

Hanging Men by Contract. A COMPANY ORGANIZED TO EXECUTE CONDEMNED CRIMINALS. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 16.—Capital is seeking new channels for investment. Articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State, creating the great American Execution Company of the United States. It is organized under the general corporation act of Illinois and announces its paid-up capital at \$25,000. Its declared purpose is "to execute persons who are sentenced to death." The incorporators are Stephen Lawson, M. E. Chew and Jacob A. E. Effert, all of Chicago. Lawson and Chew were in partnership in that city in the retail coal business until a year ago and the firm became M. E. Chew & Company. Mr. Lawson is not in any business at present, but thinks there is an honest dollar to be made in the hanging business. The company will employ a number of fish agencies in each State and will conduct a general retail and wholesale execution business at fixed schedule rates. It will employ only the most expert hangmen, at a fixed yearly salary, and will make contracts with the sheriffs of counties in States where condemned murderers are executed by the county officials. In States like Ohio (and, in the future, New York), where the executions must occur only at legally prescribed places, the arrangements will be made with the wardens of the penitentiaries. The men who filed articles of incorporation with the State Department appear to be acting in good faith, though it is possible they are seeking notoriety rather than incomes from stretching necks. I talked with the Chief of Police about the matter after receipt of your telegram, and he declared most emphatically that he didn't care for the Cook County officials who employ any such executioners. Each sheriff, when his successor was selected, should be a precious secret the name and identity of the professional hangman. It would never do to employ Tom, Dick or Harry to swing convicted criminals here to stay. M. E. Chew was found at his office, on the river front. He is a neat, bustling man of about medium size, and spoke with perfect frankness on the subject. "Yes, it is true," he said, "that a few of us have organized a company to conduct private executions throughout the country. We have put up our money, and are already in correspondence with many sheriffs and expert hangmen throughout the country."

The Fishing Season. The fishing season is now fairly opened. It is in law during June to catch with hook and line any of the fresh water fish usually found in Pennsylvania waters, excepting only rock bass and wall-eyed pike in the Delaware river, which are protected by an act of the late Legislature for two years. The reason for this exception is that the wall-eyed pike is just being stocked with these fish, which are native to its waters, and the Fish Commission desires that they shall be unmolested until they have attained a reasonable size. The rock bass men, on the other hand, are not the striped bass or rock fish, but a variety taken from the great lakes and more nearly resembling the black bass in size and general appearance. It is scarcely necessary at this time to urge the through enforcement of all laws for the protection of game fish in the fresh waters of the State. For the restocking of fishing laws the lakes and streams of Pennsylvania, which were so nearly depopulated, since the creation of the State Fish Commission and the enactment of existing laws the wholesale destruction of the fish has been arrested and some progress made in restocking. The laws which are faithfully enforced there will be fishing for all who love the sport in the near future, and for this reason it should become everybody's business to aid Fish Commissioners and Fish Wardens in protecting the fish from all illegal methods of destruction. In connection with this subject it may be mentioned that the Fish Commission is in the process of paying special attention to the protection and propagation of the native fresh water varieties of the State. It is all well enough to transplant the different varieties of the game bass to afford increased sport to the professional anglers and to cultivate carp for private fish ponds. But the native fish, such as the wall-eyed pike, striped bass, pickerel, yellow perch and even the sunfish and catfish, some of which are described in another column that have afforded sport and healthful food to the inhabitants of the State for two centuries, are all worthy of protection and propagation. They are the fish of the common people, those who can not afford expensive journeys to the seashore or great lakes to do their fishing. Every stream, lake, reservoir and mill-pond in the State should be full of these fish, so that when the farmer and the farmer's boy and the hired man want a little rest from their arduous labors with some sport thrown in they can find it near home. The boys of a half century ago got more genuine pleasure out of fishing for sunfish with a piece of twine for a line and a bent pin for a hook than the most skilled anglers of today, who cast their lines or muscals with the finest modern tackle. Why shouldn't the boys of the present and future generations be given the same chance? And the old-time farmer or mechanic, who utilized a cloudy day by catching a good mess of catfish or perch from the nearest waters, secured a much needed relaxation from hard work besides furnishing themselves and families with a healthful variation in their ordinary diet. Shouldn't the farmer and mechanic and their boys be thought of still in the efforts that are now being made to improve the fishing waters of the State? The suggestions made in this column are not hostile to the protection and propagation of the fish which are the delight of the professional angler. The more bass and trout and muscals we can get into our waters the better. But while this is done, the common fish and the common fisherman should not be overlooked. The latter furnish most of the money in the form of taxes appropriated to the propagation and protection of fish and certainly should be allowed to share in the benefit derived from its expenditure.—Times.

Twenty Million Dogs. It is the everlasting regret of man that human friendship passes away. Out of the likelihood of securing a companion who will forgive and forget all faults, and also bear gifts, man turns to the dog, thus proving that the gifts need not be gifts of money. The dog will look his master in the face, will flatter that despot with a silence which can only delight the eloquent—and will never forsake the human friend who has honored him with a morsel of food and a pat on the head. On this account it is found that one out of every three inhabitants owns a dog. Prodigious testimony of the hunger of humanity for service and flattery! There lurks behind this not unpleasant picture the horror of disease, hydrophobia. The tongue licking its master's hand also laps fangs that carry the deadliest of poisons. The noble favorite of the household goes out on the street and bites small boys. The father of a bitten boy presents himself before the mayor of the dog as a person grievously wronged, and a jury must, through its courts, debate and adjust a matter that has two sides to a couple of litigants. The rich man will naturally hold his pet dog's life at a high price. The poor father will hold the bite inflicted by his son to be a matter of more than damages. The dog must be killed. The law says so, and the law is just. The owner beholds the killing of the dog with feelings of rebellion against the State, and forthwith believes he is the victim of remorseless and diabolical cruelty. Should a case of hydrophobia supervene, the dog is too vivid for description, and all who behold it become converts to the theory that dogs as well as tigers should be totally exterminated. That there should be twice as many dogs as horses, twice as many dogs as cows, and half as many dogs as sheep or swine, will convince any student that the question of hydrophobia is but just entered upon. Man loves his dog, and forgives his one besetting sin. Albeit, does not the dog promise his master a certain degree of hostility toward other men?—Chicago Herald.

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Children's Day at Raven Creek. It was thought last year the exercises had reached the height of interest, but Sunday evening's programme equalled them. From the singing Voluntary to the doxology all was repeated with extraordinary interest. The children never looked so pretty, nor spoke nor sang so well, and the decorations were beautiful. A floral archway of high reach crossed the pulpit with a cross of white. The children were in white, wreaths, bouquets and baskets of flowers in various designs contributed to make the scene one of entrancing beauty. The flags that had been left in the church since Memorial Day added much to the decoration. At eight o'clock the church was filled to its utmost capacity, while many enjoyed the exercises standing outside. The people were called to order by the worthy Superintendent F. L. Shultz. The first in order was Voluntary music followed by Roll-Call which each scholar responded to by rising, standing they repeated the Lord's Prayer. A powerful invocation and prayer of supplication, which they repeated without uttering a syllable. The prayer was followed by the doxology, and the children sang the hymn "The Church is the Body of Christ." Then came Scripture reading in concert and singing appropriate for the occasion. The Pastor, Rev. Mathers, gave an excellent address which gave many clear strong proofs to Christianity, that would be grasped and used by all Christian workers. The school then sang "It is good to be here." Then a number of very beautiful recitations were given by the children, first Willie Hess. Harvey Belle repeated a temperance poem, entitled, "Sign the Farm Away," followed by Jennie Ruckle "Father May I Pray." Four small girls with flowers in their hands recited a concert recitation "At His dear feet," while they were standing the school sang "Jesus, the Saviour." G. E. Albertson gave recitation "As one of the burden bearers." Jennie Bell's recitation "The Good Shepherd." Ernest Shultz, recitation "I am going to be a wise man." Singing by the girls in praise of Jesus' little friend, "I am a child of the King." The girls of the school came and sang so well. They were praised and applauded by all. Recitations were as follows: "I am going to be a wise man." Singing by the girls in praise of Jesus' little friend, "I am a child of the King." "I am a child of the King." Miss Allie Ruckle spoke on "The Benevolence of God" followed by "An evening Prayer" by Carl Albertson. Miss Anna Blain told what she is doing for the Missionaries, after which the basket was passed and received a very liberal collection. "All hail the power of Jesus Name" was sung. The Pastor made a few remarks, then the exercises closed by singing the "Doxology" and the Benediction by the Pastor, Rev. Mathers. Taken all in all the exercises were complete in every detail and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening. A READER.

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