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"Shall the state legislature pass a law enabling the voters of any party vote, to vote any undestrable action of their respective law-making bodies (except mergency measures) whenever 5 per cent of the voters petition to have such action referred to popular vote. This law to apply only to such localities as may adopt the same. "Shall the state legislature submit to have such action referred to popular vote. This law to apply only to such localities as may adopt the same. "Shall the state legislature submit the next following state election an amendment to the state constitution, which will enable the voters of any such control, city, village or township may determine of a limber required by law.

Explosion in Cartridge Plant.

The plant of the Western Cartridge Company East-ress. Riley's neck and breast were badly burned, but his condition is not serious. Several other persons were slightly burned. The greatest damage consisted in the wrecking of the machine. The cause of the explosion is not known. Riley was engaged, in loading 22-caliber cartridges at the time and was bending over the machine, so that his neck and breast received the force of the explosion. Much excitement was caused in the factory and all the girls left the place. Explosions in the plant have been of rare occurrence.

Celebrate Oid Settliers' Day,
Sept. S was old settlers' day in EfSept. S was only to the settler of the association, president
of the association, president
of the association was orator of the day. An interesting feature
of the program was the same following: W. P. Surrells, for the Baptist;
H. S. Parker, for the Presbyterian; J.
B. Jones, for the Methodist, and W. T.
Gordon, for the Christian. More than
500 old settlers were enrolled.

To Receive Old Seldiers.

The Daquoin committee of the Southers Illinois Soldiers and Saltors' Reunion association has appointed the following reception committee:

Parkey W. B. Ward, A. W. Estick, M. Davison, J. Judge R. W. Stolick, M. Davison, Jr., Judge R. W. Perzk, Dr. D. W. Duas, Rev. M. Teague, Frank Wells, Frank Schleper, Br., Thomas Horn and Capt. Moses Martin.

Missionary Society Elects.
The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First M. E. thurch of Mount Vernon has elected these of-focers: President, Mrs. E. E. Van Cleve; vice president, Mrs. E. E. Van Watson; recording secretary, Mrs. J. H. 1141, Mrs. T. H. Seed; treasurer, Mrs. J. I. R. Allen; mite box superintendent, Mrs. James Morrison.

To Build Interioring Switch.

The runble between the Chicago & Aida and the Central Illinois Traction Company at Carliaville has been settled, the Chicago & Aida having decided to allow the interurban line to cross the Chicago & Aidan tracks there. The conditions of the agreement are that the interurban pay an the costs of constructing an interioring plant.

Family Gets the Property.

The will of Joseph B. Vanden Boom gives a farm to his daughter, Mrs. Matilda Yearick, and divides his personal property between his widow and son, Charles.

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with his recommendations.

Husband Claims Self-Defense.
George Hoffedits, the Edwardsville
young man placed in jail charged with
shooting. his who was a self-defense with shooting was done in
self-defense. His story is that his
self-defense. His story is that his
wife sent for him, and, after a short
conversation, two men appeared, and
that she left him and talked with
them, afterward calling to him to
come to her. While talking, he says,
he so the self-defense when the self-defense
when reach for their hip pockets, and,
thinking it a tray to catch him, he
began shooting, the first shot striking
his wife. He claims that as his wife
fell a range dropped from her hand,
and that he shot her again.

Damage to Murray Mine.
A broken spindle wheel at the Murray mine at Nashville caused the drum to get beyond the control of the eniner. A loaded cage descended to the bottom and the empty cage in the cher shart abot to the top, and, tearing away the top works, was hurled into the engles where the damage to the works is considerable.

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Mrs. Springer's Estate.
A large estate is disposed of by the will of the late Mrs. William M. Springer, widow of the late Congressman Springer, filed in the probate court at Springfield. With the exception of \$40,000 each to her two grandchildren, all of the property is left to the son, flow, There William Springer, Deter Oranger Chaptain, Detect States army, of Washington, D. C.

State Bids Are Opened.
Bids for state contracts were opened at Springsled. John Vaughn, Will Colvin and S. Leigh Call had the lowest bids for coal, \$1.55 per four. Their bond of \$5,000 was accepted. W. K. Rokker has the lowest bid for the state printing, \$25,000. For stationer; the bid of the Illinois Printing company of Danville is lowest at \$4,000.

Accuse Sey of Blocking Switch.
Otto Harms, 15 years old, was arplaced and the second second

Must Pay Inheritance Tax.
The county judge at Decatur has ordered that Mrs. Caroline S. Loeb pay \$331 inheritance tax on the estate she received from her husband, the late Peter Loeb.

Miner's Arm is Crushed.
Bernhard Fey of Belleville was
caught under a fall of coal in the
Glendale mine No. 1. One of his arms
was mashed and he was hurt internally.

Father Pays the Costs.
John Antenan of Pawnee, who
charged his sons with attempting to
kill him, carried the case into the
courts. After a bitter struggie the
sons were dismissed and the father
compelled to pay costs.

Adams Family Reunion.
A reunion of the Adams family was held at the homestead of the late Hugh Adams, south of Nashville.
Members of the family from Nebralez, Kannas and Illinois were in at-

Cheice items from over the state, specially selected for our readers

Italian Section Hands Mix Up With Brakeman With Fatal Result. As the result of orders received by train men two Italians are dead and a brakeman named Tinsiey seriously wounded in a riot at Sand Ridge. A gang of Italians under-Foreman George Surells had been ordered to provide the series of the

Bank Robber is Wounded.

Three burgines attempted to Morran Two. Bank as Mettock, but, coming le contact with the automatic starm their presence was discovered. Ben and Claude Farris and Lam and Will Huber engaged in a running fight with the would-be robbers, in which over fitty shots were exchanged. The robbers escaped. Possess of mela tracked one of them by bloodstains, but falled to capture him.

Ald for Destitute Family.

The fitmily of John Keith, consisting of parents and two little children, were given assistance in Allon to get to Hettick, where they have friends. The family were on the way from Expedied Jonetico, Kr., when they Expended Jonetico, Kr., when the Keith John and Jonetico, Kr., and that Keith John all his money while assisting in clearing the wreck.

Miner Has Narrow Escape,
William Teel, a miner at the Murray
mires at Nashville, had a narrow escape from death. After lighting his
fase for the final shot he lost his iamp
and was unable to find his way out of
his room. Luckly in the darkness he
succeeded in finding the lighted fine,
it having burnt within an inch of the
powder charge.

Church Extension Board Members.
The Illinois Methodist conference at
Springfield appointed the following as
members of the board of church extensions: President, Rev. W. N. McEiroy,
Springfield: vice president, Rev. Z.
R. McDaniel, Springfield: ecretary
and treasurer, Lee Matheney, Springfield.

On to Washington.

The members of company H. Fifth regiment of Decatur, are contemplating going to Washington, D. C., next March to take part in the inauguration exercises. The company went to Washington with a band when President McKinley was inaugurated.

Rural Carriers Elect Officers.
These officers have been elected by
the Clay County Rural Free Delivery
Carriers' Association: A. G. Brown,
president; W. A. Curry, vice president; G. W. McGlashan, secretary; E.
A. Orr, treasurer.

Free Methodist Quarterly.
The fourth quarterly meeting for
the Mount Vernon circuit. Free Methodist church, will be held in Mount
Vernon Sept. 16 to 18. The annual
conference will be held at Lowiston
Sept. 21 to 25.

Pastor Goes to Ohlo.

Rev. A. B. Cunningham, pastor of the First Christian church, has resigned the pastorate of the Flora congregation, and will move to Tiffin, O, where he has accepted a new charge.

Decatur Baseball Franchise.
There has been some talk of the Decatur baseball club franchise being sold to another city, but the members of the association say they will not permit the franchise to leave the city.

White Corn Wins Medal.
Peter Sutton, who lives near Decetur, has received a handsome gold
medal from the World's Fair for exhibiting the best white corn grown in
Illinois.

Small Boys as Soldiera.
The Cadet Juniors, a military organization made up of small boys and
an auxiliary to the Decatur Cadets,
has been formed, with thirty mem-

Grade Crossing Victim.
Charles Banaback, a saloon keeper,
was killed by a train while driving in
his carriage across the Wabash tracks
at Springfield.

W. C. T. U. Election.
The Women's Christian Temperance
union, which was in session at Coutterville, elected the following officers:
President, Miss Mary Patterson; recording secretary, Mrs. McElroy;
treasurer, Mrs. Moulie.

Delegate to Farmers' Congress.
J. J. Randall of Nashville has be appointed a delegate to represe illinois at the National Farmers' co greek, to be held in St. Louis Sept. to 30. The appointment was made I Gov. Yates.