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If there is any old played-out black-maller who wants to make a few dollars he should apply to the Chicago Tribune. The Tribune is easy.

Governor Dupne will soon make a clean sweep of republicans and fill their places with reliable democrats. This applies to all places not under civil service. Of course they cannot remove those under civil service—unless they want to!

This paper believes in justice to all alike. If a man or woman is bad they should be punished. We do not, however, believe in the policy of the Chicago Tribune of buying dirty stories from blackmailers and publishing them as the truth. There is no newspaper published, which comes to our notice, which stoops so low as the Chicago Tribune does along these lines.

Some very valuable improvements will be made in this paper commencing next week, especially in the news columns. We propose to publish the news of both Livingston and Grundy counties more complete than ever before, and broaden out the scope of country taken in. We believe our readers at present, and others, will appreciate our efforts to give to the public a good, clean, newsy paper, which will be really a family necessity. Watch the improvement and tell us how you like it.

Hon. Chas. Cherry, of Kendall county, one of the most widely known politicians in Illinois, died recently in Florida. He was a member of the legislature for several years. He was a very large man and in those days weighed about 350 pounds, and he had a heart to correspond with his weight. Mr. Cherry managed Senator Hopkins' campaign for senator the first time he was elected, and was one of the leaders in the Lowden campaign for gov-

ernor. He retired from active politics several years ago on account of his health. His many friends will be sorry to hear of his death.

Illinois State Journal: Governor Dunne's refusal to veto the state wide utilities commission bill at the behest of Chicago and Springfield politicians, was in accordance with the dictate of common sense. There was grave reason to believe "the home rule" issue raised in opposition to the measure had for its purpose the killing off of the whole proposition. It is not certain that the commission will accomplish all the things expected of it. It is possible the law will prove a failure. But it does not follow that a law designed especially for Chicago, with a commission made up entirely of Chicagoans, would be any better. Surely there is nothing in past experience with Chicago governing boards to warrant such assumption.

PHYSICAL FACTS ABOUT CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS.

The average height of the Union soldiers in the Civil War was five feet eight and one-quarter inches. Maine, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky troops averaged slightly taller. Of about 1,000,000 recorded heights of soldiers, 3,613 were above six feet three inches, some of them being more than seven feet tall.
The average weight was 143½ pounds.
Thirty per cent had brown hair, 24 per cent light, 13 per cent black, four per cent sandy, three per cent red, one per cent gray.
Forty-five per cent had blue eyes, 24 per cent gray, 13 per cent hazel, 10 per cent dark, eight per cent black.
In complexion 60 per cent were light, 33 per cent dark, seven per cent medium.
Forty-eight per cent were farmers, 24 per cent mechanics, 16 per cent laborers, five per cent in commercial pursuits, three per cent professional men, four per cent of miscellaneous vocations.
The average age was about 25 years at enlistment. More enlistments were received at 18 years than at any other age. None above 45 years was taken.

OUR SOLDIERS' RECORDS.
Francis G. Blair, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Illinois, is intensely interested in the work of preserving the records of the soldiers of the Civil War, especially those who lie buried in the small rural cemeteries scattered throughout the state, where there is no G. A. R. or other organization to preserve the record and give honor for the battles fought and the sorrows borne that the nation might be free.

It is a part of his plan that the teachers and pupils in the country and village schools get the names of all the old soldiers now living in the district, and of those who went to the Civil War from the district, now living or dead. From time to time the facts about each soldier should be gathered, written in a permanent book and kept in the school library. If

gether 23,329,047 under the Stars and Stripes. The Directory will say that a new church is built every day in the year. To be exact, there were 373 new churches, some of them being only mission churches. There were 244 new churches with resident pastors and 129 new mission churches. There are in the United States 17,945 Roman Catholic priests presiding over parishes and members of religious orders, with 6,159 youths studying in 85 seminaries. It is claimed that there are 1,360,761 children studying in the parochial schools, with 47,415 orphans in institutions, making altogether 1,593,316 pupils under Roman Catholic care. During the past year Michigan has gone ahead of Wisconsin, and Kansas took the lead over New Hampshire, Maine and Nebraska.

The following table gives the Roman Catholic population in the various States:

New York	2,790,629
Pennsylvania	1,633,353
Illinois	1,460,987
Massachusetts	1,383,435
Ohio	743,065
Louisiana	584,000
Michigan	568,505
Wisconsin	558,476
New Jersey	506,000
Missouri	470,000
Minnesota	454,797
Connecticut	423,000
California	403,500
Texas	306,400
Iowa	266,735
Maryland	260,000
Rhode Island	260,000
Indiana	232,764
Kentucky	163,228
New Mexico	140,573
Kansas	131,000
Maine	123,600
Nebraska	113,270
Colorado	105,000

the names are only secured for Memorial Day, that is sufficient, and the records may be gathered by the older pupils as language work, during the year.
A tree should be planted on the lawn, known as Memorial tree. If it is possible, get an old soldier to do the planting. Every Memorial Day the children should gather around this tree and strew flowers about it while the roll of the dead is being called. After the records are completed, a short history of each soldier may be read in response to the name, so that the children may become familiar with the patriotic services of the honored dead of their neighborhood.
In Edwards county, under the leadership of County Superintendent W. H. Steifferman, a Grand Army Memorial Tree was planted in every school yard in the county.
The Peru school of Macon county dedicated one of the splendid oak trees in the yard as a Memorial Tree with proper ceremonies, at which the G. A. R. Post of Decatur presided, assisted by the members of the G. A. R. Relief Corps.
Why cannot this same work be duplicated in several thousand of the rural school grounds throughout the state? Can there be a more impressive and effective way of teaching and perpetuating patriotism than this?

portioned to any county until a county superintendent of highways has been appointed.
The term of office of the county superintendent of highways is six years and he is to receive a salary to be fixed by the county board and paid out of the general funds of the county.
The county superintendent is required to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for all bridges to be built by the county.
To act for the county in all matters relating to the supervision of the construction and maintenance of any road or bridge constructed or maintained at the expense of the county or at the joint expense of the county and any town.
To visit and inspect the roads and bridges in each town at least once in each year and advise and direct the commissioners of highways of the several towns as to the best methods of repair, maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges.
To keep a record of all contracts or purchases of materials or machinery to be used in road construction in excess of \$200 approved by him in any town.
To act as the deputy, within the county, of the state highway engineer.
He is subject to the direction of the state highway commission to supervise and repair and maintenance of all state aid roads in the county.

THAT REMINDS US
That someone asked the other day: "Is the distraction line running today?"
That because a stenographer has a bad spell is no sign he or she is sick.
That a man was sunstruck because he insisted on asking everyone if it was "hot enough for you."
That about 4000 democrats are waiting for the Governor to give them less than 300 offices. Verily the lot of a Governor is not very inviting, especially if he is a candidate for re-election.

Notice.
All Woodmen are requested to be present at the next regular meeting, Tuesday evening, July 22, 1913. Matters of special importance to members will be brought up, and talked on.—Adv.

Agriculture in Great Britain.
Out of 56,799,994 acres, the total area of Great Britain, only 9,000,000 are unused for agricultural purposes.

Notice.
Photographers in Lyons, France, take instantaneous pictures in colors by the use of flashlight powders.

RAILROAD NEWS
The statement of earnings on the Alton for June, issued Saturday, shows a fine gain for the month, although hardly up to expectations. In the fourth week of June, the road earned \$335,031, which was but \$5,980 more than in the same week a year ago. This was an unexpected falling off from the three preceding weeks of the month. During the month, the road earned \$1,269,997, which was a gain of \$125,192 over the same month of last year. For the fiscal year closing July 1, the road earned \$15,270,989, for the first time in its history exceeding the fifteen million mark. The earnings in the preceding fiscal year were \$14,535,097, which also showed a fine gain of the year prior. The gain for the year just closed was the enormous sum of \$735,892. The showing certainly reflects much credit upon the administration of President Worthington.

The statement of Alton earnings for the first week of July and the first week of the new fiscal year, issued Tuesday, shows an encouraging increase over the same week a year ago. The road earned \$275,271 in the initial week of the new year which is the handsome gain of \$23,644 over the same week a year ago. Ordinarily, July Fourth week is a light one in freight circles and traffic usually slumps heavily. This year it ran considerably heavier than in former years and gave the new year an encouraging start. The second week also showed a good run of business and it is hoped that the ratio of increase will be retained in the remaining weeks of July. There is promise of a heavy run of stock, due to the reports that the southwest is in need of rain and that stock must be shipped to market. There has been a good run of stock for the past week and this helps out earnings. There is also a good run of coal, more than ordinarily for this season of the year and in fact all classes of tonnage are running ahead of former years.

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