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CALENDAR OF ILLINOIS HISTORY.

March 2, 1849—Emigration from Illinois to California. The Galena Gazette says that one hundred wagons will start for California from the neighborhood of Rock Island in the spring. "In the vicinity of Galena," says the Gazette, "numbers are going from every neighborhood as a general thing they form an enterprising and respectable class of men and some women."

THE PARCEL POST FAILURE.

The University of Wisconsin after an exhaustive investigation of the parcel post system of distributing food, has set it down as a failure. Even without the testimony of the university experts the public realizes that it has not met expectations. It has satisfied neither producers nor consumers. It has not established general easy, quick and cheap communication between the producer and the consumer.

Many explanations have been given for this failure. A New York state publication called Table Talk holds that it is chiefly due to the limitations of the farmer himself—that it is impracticable for him to sell his products to consumers via parcel post route, because:

"To sell his hams and bacon and other meats, to say nothing of his other farm products, the farmer must do what every other individual in business must do—build up his trade and have his distributing machinery. He must either advertise in local newspapers, or he must write direct to friends and thus create a demand for his wares.

"Thus 'drumming up trade' is a business in itself. It is the job of the middleman or retailer—a thankless task, if we may judge from the many attacks made on the retailer or middleman in the last few years.

"Now, the average farmer knows the raising of stocks and produce much better than he knows the retail business. He reads price-lists from the side of the seller, not of the buyer. To keep track of market fluctuations while he peddles his meats through the mails would be no small task."

All this is true enough. But must the parcel post therefore be given up as hopeless? It has really made considerable progress in this country, considering its short history. Is no more progress possible?

Granting that the farmer doesn't know the business end of selling direct to the consumer, why can't he learn it? And why can't he be helped by public authorities, who are or ought to be deeply interested in cheapening food distribution?

Several states have already undertaken such co-operation, thru their agricultural departments, issuing bulletins on the state of the retail market and the demand for various products. These bulletins are printed in the newspapers, and in some cases distributed free to the farmers themselves by mail. One of the southern states supplements this with a department maintained in a group of newspapers, where producers and consumers can state their wants.

There is much room for development along this line. And the federal department of agriculture could do much more than it is doing to promote the utilization of the parcel post. So could the postoffice department.

MANAGING CITIES.

"Imagine a railroad operated under the direction of men selected anew every two to four years by popular vote," says Engineering and Contracting, a Chicago publication. "The glib speaker, the sweet smile, the hearty hand-gripper would then have a better chance of being president of the railway than the man who had spent all his life studying and practicing railway construction and operation."

The subject under discussion is the city-manager plan, which the magazine quoted from heartily endorses. The writer points out that nearly a

hundred American cities have now turned their administration over to "managers," usually civil engineers having no training in politics and little aptitude for political careers. So far the innovation has been confined, for the most part, to the smaller municipalities, but there are signs of its coming adoption by big communal centers. The plan is now under serious consideration in such important cities as Cleveland, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, Kansas City and Minneapolis. In Cleveland the popular interest is evidenced by the fact that some fifty civic organizations are co-operating in the selection of fifteen representatives to make a thorough investigation of the city manager plan with a view to its adoption if it seems practicable.

WHY WE ARE STARVING.

Germany's food supply is low. And yet, according to trustworthy accounts, the German people are not starving. Nobody goes without food. Germany has simply solved the problem by a rational system of distribution. What food there is, is shipped where it is needed, and delivered to consumers without needless delay or expense.

This country produced, last year, less food than usual, but still far more than enough for all our needs, and incomparably more than any foreign country produced. Today food is grievously scarce and costly. Large quantities, to be sure, have been shipped to Europe, and yet there would be plenty for home consumption, and prices would be far lower, if our crops had only been properly gathered, conserved and distributed.

Only one section of the country may be said to take anywhere near proper care of the food it produces. That is the West. Elsewhere, particularly in the East, apples are left to rot on the trees, potatoes are left to rot in the ground, fruits and vegetables of many kinds are gathered haphazard and in large part left to spoil on the farm or on the way to market.

Slower carelessness and inefficiency! Sometimes it is the farmer's fault. Sometimes it is the fault of the commission men and wholesalers, who will not pay prices that make it worth while for the farmers to gather their crops. Often it is the fault of railroads, which charge ruinous rates or fail to provide adequate facilities for getting the stuff to market. Sometimes it is a lack of marketing facilities in the cities. Sometimes all these causes, and others, work together. Thus nature's bounty is thrown away and people go hungry.

While we're so zealous in preparedness, why not prepare a little along this line and check the appalling waste of our food supply at its sources? Why not get busy on the job of seeing that every apple, every potato, every egg, every berry, every onion and carrot, every handful of grain, finds its way, in some form, to the market basket and the dinner table?

FETZER MAY LOSE IN ALDERMAN RACE

Chicago, March 2—Alderman Charles E. Merriam was put across by the women voters in Tuesday's primaries. He won by six votes over William R. Fetzer, former Ottawa man, on the face of yesterday's canvass of the Seventh ward. A contest and a recount of the ballots are in sight.

The results of the canvass as shown in the computations of the Merriam men, the Fetzer camp and the City News Bureau gave Fetzer a male plurality of 203; Merriam a female plurality of 203. This gives Merriam a new lead of six votes. The figures that came out of the three sets of adding machines were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Total. Merriam 2,235, Fetzer 2,032.

The Fetzer managers refuse to concede an eyelash victory to Merriam. Attorney Frank B. Ayers for Fetzer appeared at the board rooms just before closing time, and presented a memorandum asking that judges and clerks from nine precincts be summoned this morning for interrogation.

CONSOLIDATION BILL READY FOR GOVERNOR

Springfield, Ill., Mar. 2—The administration consolidation bill will be in the hands of the Governor for signature tonight if everything goes according to schedule. After thrashing out their points of difference in the conference committee meeting last night, both the senate and house stood ready to pass the bill without further delay this morning.

The senate agreed to withdraw amendments eliminating the position of lodging-house inspector, giving the heads of departments thirty days instead of ten for holding funds, and a few other minor changes. Otherwise the bill will stand as it passed the upper house.

LOWDEN'S BILL PROVIDES BIG JOBS

NINE "BIG" MEN WILL DRAW DOWN NINE FAT SALARIES WHEN CONSOLIDATION LAW BECOMES EFFECTIVE JULY 1.

Springfield, Ill., March 2—Both houses of the legislature took final action on Governor Lowden's consolidation bill late yesterday by adopting conference committee reports. The bill will be ready for the signature of the governor as soon as it has been scrutinized by the attorney general.

Governor Lowden announced that he expected to select the directors of the nine new departments within the next two weeks. After that he will consult with these men in filling the sixty subordinate positions created by the bill. The act becomes effective July 1.

Offices And Salaries.

As passed, after a number of revisions, the bill creates the following offices and salaries per annum: Finance department—Director, \$7,000; assistant director, \$4,200; administrative auditor, \$4,500; superintendent of budget, \$2,600; superintendent of department reports, \$2,600.

Department of agriculture—Director, \$4,500; assistant director, \$3,000; general manager of state fair, \$3,000; superintendent of foods and dairies, \$4,800; superintendent of animal industry, \$3,800; superintendent of plant industry, \$2,600; chief veterinarian, \$4,200; chief game and fish warden, \$3,600; each food standard officer, \$450.

Department of labor—Director, \$5,000; assistant director, \$3,000; chief factory inspector, \$3,000; superintendent of free employment offices, \$3,000; chief inspector of private employment agencies, \$3,000; each of five industrial officers, \$3,000.

Department of mines and minerals—Director, \$5,000; assistant director, \$3,000; each of four officers, \$500; each of four miners' examining officers, \$1,800.

Department of Public Works Director, \$7,000; assistant director, \$4,000; superintendent of highways, \$5,000; chief highway engineer, \$5,000; supervising architect, \$4,000; superintendent of water ways, \$5,000; superintendent of printing, \$5,000; superintendent of purchases and supplies, \$5,000; superintendent of parks, \$2,500.

Other Departments. Department of public welfare—Director, \$7,000; assistant director, \$4,000; alienist, \$5,000; criminologist, \$5,000; fiscal supervisor, \$5,000; superintendent of charities, \$5,000; superintendent of prisons, \$5,000; superintendent of pardons and paroles, \$5,000.

Department of public health—Director, \$6,000; assistant director, \$3,500; superintendent of lodging house inspection, \$3,000. Department of trade and commerce—Director, \$7,000; assistant director, \$4,500; superintendent of insurance, \$5,000; fire marshal, \$3,000; superintendent of standards, \$2,500; chief grain inspector, \$6,000; each public utility commissioner, \$7,000; secretary of public utilities commission, \$4,000.

Department of registration and education—Director, \$5,000; assistant director, \$3,500; superintendent of registration, \$4,200.

NATIONAL ANTHEM BAN AS NEW LAW

Springfield, Ill., March 2—A bill proposing to restrain the instrumental singing and playing of the Star-Spangled Banner in restaurants and cafes was introduced by Senator Herlihy in the senate today. It would forbid playing the national anthem in connection with any melody of other kind, and proposes a fine of \$100 for violations.

Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with 2c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2355 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back, rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. W. D. Duncan.

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Some stores are out of snags. We always have them. War or no war. 15 lbs. fine GRANULATED SUGAR for \$1. With 1 lb. C. & S. PLANTATION COFFEE for \$1. Or with a pound of sixty cent Japan, English Breakfast or Gunpowder Tea. Or KING QUALITY FLOUR—Warranted better than what you are now using of your money bank. \$2.49. Or Gold Medal Flour, 40 lb. sacks, \$2.59. Notice the strength of King Flour; also the number of loaves. Might ask your neighbor about it. She uses it. SPECIAL WASH DAY SALE.

Extra quality glycerized wash tubs: 20" size, each \$1.49; 22" size cotton mops \$1.38; 136 mop sticks \$1.10; 10c pkts. Rising Sun Stove Polish 5c; 7 bars Swift's Pride Soap \$2.50; 30c Clothes Lines \$1.50; 7 pkgs. Rub No More Powder \$2.50; 30c Oil cans, two gallon \$3.00.

Cheap Food—Extra Quality: 5 lbs. fine Rice \$2.50; 4 lbs. fine Barley \$2.50; 3 lbs. choice Cracked Hominy \$2.50; 2 lbs. Green Peas \$2.50; 5 lbs. Choice Rolled Oats \$2.50; Choice Navy Beans, pound \$1.50.

We receive daily—The Famous Ward Cakes and Orange's Quality Bread—made from King Quality Flour. Open a new account by phoning No. 128 for fresh strawberries, Florida Tomatoes, Head and Leaf Lettuce, Hot House Cucumbers, Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Fresh Mushrooms.

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SPECIALS AT BUEHLER BROS.

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The Rooster is a great advertiser

He shouts very, very early in the morning when the minds of people are fresh after a sound sleep. Certainly he has something to crow about when he and Mrs. Men his wife are so important to the American dinner table. Like Mr. crowing rooster, the Springfield meat market is convinced it has something to crow about. If you are yet unconvinced try a roast from our shop for your Sunday dinner, or a choice cut of your favorite meat. We have it.

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Table with 3 columns of meat prices: Choice Steak 12 1/2c, Pot Roast 10c 12 1/2, 15c, Pigs' Feet 5c; Choice Liver 5c, Pork Kidney 6c, Liver Sausage 8c; Pork Sausage 15c, Bacon only 18c, Choice Beef Rib-Roast 14c.

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You should take advantage of this sale, as this is the last one this season. Our store is getting filled up with new spring suits and coats, which are arriving daily. Come in and look them over. The styles are beautiful and prices reasonable.

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