

—Master Jasper Oglesby, the 11-year-old son of ex-Gov. Oglesby, of Elkhart, ran away from his home Tuesday and came to this city to the home of Mr. C. A. Perry who was formerly private tutor in Mr. Oglesby's family. Mr. Perry telegraphed to Mr. Oglesby, who came here and got the lad Tuesday night.

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### Wouldn't Arrest Oglesby.

New York, April 3.—Captain Titus of the detective bureau admitted yesterday morning that he had received a message from Chief of Police O'Neill of Chicago asking for the arrest of Jasper Oglesby, the young man who became engaged on the steamship St. Paul recently to Miss Rogers, daughter of Thomas Rogers, of 1086 Boston road.

Oglesby has left the city and is supposed to be in Illinois. Captain Titus said that even had the telegram been received in time to arrest the young man he would not have done so, as his bureau has no business stopping marriages. The telegram simply said that Oglesby was under age.

Lincoln, Ill., April 3.—Jasper Oglesby has not arrived at his home in Elkhart. None of the family is at home, and Jasper's uncle, Major Hill of this city, reports that he does not know the boy's whereabouts. Jasper Oglesby is 20 years old this month. March 1 he left here with his mother for Europe to visit Miss Felicite Oglesby, who was sojourning at Paris. Previous to his departure for Europe he filled a position as clerk in the general freight office of the Illinois Central at Chicago.

## SAYS IT IS ALL A JOKE.

### Jasper Oglesby Denies His Reported Engagement.

Claims He Has No Intention of Marrying  
Miss Rogers of New York.

Col Oglesby Had Asked New York  
Police to Stop Brother's Wedding.

LINCOLN, Ill., April 8—Jasper Oglesby says it is all a joke. He denies that he is engaged to Miss Rogers, as has been reported with various interesting and romantic details of late, and furthermore, he claims he has no intention of marrying her.

The ex-governor's 20-year-old son arrived today at the Oglesby mansion, near here. Miss Rogers is a rich young society woman of New York, and the report that the pair were engaged and soon to be married created a great deal of excitement among the relatives of the two. Col John Oglesby telegraphed to the New York police to prevent the marriage of his brother.



# ENGAGEMENT WAS NOT A HOAX.

Miss Idah Rogers Says She Really  
Will Wed Jasper Oglesby.

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New York, April 9.—Believing implicitly in the faithfulness and loyalty of her fiance, Miss Idah Rogers declared to-night that she did not believe the dispatches from the West quoting Jasper Oglesby as having announced that his bethrothal to her on the steamer Philadelphia recently was a hoax. Mr. Oglesby was credited with having declared it a ruse to divert suspicion from another couple on the steamship who were really engaged.

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## COMIC OPERA STAGE

### Of Jasper Oglesby's Love Affairs Seems to Have Been Reached

Jasper Oglesby's love affairs are rapidly approximating the comic opera stage. Jasper was a youth to fortune and fame unknown until he went to Europe and coming home on the steamer flirted with pretty and wealthy Miss Rogers. The day he landed columns of rot were flashed over the wire, telling of a pretty sea romance that was to end in a happy wedding. Up to that time Jasper, although formerly of Decatur, was known only as one of "Uncle Dick's" youngest sons and was principally remembered here because he was named after his uncle, the late and highly respected Jasper Peddecord. Since young Oglesby's return, papers have daily given a few yards concerning him. When his reported engagement reached the ears of Colonel John Oglesby, his martial spirit was aroused and he issued orders that Jasper, who is his ward, being under age, be placed under arrest. His course has been closely watched since and no day passes that he does not supply an item

to some paper. The latest is that Jasper has been engaged to some girl for a long time, that the reports of his steamer escapade have reached her ears and that she has threatened to throw him over; that Jasper has pleaded with all the eloquence that love can command and has been forgiven, and to cap it all he has engaged to the superintendent of one of the Gillette farms to work as a hand for \$11 per month during the season. Whether this is a self-inflicted castigation for his past or whether he is sincerely trying to learn practical farming is not known, but it is certainly the only sensible thing that the young man is reported to have done in two weeks time. Let us hope that Jasper will get lost in the corn or the tall grass for the rest of the summer.

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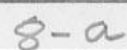


## EX-GOVERNOR'S SON A FIREMAN.

**Jasper Oglesby, of Illinois, Shoveling  
Coal on the Chicago & Alton.**

Springfield, Ill., March 28.—Jasper Oglesby, son of ex-Governor Oglesby, is firing a big 175-ton locomotive on the Chicago & Alton railroad between St. Louis and Bloomington. When he took this notion or how he got the job no one has said, but there he is shoveling the black diamonds on the through night trains. Young Oglesby recently came into his share of his father's estate. Since leaving school he has not engaged in any permanent vocation, but now he has chosen what he thinks is to his fancy. He believes he soon can muster the intricacies of the locomotive, and by properly applying himself can rise to the position of engineer on one of the Alton's big through passenger trains, or possibly to an official position.

## JASPER OGLESBY, EXPERT CHAUFFEUR, NOW A RAILWAY FIREMAN?





Special Correspondence of The Inter Ocean.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 1.—Jasper Oglesby has gone to work—and thereby hangs many a tale.

The youngest son of the man who was thrice Governor of Illinois is scooping coal into the furnace of a big passenger engine on the Chicago & Alton railroad—and some say love drove him to it.

And some say he is fired by an ambition to become a railroad president, or something of the sort. And still others say he wants to forget Paris, and New York, and the little journey home from Paris and the banquets of Gotham.

And Oglesby says the whole thing is a lie. At any rate Jasper Oglesby is at work.

Twice he has passed through Springfield, bending low between the cab and the tender, swinging a coal shovel in regular time, his hair matted by perspiration, his dirty jumper and dinky little cap marking him as a fireman.

#### Applied for Position.

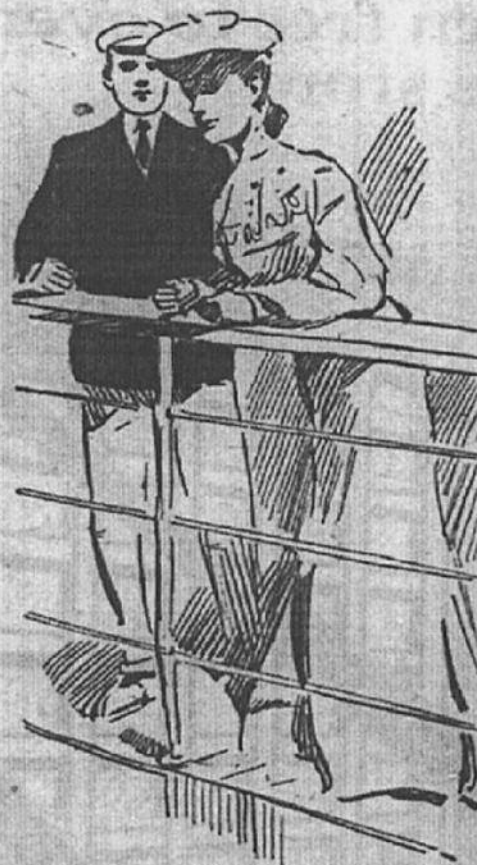
Oglesby says he has been riding just for fun. Still it is known that several weeks ago he made application to the Chicago & Alton and the Wabash railroads for a position as fireman. For ten days he has been at work as an extra fireman on the Chicago & Alton road, pending an investigation of his application and his recommendations.

Young Oglesby is only 21 years of age, but he has knocked about the world considerably for one of his age. It might be better to say that he has been pulled about the world. Now that he is "his own man" he has gone to work—earning a salary.

Not long ago young Oglesby came into possession of his share of the estate left by his father, the late Richard J. Oglesby. He didn't really need the money for he is endowed with a powerful physique—and now, with a seeming willingness to go to work.

It takes a husky fellow to keep the steam up in one of the big engines that make the St. Louis-Bloomington run, but Oglesby's engine has gone through on time, and his engineer has patted him on the back and said he would do.

Young Oglesby has a sweetheart in Springfield. She is Miss Stella Lawrence. Since her young lover went to work she has haunted the passenger depot here, waiting for a chance to see him. Only once has she had the opportunity. As he stood on the step



of the cab one day, dressed in his overalls and jumper, Miss Lawrence stood and talked to him until the train left. This knocked into a cocked hat the rumor that he had gone to work to try and forget the love affair of a couple of years ago.

#### That Trip to Paris.

About two years ago Jasper Oglesby went to Paris—went with his mother and sister. At that time young Oglesby was paying

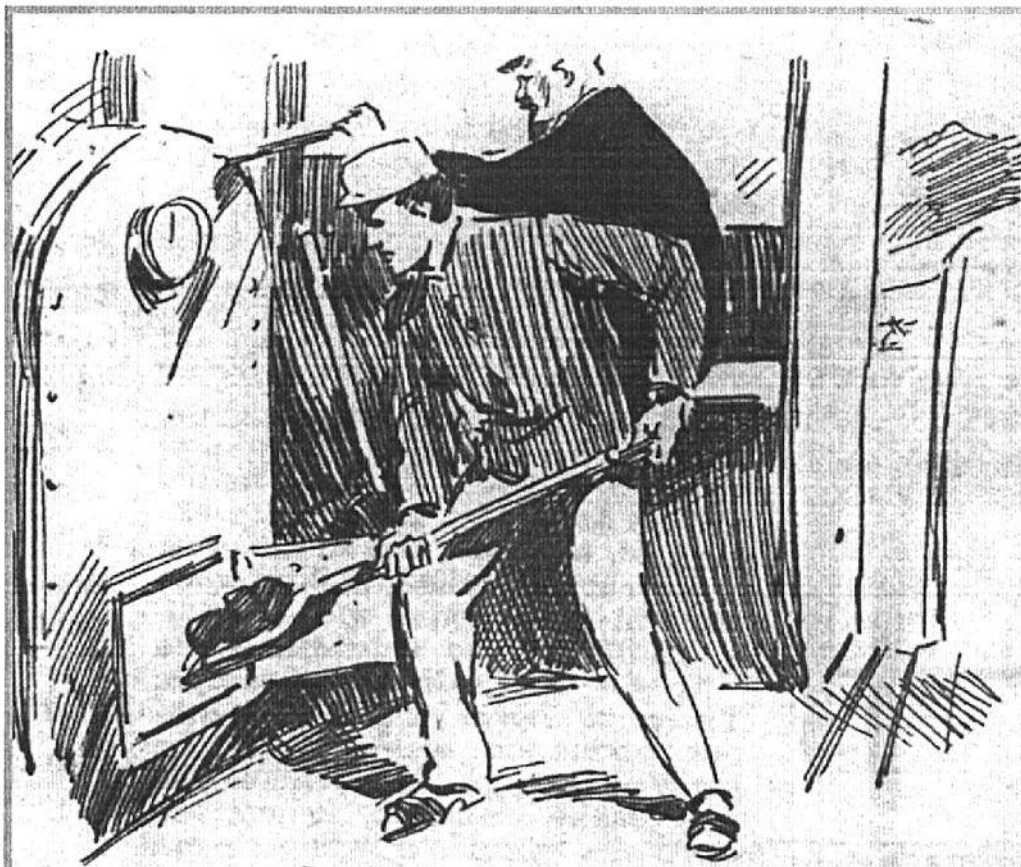
court to a girl he had known from childhood. He was thoroughly infatuated with her, and the trip to Paris was designed to break off this attachment.

But one day Jasper and his sister, Miss

Felicite, went for a walk in one of the parks of Paris. For a little while the sister walked a few paces ahead. When she finally turned to speak to her brother he had disappeared. The most diligent inquiry in Paris failed to



JASPER OGLESBY



reveal his whereabouts, and it was not known what had become of him until he arrived in New York.

When Jasper left his sister he hurried to Havre and took the first boat to New York, ostensibly to get back to Springfield and to his first love. But an accidental meeting with a beautiful and wealthy young woman of New York upset his plans and served to add a few extra chapters to the history of his love making.

Young Oglesby met the New York girl quite by accident on the boat. They passed each other on the deck of the vessel several times. Both grew fond of the promenade, and both frequented the upper deck. At the first opportunity young Oglesby sought an introduction. Before the ship was two days out

from Havre Oglesby was heels over head in love affair No. 2.

Eight days on the sea did what a long sojourn in Paris could not do. It caused Oglesby to forget his first attachment, and when the young couple reached New York the parents of the young woman announced the engagement of their daughter to Jasper Oglesby. There was no waiting. It was done on the spot and in a hurry. The mere fact that he was the son of a man who was thrice Governor of one of the greatest states in the Union was a sufficient passport into the good graces of the young woman's family.

For a week or ten days Oglesby and his fiancée were dined and feted in New York. There were numerous engagement parties

and prenuptial dinners, and other such things as are supposed to precede the marriage of well to do young people.

Then something occurred to put an end to the feasting and gadding about. The engagement was broken off. It was said at the time that the parents of the young woman had discovered that young Oglesby was not so wealthy as they had supposed. At any rate the engagement was brought to a sudden termination.

Of course Oglesby's name got into the New York newspapers. Colonel John D. Oglesby, the young fellow's brother, was at that time private secretary to Governor Yates. Colonel Oglesby, not being able to understand why his brother should cut such a wide swath in New York society, sent word to the New York police to arrest his brother.

#### Returned to Springfield.

The police could find no trace of young Oglesby, but about two weeks later he walked into his brother's office in Springfield. He looked at that time as if he had either been firing an engine or had walked the greater part of the way from New York. His clothes were dirty and torn, he had not been shaven for several days, and he presented a generally unkempt appearance.

But Oglesby wasn't broke. He rammed his hand into his pocket and fished out \$30 in currency, which Colonel Oglesby immediately took from him.

"Where did you get it?" asked the Colonel.

"Borrowed it," said Jasper.

Colonel Oglesby began investigating and learned that the money had been borrowed of Floyd K. Whittemore, then state treasurer. Mr. Whittemore had sent the money to New York in response to a telegram asking for \$100.

Colonel Oglesby returned the \$30 to Mr. Whittemore and asked him not to let Jasper have any more money. Mr. Whittemore left the Colonel's office, met Jasper outside, and handed him the \$30.

Since that time young Oglesby has lived quietly, spending most of his time tinkering with an automobile. Last summer he was seen on the streets of Springfield almost every day with the automobile. Miss Lawrence usually rode with him. He had an oil-cloth coat and leather cap which he wore during the greater part of the season. He became an expert chauffeur and made two record runs to Lincoln and Mount Pleasant.

As a fireman it will be necessary for young Oglesby to do what is known as extra firing for awhile. If he is looking for a promotion he has an equal chance with the other young men in the service. He has put himself on an equal standing with them.



## FORMER GOVERNOR'S SON A FIREMAN.

Jasper Oglesby Wants to Be a  
Locomotive Engineer, So  
Is Practicing With  
a Scoop.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 4.—Jasper Oglesby, youngest son of the late Governor Richard J. Oglesby, has surprised his friends by becoming a fireman on the Chicago & Alton Railway. The young man, who recently came into possession of his share of an extensive estate, has developed a natural fondness for machinery, and desires to become a locomotive engineer.

Several months ago he filed application with the Wabash and Alton roads for a position as fireman. The Alton application was first taken up, and for the last two weeks young Oglesby has been a "student" on the various runs. It is expected that he will be placed on the permanent list in a few days.



## QUIT THE JOB QUICK.

Jasper Oglesby, son of gallant Uncle Dick, so dear to the hearts of all Illinoisans, thought he wanted to be a railroad fireman. But he discovered that he was mistaken. He found the job meant real work and then he quit. After much persistence he secured a trial trip on a Chicago & Alton engine. He had been learning the business by assisting the regular fireman for a month past. On Friday he decided to go it alone.

His first trip was on one of the large freight engines, dragging 2,000 tons of

coal. The run was from Springfield to Bloomington, but before the city limits of Springfield were reached Oglesby gave up.

The engineer urged him to continue, and induced him to resume the scoop for a mile or two farther. The youngster soon became exhausted and could not be persuaded to continue the back-breaking work.

Young Oglesby then boarded a passenger train and returned to Springfield, while the train lay on a siding for several hours until another fireman could be sent down from Bloomington.

It is not believed that Young Oglesby will attempt to pursue further his ambition to be a laboring man.

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### Firing too hard Work.

Bloomington (Ill.) corr. New York Sun.

Jasper Oglesby, son of the former Governor, made his first trip as a regular fireman on the Chicago & Alton today and it was a failure. After working for the last month, assisting the regular firemen on the freight and passenger trains, he was finally allowed to make a trip alone.

He started out from Springfield with one of the company's largest engines, pulling a long train of coal cars. By the time the city line was reached the young stoker became exhausted and was ready to quit. The engineer urged him to keep at work and he did so for a mile or two, but finally gave up altogether. Oglesby then boarded a passenger train and returned to Springfield.



**"Jap" Oglesby as Sleuth.**

If Jasper Oglesby, brother of Lieut. Gov. John G. Oglesby, had not displayed ability as a detective, the bank at Broadwell, just south of Lincoln, might have been robbed.

As it is, George C. Huff and Charles Dally, residence unknown, are lingering behind bars in the Logan county jail wishing they hadn't discussed bold bandit plans while passengers on the interurban car of which Oglesby was conductor. The conductor informed Sheriff Divine at Lincoln of the two men's intentions.

Just after leaving Springfield Oglesby noted upon his car two men of decidedly shady appearance, so he says. Standing near them he overheard a part of their conversation, in which they discussed plans for robbing a bank or a store at Broadwell. Their plans were, according to Oglesby, to go to Lincoln and then double back to Broadwell. The two carried a little black grip, which added to Oglesby's suspicions.

First notifying the police in Springfield, the conductor then informed Sheriff Divine at Lincoln of the two men's intentions.

## Penniless, Wife of Jasper Oglesby Gets Alimony Writ

Pantagraph Central Illinois Service.

LINCOLN.—The wife of Jasper Oglesby, son of the late Richard Oglesby, three times Illinois governor, was granted a writ of attachment by Circuit Judge Frank Lindley when a citation of court contempt against her husband concerning \$4,200 back alimony alleged due her was returned without service. Barrett O'Hara, Chicago criminal lawyer representing Mrs. Oglesby whose home is at Elkhart, stated that his client and her two sons, John, 11, and Richard, 17, were entirely without funds and reduced to the point where the milkman refused to leave milk because of unpaid bills.

The attorney pointed out that Jasper Oglesby could not be found to answer the citation for contempt of court which was issued Oct. 28. The citation was based on the defendant's alleged omission in carrying out the stipulation of a separate maintenance decree obtained by Mrs. Oglesby in 1929, whereby she and her children were to receive \$200 a month, although this was subsequently reduced to \$150. The citation also dealt with the failure of Mrs. Oglesby and her sons to receive \$300 a month from the estate of her mother in law, Mrs. Emma Gillett Oglesby, wife of the former governor, and similarly the attachment writ took cognizance of this situation as represented by Mr. O'Hara.

John G. Oglesby and Mrs. Felici-

John G. Oglesby and Mrs. Felicitie Oglesby Censi, the latter residing in Italy, are co-trustees of the estate from which their brother, Jasper, inherited farm land in Logan county but no personal property. Mrs. Oglesby was formerly Mrs. Maude Byrum of Chicago.

Quitting his job as motorman for the Illinois Terminal company a year ago, Jasper Oglesby disappeared and hadn't been seen here since. He made several attempts to establish himself in business, and at one time opened a delicatessen store on the near north side in Chicago. He held the job as motorman on the interurban line which passed Ogleshurst, the family estate, for several years.

"Oglesby millions" are declared here to be a vast exaggeration. It was pointed out that attorneys for John G. Oglesby fought a tax assessment for oiling roads in the vicinity of "Ogleshurst" recently because of the drain on available funds it would be, due to the fact that the estate is spread over so much of that community.



## Lay Claim to Estate



Mrs. Jasper E. Oglesby and her sons, Richard (left) and John, are seeking to establish their rights in the estate of the late Governor Richard Oglesby of Illinois. If Jasper Oglesby can be located in the State of Illinois he is liable to arrest and imprisonment for failure to pay support money due Mrs. Oglesby, who has been living in want in the manse of an abandoned church at Elkhart, Ill., where the photo was taken.

## EX-GOVERNOR'S SON CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

Wife of Jasper Oglesby to  
Press Charge Before  
Indiana Grand Jury

### HUGE ESTATE INVOLVED

Jasper Oglesby, son of the late Governor Dick Oglesby, will be charged with contracting a bigamous marriage when his wife appears before a grand jury in Crown Point, Ind., Wednesday, it was declared Sunday by Springfield newspapers.

Mrs. Oglesby on Saturday told Chief Deputy John Underwood, of Crown Point, that in June, 1920, her husband had obtained a license to marry Miss Myrtle Nicholson of Elkhart, Ill., and that he married her under the name of Ernest Ogel-vee.

Matrimonial difficulties of Mr. Oglesby and his first wife came to public attention first in January, 1929, when Mrs. Maude Oglesby filed in Logan county circuit court a bill for separate maintenance. She was awarded the decree in September of that year and was given alimony of \$200 a month. Later this was reduced to \$150 a month.

Behind in Alimony

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Last October Mrs. Oglesby announced that her husband was \$4,200 in arrears in his alimony. A citation was issued, ordering him to appear before the court on charges of contempt of court for failure to pay alimony.

The citation was returned unserved Nov. 5, with the statement that Mr. Oglesby could not be found in the county. Judge Frank Lindley then issued a writ of attachment for Oglesby and set bond at \$500.

The writ was to enable the Logan county sheriff to bring Mr. Oglesby to court if he were found any place in the state. No trace of him has been found since. He has been rumored to be in Italy, where his sister, Countess Felicite Cenci, formerly Miss Louise Oglesby, is a resident.

#### Have Two Children

Jasper Oglesby married Maude B. Byrom, daughter of a Chicago realtor, in 1912. Their two children, Richard James Oglesby, 17, and John Oglesby, 11. Mrs. Oglesby claims to be heirs apparent to the estate of Governor Dick Oglesby. Their grandfather, who came to Decatur an impoverished orphan many years before the Civil war, left an estate that now is reputed to value anywhere from \$1,000,000 to \$20,000,000, much of it consisting in farm lands in Logan county.

Mrs. Myrtle Nicholson Oglesby, formerly of Springfield and now living on her brother's farm near Elkhart, was stated by Springfield papers Sunday to have said she and Jasper Oglesby were married in 1920. She was said to have stated that she understood her husband had obtained a divorce from Mrs. Maude B. Oglesby, although she did not know when or where he had been granted the decree.



## ALIMONY CASE TO GO HIGHER

Judge Lindley Refuses New  
Order in Oglesby Suit  
When Agreement Fails.

Pantagraph Central Illinois Service.

LINCOLN.—Failing to reach a settlement on the alimony claim of Mrs. Maud Oglesby against her husband, Jasper Oglesby Wednesday afternoon, an appeal to the third appellate court was allowed by Judge Frank Lindley in the circuit court.

In an order issued by the court Jasper Oglesby was found not in contempt of court, although \$5,800 in back alimony has not been paid, and the defendant was discharged. The decree of alimony was also modified but Judge Lindley did not set a definite figure pending further litigation.

### Asked Jail Term.

Mrs. Oglesby was given 30 days in which to furnish \$100 bond to carry the case to the higher court.

In arguments made before the court, Attorney Barrett O'Hara asked that Oglesby be committed to jail for failure to pay alimony declaring that he had been in contempt.

Attorney Peter Murphy, representing Jasper Oglesby, in his argument declared that Mrs. Oglesby had defied the order of the court in refusing to accept the money offered by John G. Oglesby. He declared the evidence was uncontradicted that Jasper Oglesby had no money, no property, and is physically unable to work.

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Mrs. Oglesby took the witness stand early Wednesday and testified that she had no income and she and her sons had been the objects of charity for four years. She said her reason for turning down the offer of \$900 made her by John G. Oglesby through her attorney, H. F. Trapp, was that it would be taking money due her children, and because she had been asked to sign statements. In response to a question by Attorney O'Hara how much money she had Mrs. Oglesby replied, "One quarter." She testified that she had not spent a cent on clothing for herself for two years and that her sons were forced to wear castoff clothing given her by friends and relatives and that the Elkhart high school board bought books for her eldest son. "I can't understand why John and his sister (Countess Cenci) live in luxury while my children and myself live on charity," Mrs. Oglesby said. She testified she had never received any money from Jasper Oglesby since the decree was modified from \$200 to \$150.

#### Judge Declines Orders.

Attorney H. F. Trapp of Lincoln testified, denying that Mrs. Oglesby had been asked to sign any statements when he offered her \$900 in checks.

At the conclusion of the argument of Attorney Murphy in which he requested the decree be modified to \$75 a month, Judge Lindley reviewed the case in detail and declared that he would not issue any further orders in the case unless he was assured they were based on agreement and they would be enforced. He pointed out that Jasper Oglesby is physically unable to work and that the trust fund at the present time is no longer productive. He then asked for an opportunity to confer with John G. Oglesby in an attempt to get money for Mrs. Oglesby and her two children but this conference also failed.

## Jasper Oglesby Dies in Lincoln

**Death of Former Resident, Son of Governor, Ends Long Illness.**

Jasper Ernest Oglesby, 53, former resident of Decatur and a son of the late Governor Richard J. Oglesby, died at 4:20 a. m. today in his farm home at Cornland, a short distance south of Lincoln. He suffered a stroke several years ago and had been in poor health ever since.

Mr. Oglesby was born in Decatur, Feb. 10, 1882, in the home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Evans, 421 West William street. He was still a child when the family moved to Springfield. He was twice married. He leaves two sons by his first marriage, Richard, II, of Springfield, and John Oglesby of Elkhart. His second wife, who survives him, was the former Myrtle Nicholson; by her he leaves two children, James E. and Emma Jean Oglesby, Cornland. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Felicitie Cenci of Elkhart and Italy, a brother, John G. Oglesby, former lieutenant governor of Illinois, in Elkhart. There also is a half-brother, Hiram G. Keays of Elkhart and a half-sister, Mrs. Olive Snyder, New York City.

### **With Illinois Terminal.**

He was a half-brother of the late Robert Oglesby, who was perhaps the best known member of the family in Decatur as he was a frequent visitor here and owned some property in Decatur.

Jasper Oglesby was a nephew of Mrs. Will Barnes of Decatur. He was employed for some time as a trainman for the Illinois Traction System, and in August, 1910, was appointed inspector by the same company. Later he retired on account of poor health. The body is at the Sheets funeral home in Lincoln, awaiting completion of funeral arrangements.