dear mother. We also thank our friends for the many beautiful floral offerings—messengers of sympathy.

### A Merry Crowd.

Wednesday evening about twenty-five members of the Rebecca lodge left Dwight for a sleigh ride to that far away eastern country called "Round Grove."

George Jenkins and Leland Radcliffe kindly furnished the two Pullman palace cars which were decorated with blankets and cushioned with warm straw.

After riding about five miles we decided to stop at the beautiful home of Brother Myron Tambling. To say that we were cheerfully and gladly received does not fully express our welcome.

The evening was spent in playing games and listening to the music furnished by Alice Tambling upon their new Pianola.

About 10 o'clock the airship started and it seemed to everybody that they were going to have clear sailing, when the captain gave the order to "haul in the reef" and just about that time Jenny McCarty in some unknown way got her feet tangled up in the ropes. Say, the captain and crew hauled in the reef, all right. But the poor airship has gone to the repair shop.

About this time Dr. Bovik appeared at the dining room and announced that oysters for all were now ready in the dining room. And we will give the Dr. credit for knowing how to make an oyster stew.

In a few chosen words on behalf of the Rebeccas Mrs. Wilkinson thanked Mr. and Mrs. Tambling and family for their hospitality and their warm welcome.

Mr. Tambling in reply, said that the Rebeccas and families were always welcome and to come again and more often and that the Tambling latch string was always on the outside.—One of the "Aviators."



**What is a Sabbath Day's Journey?**  
—About one mile.

**What is the Meaning of Gerry-mander?**—It means the geographical apportionment of districts to give preponderance to one political party. The practice was begun in Massachusetts, and named from its governor, Elbridge Gerry.

**Who Was Termed the Mad Poet?**—Nathaniel Lee, an insane English dramatist.

**What is an Orangeman?**—A protestant Irishman, and one who cherishes the name of William, Prince of Orange.

**Who was John Rennie?**—He was an eminent engineer, the son of a farmer, and born 1761. His greatest achievement was the building of the famous London Bridge across the Thames, and which was opened in 1831.

**In what States does Capital Punishment Prevail?**—Capital punishment prevails in all states except Michigan, Wisconsin, Rhode Island and Maine. It was abolished in Iowa in 1872 and restored in 1878. It was also abolished in Colorado, and restored in 1901.

**What is the Area of Haiti?**—The area of Haiti is 10,204 square miles, or about one-third of Indiana. Its population is near 2,000,000.

**What is the Highest Point in Wisconsin?**—The highest point in Wisconsin is Rib Hill, in Marathon county.

**When did the First Vessel Cross the Ocean Under Steam?**—The first vessel crossed the ocean under steam in 1819. It was the Savannah, of 330 tons burden, built at Corlear's Hook, N. Y. The steamer went from New York to Savannah, Ga., and thence to England. From England she proceeded to St. Petersburg, Russia, where an effort was made to dispose of her to the czar. Failing to effect the sale, she returned to New York and was afterwards converted into a sailing vessel.

**What is a Round Robin?**—A petition or remonstrance signed with the names in a circle to conceal who signed it first.

**What is the Malthusian Doctrine?**—The theory that the population is growing faster than the food supply.

**What is Volapuk?**—A so-called universal language, invented in 1879, by Johann Martin Schleyer, a Swabian pastor, and later a teacher in Constance. Of the vocabulary about one-third is of English origin. The grammar is simplified to the utmost.

**Who was Alexander the Copper-smith?**—A nickname applied to Alexander Hamilton by those who were dissatisfied with the copper cents coined in 1793 at his suggestion as secretary of the treasury.

**What is the Average Depth of Oceans?**—The average depth of all the oceans is from 2,000 to 3,000 fathoms. Soundings have been made in the Atlantic ocean, ninety miles off the island of St. Thomas, in the West Indies, which showed a depth of 23,250 feet, or about four and one-half miles. In 1872-74, the ship Challenger made a voyage around the world for the purpose of taking deep-sea soundings, and the result showed that the greatest depth in the Pacific ocean was between four and one-half and five miles.

**How Many of our Presidents were Church Members?**—From Washington to McKinley, only three, Washington, Garfield and Harrison, were members of the church. All others were men who revered Christianity except Jefferson, who was not a believer, at least while he was chief magistrate.

**What is meant by the "Devarication of Languages"?**—It means the breaking of a language into two or more separate languages, through corruptions and other circumstances.

**What was the Defect of the Julian Calendar?**—It made the year about eleven minutes too long, and this extension amounted to three days in nearly 400 years.

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