

# STATE'S RIGHT TO CANAL PROPERTY HELD UNLIMITED

### FAR REACHING RULING HANDED DOWN TO PREVENT CHICAGO FROM USING WATERWAY AS A CITY DUMP.

A ruling that is far-reaching in its bearing on the "squattling" of municipalities on the property of the Illinois and Michigan canal has been handed down by Attorney General Brundage.

The ruling also affects the rights of any individuals who may have pre-empted property of the canal, even though that property never has been used for canal purposes. The attorney general's opinion authorizes the department of public works to take possession of and protect the section of the Illinois and Michigan canal which was abandoned when the Sag cut was constructed. He adds that the police power should be invoked to prevent the city of Chicago using this section as a dump, and also to stop encroachments by property owners whose holdings adjoin the canal land.

The opinion was given in response to a request from Director of Public Works Paterbaugh, as to the legal status of the 90-foot strip of canal right-of-way. Property owners with holdings along the strip have contended that, following abandonment of its use the property reverted to them. The city has claimed the right to fill the canal on the ground that the unused depression constituted a nuisance.

#### State Holds Title.

In his opinion to Judge Leslie D. Paterbaugh, director of the department of public works and buildings, the attorney general holds:

"The state holds the title in fee to the bed of the entire canal, including the feeder and appurtenances in section 30 of township 39, in range 13, east of the third principal meridian.

"The title of the state is subject to no conditions, except those which may be expressed in or implied from the federal acts of 1827 and 1833.

"No one, except the United States, may claim a forfeiture based upon an alleged breach of those conditions.

"There has been no abandonment, in the legal meaning of that term, of any portion of the canal, by the state; and even if there were such an abandonment it would not operate, in itself, to divert the state of its title.

"While we think that there has been no breach by the state of the conditions of the federal grant, and that the state is now the absolute owner of the bed of the canal, in view of the diversity of opinion as to the scope and effect of those conditions, it is desirable either that the state's absolute title be confirmed by an act of congress, or that in a suit between the United States and the state, the rights of each under those conditions be definitely adjudicated.

#### Cannot Fill Up Canal.

"In view of the federal act of 1899 the state may not fill up the bed of the canal, without the authorization of the federal government; nor may the state, without the sanction of the federal government, permit anyone to fill up the bed of the canal. There is no statute, which is now in force, or which has ever been in force, giving authority to any officer or agency of the state, or to any municipality, to fill or authorize the filling or obstructing of the canal, except the limited authority granted to the sanitary district alone in the act of 1903.

"It is the duty of the officers of the state, charged with the control and protection of the canal, to assert the state's ownership and possession of the canal, and to take steps to stop encroachments upon the bed of the canal, in the same manner and by the same means as the other property of the state is protected. If, after notice, there are those who persist in unlawful acts with reference to the canal, the officers of the state are justified, and it is their duty, to resort to whatever coercive measures are necessary.

In view of the large number of those engaged in filling up and obstructing the canal, and the apparent difficulty in fixing the ultimate responsibility for their acts, the efficacy of suits for injunction is doubtful and the most effective means will probably be the ordinary police measures, involving the prosecution of offenders and the employment of the requisite force, as the occasion may require, for the protection of the canal."

#### Don't Forget.

The Undine Hose Company's dance at Armory C Thanksgiving eve.

#### M. Morris.

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#### Whitmore Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral services for A. H. Whitmore will be held at the residence, 526 Guthrie street, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. A. Briggs, Jr., will conduct the services. Interment will be in Ottawa avenue cemetery.

## CITY AND VICINITY ITEMS

Oscar Doelling, of Earlville, was an Ottawa business visitor today.

Mrs. John Flynn left this afternoon at 3 p. m. for Houston, Texas, to visit her son, who is a member of Co. C. Mrs. A. E. Herzog left this morning for a short visit with Chicago friends. F. A. Cebulski went to Chicago this morning on a business trip.

Misses Ann Keebler and Katherine O'Connor were La Salle visitors yesterday.

Thomas Nolan, of Chicago, is visiting with friends in this city. Vincent White, of Marseilles, was an Ottawa visitor last evening.

G. H. Wheeler, of Chicago, inspector for the Woolworth stores, is in this city on a several days business visit.

Attorney Robert Larkin, of Streator, was an Ottawa business visitor today.

Miss Amelia Irion, of this city, is visiting friends in Streator this week. Will Harding is home from Camp Dodge, to spend his furlough in this city. He will return to camp Monday.

Jerry O'Connor is here from Camp Dodge to spend a short furlough.

Sergt. Roy Waters, who is stationed at Camp Funston, Kans., is spending a furlough in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clime and son Robert motored yesterday from their home at Nevada, Iowa, to Ottawa to visit Mrs. Clime's mother, Mrs. W. B. Bane, who at the present time is at the home of Attorney Frank E. Follett. The trip of about 200 miles was made in about 12 hours. They found the roads fairly good for this time of the year, but report that the corn en route appears to be of poor quality. After remaining here a few days Mr. and Mrs. Clime will return to their home.

Mrs. W. F. Weese left this morning for Houston, Tex., for a visit with her son, Glenn Weese, who is stationed at Camp Logan.

Mrs. Wm. Gagel will leave this evening for Chicago for a short visit with friends there.

Dr. Charles J. Gillen has returned home after a business trip to Chicago.

## Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN CLOSES TOMORROW

The committees who began their active work in soliciting funds for the Y. M. C. A. were more than pleased at the response of the people of this community. It is particularly gratifying to the officers and promoters back of the movement to know that the feeling exists in this community to the extent that every one seems to want to contribute their share to the good work of the Y. M. C. A. organization.

Some very substantial amounts were contributed today as well as numberless small amounts so that in the aggregate it is confidently expected that more than half of the quota for Ottawa will have been subscribed.

The committees are expected to close their work tomorrow night, but if there are any who for some reason failed to send in their contribution or have not been called on by any of the committees, if they are sent to Dr. A. J. Roberts by Monday night they will be given due credit for their subscriptions.

#### We Have Replenished

our stock with new Coats this week. Come in and see them. ENGEL'S CLOAK STORE.

#### White-Breasted Nuthatch.

The familiar winter bird, the white-breasted nuthatch, is the champion "steepjack" of the world, says an exchange. It can travel headforemost down any tree trunk in the forest and can perform other dizzy gymnastic feats with astounding ease. The nuthatch makes nothing of thrillers.

The winter hawks occasionally try to catch asleep this weasel of a bird. The nuthatch, however, can scuttle around a tree trunk, three outpacing the squirrel at the same trick. The bird braves the bitter cold, and if it knew how it probably would hearten its in the winter days with something more cheerful than "Quack, quack," it does not know how, however, and so we must take it for its beauty and its society and let the rest go.

#### The High Cost of Living Solved.

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## CHICAGO MARKETS

Chicago market report furnished to the Free Trader Journal by W. L. Etnyre, member Chicago Board of Trade, Moloney Building, Phone 1041. Correspondent Lamson Bros. & Co., Chicago.

Corn—Open. High. Low. Close. Dec. .... 1.19 1.22 1.19 1.20 1/4  
May ..... 1.14 1.16 1.14 1.15 1/4  
Jan. .... 1.16 1.17 1.16 1.17 1/4

Oats—Dec. .... 64 66 64 65  
May ..... 64 65 64 65

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#### Tomorrow We'll Give

Twenty-five per cent off on all our Suits and ten per cent off on our Coats. ENGEL'S CLOAK STORE.

## Society Notes

The street car conductors of the city lines will give a dancing party next Tuesday evening, November 20, at Willis' Dancing Academy. Orchestra music will be furnished for dancing from 9 until midnight.

About fifty couples attended the dancing party given for the benefit of Army Y. M. C. A., by the members of Humboldt Masonic Lodge, at the Masonic Temple last night. The party was a very enjoyable affair in every way. Heinrich's orchestra furnished music for the dancing from 7:30 until midnight.

The Westminster Guild of the First Presbyterian church will be entertained Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Elery E. Tucker, 740 State street with an informal thimble party. The evening will be spent in working on articles for the December bazaar.

Miss Mary Dinneen entertained with a four course dinner last evening at the Clifton hotel, in honor of her sister, Helen, who celebrated her twentieth birthday yesterday. Covers were laid for nine guests. The table was beautifully decorated with patriotic colors and American flags were given as favors. A birthday cake containing twenty candles was one of the attractive features of the dinner. Miss Dinneen received many beautiful gifts. Those present were Misses Edith Dwyer, Mary Mulholland, Edith Dwyer, Helen Dinneen and Mary Dinneen and Messrs. Peter Boyle, Walter Sullivan, William Mulholland and James Morgan.

The Modern Literature Club will meet Monday evening at the home of Miss Louise Grove, on Washington street. Miss Tillie Bailey will read a paper on the works of Pierre Loti.

The Just Us club met last night at the home of Miss Rose Allen, on West Main street. Fifteen girls were present at this meeting. The evening was spent with music, games and dancing. Light refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, November 22nd at the home of Miss Estella Warren, on Superior street.

A recipe shower was given last evening by Mrs. Emil Johnson, for Miss Louise Kopp, the event taking place at the Johnson residence on East Superior street. About twenty-five friends of the bride-to-be were in attendance and spent a most delightful evening. Refreshments were served during the course of the entertainment. The home was decorated with candy hearts, arrows and cupid.

The philanthropic department of the Ottawa Woman's Club will hold an open meeting in the parish house Tuesday, November 20, at 2:30 p. m. This will be a thimble party and each lady is requested to bring two new garments for women and children. The reports of the delegates to the state federation meeting held this week in Chicago, will be given by Mrs. J. J. Hornung and Mrs. Frank Seward. Miss Katherine Lincoln will play several violin solos. A good time is promised to all those attending.

All women of the city are invited to attend the woman's prayer meeting tomorrow afternoon, from 3:30 to 4:30, in the lecture room of the Congregational church. These prayer meetings are held by the women from all churches in the city and the chief object of them is to pray for the country and the soldiers. Mrs. M. J. Rendle will be the leader.

The following Ottawa people were among those sending Christmas boxes through the Chicago Tribune to the American soldiers in France. The local chapter of the Red Cross purchased 100 of the Christmas packets. These packets were purchased by the Tribune at the wholesale price of \$2.00 each, and will be sent directly from Chicago to France:

Mr. L. E. Porter, Mrs. L. E. Porter, Mr. W. F. Jacobs, Mrs. W. F. Jacobs, Mr. G. W. Yentzer, Mrs. G. W. Yentzer, Miss Margaret Yentzer, Miss Rebecca Yentzer, Miss Mamie Yentzer, Mrs. P. A. Sherwood, Mrs. B. F. Lincoln, Miss Katherine Lincoln, Mrs. Chas. S. Reed, Mrs. W. H. Gilman, Mrs. G. W. Farrar, Mrs. C. P. Taylor, Mrs. J. B. Hoxie, Mrs. C. M. Irion, Mrs. G. F. Bissell, Sidney Weis, Mrs. S. E. Parr Jr., Mrs. J. Edgecomb, Mrs. Highty, Mrs. W. D. Fullerton, Mrs. L. A. Strawn, Mrs. E. S. Leland, Mrs. S. Leland, Mrs. Nevo Strawn, Mr. C. C. Griggs, Mrs. C. C. Griggs, V. J. Duncan, E. C. Swift.

#### The Sandwich Man.

The name "sandwich man," as applied to the men who parade the streets between two boards, on which are advertisements, was first given to them by Dickens. Although it would appear that the custom originated in the nineteenth century, the profession was without a name until Dickens conceived the humorous title, which he first employed in his "Sketches by Boz."

#### We Will Show Tomorrow

great values in Children's Coats, Dresses, Sweaters, Hats and Bonnets. ENGEL'S CLOAK STORE.

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# 125 REGISTERED IN OTTAWA YESTERDAY; TASK IS NEAR END

### OTTAWA WOMEN SHOW AWAKENED SPIRIT IN PATRIOTIC DUTY—1152 HAVE NOW SIGNED CARDS.

Registration was heavier yesterday, 125 women signing cards, bringing the total number up to 1,125. This afternoon the registration showed greater interest and tomorrow, the last day for the Ottawa women to demonstrate their patriotism by this service, is expected to be the biggest day in the entire registration period.

Ottawa will, however, fall far below the 3,000 mark which should be the minimum figure for this city. There is still one chance left for the women to bring the total of their number of patriotic women up to a par with other cities of the same size of Ottawa. One city with a population of 10,000 registered 1,500 women in one day.

Stories are still being circulated without either foundation or logic, to the effect that if women register they will be compelled by the government to respond to service, and go to Europe or any part of America to accept positions.

These stories are all absolutely false, and are only started with a view of stopping registration. It is not at all unlikely that espionage reports are playing a large part in the light registration of the women here. It is almost an unbelievable fact that intelligent men and women of a free United States should be duped by stories of this kind. If they could be traced to the beginning they would be traced in all probability to German agents.

There is not, nor will there at any time be, women compelled to accept any position signed up for on her registration card, if at the time the position is offered her she does not wish to accept it. No woman will be forced to leave this city, or any city, against her wishes to accept a position in any other place.

Many women are not registering because they cannot accept a paid position. It is just as important for the government to have a record of these women, and to know what they are willing to do for their country, even if it is only one hour of sewing or knitting a week, as for them to have a record of the women that are financially able to give all their services free, for patriotic or charitable causes, or of the women who will give all their time for paid positions.

The headquarters will be kept open until 7 o'clock tonight, and all day tomorrow from 9 in the morning until 9 at night.

The registrars for tomorrow will be Mrs. Jennie Hatten, officer of the day, Mrs. Edward McCall, Miss Ida Hatten, Mrs. Elizabeth Kinchele, Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Mrs. J. S. Edgecomb, Mrs. E. Z. Mercer, Miss Acal Davis, Mrs. Fred Keefer, Mrs. C. H. Kingman, Mrs. J. M. Megaffin, Mrs. A. Richards.

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## EASY TO TRAIN SHEPHERDS

### Puppies Soon Learn If They Are Placed With Ewes and the Lambs Taken Away.

It is easy enough to train shepherd dogs if they are taken as puppies. When the sheep are lambing take a lamb away from its mother and put the puppies on the ewe. Keep the ewe tied up for a few days and see that the little puppies nurse her; then it will not be long until she will think as much of the pups as she does of her lamb.

As soon as the pups are old enough to follow the sheep let them go with the bunch and they will soon be taking care of the sheep. The dogs will soon learn to take them out of the sheds in the morning and bring them back at night. And if a strange dog or wolf comes around, one dog will stay and fight while another will start the sheep for home. In lambing time they keep the sheep close around the ranch or camp, and seem to take on a degree of intelligence that is marvelous. They can soon be taught the master's calls or signals and will obey promptly. It is essential that they shall be fed by some sort of system, and it is well to have them understand that this is their reward. If one has a good working dog, it is surprising how readily a young animal will learn from the old one. But the masters do not always have an old dog, and then the trainer must play the dog himself and do a little running. Everyone has his own whistles or words of command, and a dog soon catches on.—Exchange.

## ARTISTS FAMOUS AS WRITERS

### Several of the Most Noted Novelists Deserted the Brush for Literary Work.

Several artists of note have been known to desert the brush for the pen, and when they have died they have left their mark behind them as literary men, observers an exchange. William de Morgan did this. He wrote the longest set of novels since Dickens and Thackeray "ceased firing," although he was an old man when he took to the pen. George du Maurier was an artist who turned author after making a European fame with the pencil as a satirist of society. He suddenly startled the world with "Trilby," and set two continents comparing feet. With him novel-writing seemed his true forte, but he had started too late. He only enjoyed his new fame a few years.

Even Thackeray tried art before he found his true vocation, and he illustrated several of his own books even then. A very pungent story tells of Thackeray enlisting on Charles Dickens, to see if he could get the commission to illustrate one of his earlier novels. He had not written "Vanity Fair" then!

A very distinguished artist-author was Danie Gabriel Rossetti, who was supreme in both arts.

#### Rubbing It In.

An organist in a Welsh cathedral recently scored over the dean and chapter. The authorities had attempted to displace him, but he obtained an injunction restraining them. On the following day the unrepentant organist greeted the entrance of the bishop and clergy with the well-known tune, "Fixed in His Everlasting Seat."

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### COATS

All this Season's Latest Models Coats, in good, heavy wool materials, to be worn high around the neck, belted, and a good wide sweep. It is a \$17 value, will be on sale for **\$9.75**

Up-to-date Coats, with a guaranteed lining to the waist, trimmed with plush on large collar and plush buttons. Looks as good as the best ones. It is a \$20 value. Will be sold at a remarkable low price **\$12.50**

Fine Seal Plush Coat, lined all throughout with a guaranteed lining, made up with a wide belt. B-3 sweep. Would be cheap at \$38, will go at **\$22.45**

### SUITS

Up to date Suits, in all wool, serge, silk lined, convertible collar, \$20 value. Will be sold for **\$13.75**

Latest Style Suits, in all-wool poplin, gaberdine, plush trimmed, belted effects; regular \$30 value for **\$18.75**

### DRESSES

FASHION SUPREMACY.

French Serge and Wool and Silk Poplin Dresses, in burgundy, navy and all the latest colors. Cleverly embroidered in neat designs, conservative patterns. Worth up to \$25. Sale price **\$15.75**

One Lot of Serge, Silk and Poplin Dresses, in green, burgundy, brown, blue and fast colors. In this sale **\$6.90**

### Children's Dresses

Children's Dresses, sizes 2-14, long sleeves, washable ging-ham, specially priced at **69c**

Big Lot Extra Special good washable dark gingham, long sleeves, sizes 6-14, worth up to \$2.50, at **\$1.29**

Children's Wool Serge Dress, in all colors and sizes, well tailored, worth up to \$5, made in latest fashion at **\$2.98**

The Most Wonderful Values in Silk Skirts, stripes, black, blue, green, all striking colors, in the latest models, pockets trimmed and belt effects at only **\$3.98**

Big Lot of Ladies' Up-to-date Skirts, in all wool serge, worth \$6, go at this great sale for **\$3.98**

One Lot of Woolen Up-to-date Skirts, in blue and black, \$5 value during this sale **\$2.98**

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