JEFFRIES SIGNS ARTICLES

Agrees to Meet Both Ruhlin and Sharkey During Next Summer.

TERMS PRACTICALLY PROVIDE FOR FINISH

First Match to Be in June and Second in July, with a Proviso for Entertaining Bob Fitzsimmons.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—James J. Jeffries today signed articles for fights with Gus Ruhlin of Akron Ohio, and Tom Sharkey of San Francisco. According to the stipulations, the bout with Ruhlin is to take place first. The terms of Jeffries' signed agreement were forwarded by wire to Ruhlin at Mahonoy City, Pa., and Billy Madden soon after notified his agent in this city that $2,500 had been sent to Al. Smith in behalf of Ruhlin to cover the champion's money.

The Jeffries-Ruhlin agreement calls for twenty-five round contest before the club offering the best inducements on or about June 1, 1901, the exact date to be named when the club articles are signed. Practically the agreement calls for a fight to a finish. Should the contest take place in a state or city legalizing only limited round contests then at the end of the twenty-fifth round, if the referee is not able to render a decision he shall be permitted to extend the contest five rounds at a time indefinitely until he is able to decide the winner. If the contest takes place in the state of Nevada the bout shall be to a finish. The contest shall be governed by Marquis of Queensbury rules and the men shall be permitted to fight with one hand free, each protecting himself at the breakaway, but they are to break at the command of the referee. Five ounce gloves are called for. The winner is to take the entire purse and all the receipts, privileges and other money accruing from the contest. If either man is beaten between now and the time of the battle the match can be declared off by the man who remains unbeaten.

There is only one condition in the agreement and that is that Jeffries reserves the right to meet Bob Fitzsimmons before the match with Ruhlin, providing this can be arranged on or before April 1, 1901. A match with Fitzsimmons may necessitate a postponement of the bout.

In the signed agreement which Jeffries today sent to Tom Sharkey for his signature, the fight is to be on the same terms as the Jeffries-Ruhlin contest. The date for the match is set for on or before July 1, 1901. Jeffries reserves the right to meet both Fitzsimmons and Ruhlin before the match with Sharkey, provided the match with Fitzsimmons comes off on or before June 1, 1901. The Jeffries-Ruhlin bout probably will call for a postponement of the Jeffries-Sharkey contest to a later date than that mentioned in the agreement, a second postponement would be necessary in case of a bout with Fitzsimmons unless Jeffries should be defeated.

BEGINS AND ENDS WITH WIN

Jockey Winkfield Takes Three Out of Six Races at Newport Track.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 15.—Jockey J. Winkfield carried off the honors at Newport today by riding three winners. The sport was exciting. Weather clear and track fast. Results:

First race, one mile and fifty yards, selling: Free Hand, 108 (J. Winkfield), 8 to 5, won; Sadie Burnam, 99 (Garnett), 7 to 1, second; Charlie Shane, 102 (Valentine), 15 to 1, third. Time: 1:46¾. Nearest, Joe Battle, Prince Zeno, Jena, Tickfull, Omelia, Richardson, Prince of Brangon and Mollie Newman also ran.

Second race, five furlongs: Mosketo, 107 (J. Winkfield), 9 to 5, won; The Black Jew, 105 (Bassinger), 7 to 1, second; Fairy Prince, 102 (May), 15 to 1, third. Time: 1:02¾. McManus, Elmer F, Duchess Treum, Panegulin and Count Chevlot also ran.

Third race, one mile and one-quarter, selling: Flag of Truce, 92 (McCrackin), 11 to 5, won; Colbert, 99 (J. Hicks), 11 to 5, second; Governor Boyd, 99 (Garrette), 3 to 1, third. Time: 2:08. Raffled, Louisville Belle, Donatello and Jim Gahey also ran.

Fourth race, one mile: Royal Victor, 112 (Wonderly), 6 to 1, won; Cambrian, 113 (Knight), 8 to 5, second; Isobel, 92 (May), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:49¾. Nettie Regent, Ida Ledford and Scarlet Lily also ran.

Fifth race, seven furlongs: Joe Battle, 108 (May), 11 to 1, won; Nobles, 99 (Garrette), 40 to 1, second; Porter B, 103 (Robertson), 9 to 1, third. Time: 1:29¾. Juniper, Warranted, Censor, Alex Pearson, Prince of Peace and Phosphorus also ran.

Sixth race, six furlongs, selling: Flos, 107 (J. Winkfield), 4 to 1, won; Nancy Till, 107 (Bassinger), 10 to 1, second; Fluminate, 115 (H. Rose), 15 to 1, third. Time: 1:14 1-5. The Terry, Randazzo, Cold Lack, Divertisement, Aberdale and Jack Adie also ran.

NO MORE RACING AT AQUEDUCT

Season Ends in Metropolitan District with Day of Indifferent Sport.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Three favorites, one second choice and two outsiders at comparatively short prices was the record for the closing day of the Queens County Jockey club's fall meeting at Aqueduct. When Humboldt passed the judges' stand winner in the last race it marked the closing of the racing season in the metropolitan district for 1900. There was little to recommend the last day's sport. The weather was clear and bright, the track fast and attendance good. Jockey Walsh rode three winners and took the riding honors. Summary:

First race, about seven furlongs, selling: Huntalopechill, 115 (T. Walsh), 9 to 2, won; Buffoon, 112 (Rutter), 5 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; Spurs, 104 (Brennan), 30 to 1, third. Time: 1:26 2-5. Midnight Chimes, Rinaldo, Shoreham, Dye, Templar, Decimal, Fonsolo and Ringleader also ran.

Second race, five and a half furlongs: Isaiah, 111 (Rutter), 8 to 1, won; Moor, 102 (Shaw), 5 to 2 and even, second; Sweet Tooth, 107 (T. Walsh), 5 to 1, third. Time: 1:08 2-5. McAddie, Himself, Military, Snark, Rappanecker and Miss Larezone also ran.

Third race, one mile and seventy yards, selling: Bettie Gray, 107 (T. Walsh), 3 to 5, won; Excelsis, 96 (Wilkerson), 4 to 1 and 4 to 5, second; Lancewood, 97 (Miller), 20 to 1, third. Time: 1:47 3-5. Harry McCoun and Pins also ran.

Fourth race, one mile and seventy yards: Withers, 108 (T. Walsh), 5 to 1, won; Greyfeld, 105 (Shaw), 2 to 1 and 7 to 10, second; Alsike, 95 (Miller), 15 to 1, third. Time: 1:46. First Whip, Rochester and Belle of Troy also ran.

Fifth race, six furlongs, selling: Pigeon Post, 107 (T. Burns), 6 to 5, won; Kid, 93 (H. Michaels), 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; Lone Fisherman, 104 (Walsh), 4 to 1, third. Time: 1:14 4-5. Chaos, Albert, Anna Darling, Schoolmaster and Yorkshire Boy also ran.

Sixth race, one mile and seventy yards: Humboldt, 91 (J. Slack), 9 to 1, won; Princeton Girl, 88 (Brennan), 8 to 5 and 2 to 5, second; Estella, 98 (Hoar), 100 to 1, third. Time: 1:47 4-5. Kinki, Elsie Skip and Warrenton also ran.

FAVORITES FINISH IN FRONT

Five Out of Six Races at Oakland Go to Horse Fancied by the Betting Public.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—Results at Oakland:

First race, seven furlongs, purse: Pat Morrissey, 109 (Bullman), 1 to 2, won; Jingle Jingle, 109 (Coburn), 3 to 1, second; Acrobat, 109 (J. Woods), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:27¾. Melkarth, Sweet Caporal and Anita B also ran.

Second race, five and one-half furlongs, selling: Miss Bowman, 107 (Ruiz), 6 to 5, won; Almoner, 112 (Monroe), 12 to 1, second; Matt Hogan, 109 (Tullett), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:07. Hungarian, Montalado, Merida, Alas and I Don't Know also ran.

Third race, mile and one-sixteenth, selling: Flush of Gold, 104 (J. Woods), even, won; Tuapan, 107 (Killey), 25 to 1, second; Expedient, 98 (J. Daly), 7 to 1, third. Time: 1:47¾. Perseus, Gilberto, Montanus, Tim Calvert, Merry Boy and Alicia also ran.

Fourth race, five furlongs, purse, 2-year-olds: Golden Age, 118 (Bullman), 3 to 5, won; Ardmuttus, 107 (Dominick), 7 to 1, second; Bedeck, 110 (Coburn), 2½ to 1, third. Time: 1:00. Argot, Articulate and Elsenore also ran.

Fifth race, mile and one-sixteenth, selling: Gold One, 92 (Dominick), 8 to 5, won; Sir Kingston, 99 (J. Martin), 3½ to 1, second; Lena, 104 (Mounce), 4 to 1, third. Time: 1:47¾. Hindoo Princess, Castake and Mitten also ran.

Sixth race, one mile, selling: Coming Event, 104 (Mounce), 3 to 1, won; Whaleback, 107 (Fallchey), 20 to 1, second; Belle, 88 (Rauch), even, third. Time: 1:41¾. Astor, Proclamation, Twinkle Twink, Silver Garter, Lime Light, Kinstella, Lost Girl and Los Medanos also ran.

TWO JIMMIES ARE TO FIGHT

Manager Houseman of Tattersalls Arranging Six-Round Go for Jeffries and Corbett.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Louis M. Houseman, manager of Tattersalls, today secured the signature of James J. Corbett to articles of agreement calling for a six-round bout between the former champion and James J. Jeffries, the present champion. They will meet at Tattersalls, Chicago, on January 15, for 50 per cent of the gate receipts, the winner to take 75 per cent of 50 per cent and the loser 20 per cent of 50 per cent. The referee has not yet been selected. Corbett has signed the articles of agreement and posted $1,000 with Houseman as a forfeit. The articles were forwarded to William A. Brady, manager for Jeffries, this afternoon.

MAY SEND CHALLENGE TO IOWA

Minnesota Nursing the Notion of a Game to Decide Western Foot Ball Championship.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 15.—The University Athletic Board of Control, after discussing the question of a post-season foot ball game with Iowa for the western championship, decided to postpone decision until after the Northwestern game of Saturday. If Minnesota wins this game it is likely a challenge will be sent to Iowa, as a majority of the board is understood to favor this course.

Iowa Dog Wins at Bicknell.

VINCENNES, Ind., Nov. 15.—The field trials at Bicknell ended today. The Derby stake contest ended as follows:

First, Seven Up, owned by G. W. Blythe, Burlington, Ia.; second, Doc Hyck, owned by Dr. Yancey, Sedalia, Mo.; third, Ortiz Pride; fourth, Ortiz Lad, both owned by the Ortiz Fruit farm, Mexico, Mo.

In the all-aged stake, the winners were: First, Gorham's Ging, owned by Gorham, Louisville, Ky.; second, Elmer B. Rush, owned by W. R. Schuler, Hamilton, O.; third, Ortiz Lad, owned by Ortiz Fruit farm, Mexico, Mo.; fourth, Reed's Pansy, owned by G. W. Blythe.

The association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, J. E. Merryhorn, Bicknell, Ind.; vice presidents, Colonel Wright Jordan, Indianapolis; J. A. Graham, St. Louis; C. F. Hartmeier, Evansville, and A. E. Schilling, Clay City, Ind.; secretary-treasurer, S. H. Humphrey, Indianapolis.

Bicknell was again selected as the place of the next annual meeting to be held on the second Monday in November, 1901.

Croker's Rider Probably Safe.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—The racing calendar this afternoon announces that the Jockey club stewards adjourned without reaching a decision in the case of Wishard, the trainer, and Lester Reiff, the jockey. In the meanwhile, the fact that the latter is riding today indicates the correctness of the Associated Press' forecast of November 14 that Lord Durham's charges of "pulling" Mr. Richard Croker's The Scotchman II at Doncaster would not be sustained.

Both the Reiffs were much in evidence at the derby November meeting today.

The Reiff and Wishard case was keenly discussed on the race course at Derby. It transpires that further inquiries on the subject were conducted there this afternoon and it is said the matter will be threshed out in the courts as well as in the jockey club, lawyers having been instructed to commence an action for libel against Lord Durham, no matter what the decision of the jockey club may be. In the meanwhile racing men are satisfied the jockey club will acquit the Americans.

Foxhunters' Derby Declared Off.

IRVINE, Ky., Nov. 15.—After three trials the judges in the National Foxhunters' annual chase here were unable to decide the winners of the three prizes in the Derby. Tonight they declared the event off, recommending that the following hounds be highly commended:

Roger Williams' Madrigal, Hull's Blackjack, Park's Frank, Hagan's Whitefoot, Woolbridge's Ida, Grady's Fashion, Hielo's Fan, Hoffinger's Bandit, Wood Walker's Cook, Willis' Bensker, Norris' Huntress, Jordan's Tossie, Ronaker's Bloomer and Harris' Elskett.

Many dogs and several hunters came in tonight. In the all-aged stakes tomorrow many of the most noted hounds are entered for the start before daybreak.

Start Work on Challenger.

GLASGOW, Nov. 15.—The work of building Sir Thomas Lipton's new America's cup challenger, Shamrock II, has been started in Denny's yard at Dumbarton, within an enclosure. G. L. Watson, the yacht designer, has laid out the lines of the frame work, which will be constructed of nickel steel. The plates probably will be of bronze.

INDIGESTION AND CONSTIPATION

These are twin evils which work serious mischief in the human body. They sap the strength, destroy energy and impoverish the blood. As a result of these ailments, the system gradually becomes disordered and the constitution weakened so that the body loses vitality and is unfit to stand the strain of hard or continuous labor; thus, the victim offers a shining mark for kidney disease, lung trouble or the life-crushing malarial fever.

An easy and certain means of warding off this condition is within the reach of every one.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

the System Regulator, is the remedy. A few doses whenever the digestion is disturbed, or when the bowels fail to move regularly, will remove the difficulty and stimulate the vital organs to a better and more complete performance of their duties. With vigor and regularity in the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, there can be no lack of strength or energy, the blood will be pure and nourishing, and the capacity of the body for work thereby maintained at the highest standard.

Send for a bottle to-day. Keep it always in the house. A half wineglassful when the stomach feels bloated, when the breath is bad, or the bowels constipated, will quickly restore the feeling of vigor and cheerfulness.

DRUGGISTS SELL IT AT $1.00. PER BOTTLE.

ST. THOMAS MAN WINS

International Trophy Gun Race at Live Birds is Won by Joe Coffey.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Nov. 15.—Today closed the international handicap shoot at twenty-five live birds for the international trophy and a guaranteed purse of $400, divided into four prizes. Joe Coffey of this city, the winner, killed twenty-five straight. The events were as follows:

Grand International handicap, twenty-five live birds, purse $400: Crosby, 21; Elliott, 24; Werk, 18; Fanning, 21; Wilson, 19; George, withdrawn; Bates, 21; Courtenay, 22; Deity, 18; Fulford, 21; Westbrook, 19; D. Bates, 22; Joe Coffey, 25; Barnes, 17; Price, 17; Abbott, 21.

Event No. 2, fifteen targets: Courtenay, 13; Fanning, 12; Parker, 12; Bent, 15; Wilson, 13; Westbrook, 14; Coffey, 12; Price, 12; Reed, 12; Cox, 12; Dart, 14.

Event No. 3, twenty targets: Courtenay, 16; Crosby, 15; Fanning, 17; Elliott, 17; Parker, 15; Kirkover, 15; Bent, 18; Westbrook, 15; Emslie, 15; Cox, 16; Price, 15; Fulford, 19; Dart, 16.

Event No. 4, twenty targets: Courtenay, 17; Crosby, 17; Fanning, 17; Elliott, 18; Parker, 19; Kirkover, 18; Bent, 18; Wilson, 14; Westbrook, 16; Price, 18; Dart, 16.

Event No. 5, ten singles and five pairs: Courtenay, 14; Crosby, 14; Fanning, 15; Elliott, 12; Bent, 14; Wilson, 16; Westbrook, 14; Coffey, withdrawn.

Event No. 7, twenty live birds, was not finished.

Event No. 6 of yesterday was shot off today, twenty live birds, for the Donley trophy: H. Bates, 18; Wilson, 17; Donley, 19; Emslie, 15; Westbrook, 17; Fletcher, withdrawn; Coffey, 17; D. Bates, 16; Price, 19; Barnes, 14; George, 18; McPherson, withdrawn; Bent, 17.

The tie between Price and Donley will be shot off tomorrow.

BAN JOHNSON'S DAY TO TALK

Declared His League Will Proceed Without Aid or Consent of Anyone.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—President Ban B. Johnson of the American league sounded a clear note of independence today when he declared that nobody's consent had been asked in regard to the eastern invasion. "We asked not John L. Rogers if we could place a club in Philadelphia," said the president, "and we did not ask if we could place teams in either Baltimore or Washington. We just went ahead and did as we pleased, and, although not looking for trouble, we are ready for it at any time."

The Chronicle tomorrow will say: "The spirit of the American league is plainly shown by President Johnson's statements. It considers itself on an equal plane with the old National league and this means the smashing of the national agreement. An entirely new agreement will be drawn up by the American league magnates when they meet in this city about November 20, and it is thought by many that the National league will refuse to sign it. If it does then there will be a fight."

Horses in Training Sold.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—A number of race horses in training were sold at auction today at Aqueduct. Those bringing over $500 were: King Barleycorn, J. W. Colt, $2,150; Wait Not, J. McGinnis, $1,200; Billionaire, Ed McGarry, $1,500; Flara, J. J. Gibbons, $650; Barbetto, F. M. Taylor, $775.

Canadian Challenge Accepted.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—At a meeting of the Chicago Yacht club tonight the challenge from the Royal Canadian Yacht club of Toronto to a series of races for the Canada cup was accepted. The races will be held on Lake Michigan.

DEATH RECORD.

Michael Dunn.

Nebraska's roll of pioneers was decreased by one Wednesday evening by the death of Michael Dunn, aged 75, at his home, five miles south of Papillion, Neb. The deceased was a man of frail physique and his health was never of the robust kind. For several years past it was poor, but Nebraska air, correct habits and constant occupation enabled him to round out three-quarters of a century. The closing hours of his life were soothed by the presence at his bedside of all members of his family and many near friends from Omaha.

Mr. Dunn was born in Ireland in 1825. He came to the United States in 1852 and to Omaha in 1856. He assisted in the government survey of Sarpy county in 1857 or 1858, and then selected and later pre-empted the farm whereon he lived and died. For thirty-four years he was an influential force in the rural affairs of Sarpy county. His influence did not come from leadership or ambition to be conspicuous in public movements. These he did not seek. It came rather from high character, an exemplary life and an honesty of purpose that could not be shaken. He was an omniverous reader of history and of debates and essays on public questions, and, being blessed with a remarkable memory, was thoroughly familiar with current affairs. Many a so-called spellbinder sought to convert this unassuming farmer, only to find him far better equipped with the Alpha and Omega of history and politics than he who sought to teach. His home life was as simple as it was beautiful and his faith deep and abiding.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Mary Dunn, and eight children—Thomas F. Dunn and Ignatius J. Dunn of Omaha; P. J. Dunn and Samuel Dunn of Cheyenne county, Neb.; John, Mary and Cletus Dunn, living at the old home, and Miss Ita Dunn of Papillion.

The funeral will be held at the old home Saturday at 9 a. m.; services at St. Columbkill's church at 10:30 a. m.; interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery, Omaha.

Robert J. Adair.

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Robert J. Adair, brother of J. S. and W. R. Adair of the City National bank, died yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, after many years' illness. His remains will be taken to his old home in Iowa today. Paralysis was the cause of his death.

Dr. J. C. Hull.

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. J. C. Hull, an old resident of Kearney, died at his home in this city Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Death was caused by old age. Funeral services were held yesterday.

Adolf Pichler.

INNSBRUCK, Austria, Nov. 15.—Adolf Pichler, the poet and novelist, is dead.

FIRE RECORD.

Mt. Ayr Has Costly Blaze.

MOUNT AYR, Ia., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Fire yesterday morning destroyed the Mount Ayr bank and Holden's cash store, resulting in a loss of at least $40,000, only partially covered by insurance. The flames started under the store, giving time enough for the officials of the bank to save the funds, papers and books of their firm. It was the Allen Brothers' bank in which Senator Allen was interested. The store's contents were all lost.

Implement Manufacturing Plant.

GENEVA, Ill., Nov. 15.—An explosion in the paint room started a fire today which destroyed the Appleton Manufacturing company's agricultural machinery manufacturing plant. Loss, $100,000; partially insured. The destruction of the plant threw 150 men out of employment.

Young Woman Missing.

Edith Anderson, 21 years old, daughter of Nels Anderson, a Union Pacific track walker, disappeared from her home at 1819 Mason street Tuesday and has not been seen since. Her parents, having noticed that she has been despondent of late and fearing she may have made way with herself, reported the matter to the police. A scrap of paper upon which she had scribbled: "Dear Brother and Sisters: Be converted, but for me it is too late," was found in her room. She worked in M. E. Smith & Co.'s factory until three weeks ago.

National Musical Festival.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 15.—The board of managers of the National Federation of Musical Clubs at the closing session this afternoon fixed the dates of the next national musical festival at Cleveland for April 29 and May 1, 2 and 3, 1901.

BOERS COMING TO INDIANA

Expatriated Transvaalers to Settle in the Kankakee Valley.

RAILROADS TO GIVE THEIR ASSISTANCE

Owners of Land Will Send Agents to Holland and South Africa to Encourage Movement of Burghers to This Land.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—The Record tomorrow will say:

That the Indiana counties of Lake, Porter, Stark and Laporte within the next year or so will become the permanent trekking ground of many Transvaalers and Free Staters seems probable. Owners of land in the Kankakee valley are reported to have combined for the purpose of sending agents to South Africa and Holland to encourage settlement of their lands. Some of the Indiana railroads, it is said, are showing a marked interest in the scheme to colonize the Kankakee valley.

SHIPS FOR GREAT NORTHERN

Vessels Now Building for Orient Trade with Carrying Capacity Beyond Any Vessel Afloat.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Nov. 15.—Actual work began this week on the laying of the keels to the mammoth iron steamships to be built at the works of the Eastern Shipbuilding company at Groton, opposite New London, and from this date the work of putting together the hulls of the ships will go rapidly on.

There was issued from the office of the company today an authoritative statement giving the size of the ships, which shows them to be larger than any vessels in the world now building or planned. The new vessels will be of 20,000 tons register and 23,000 tons displacement, or just 10,000 tons more displacement than the new Atlantic greyhound Deutschland. The new steamers, which are being built primarily for cargo carriers, are not as long as many Atlantic liners, but are much wider and deeper. The following are the principal dimensions of the vessels: Length, 630 feet; beam, 73 feet; depth, 56 feet. They have each five continuous decks running the whole length of the ship, with three additional partial decks amidships.

Passengers as well as freight will be carried and accommodations are provided for nearly 1,000 passengers. The vessels will have a speed of fourteen knots an hour and carry over 4,000 tons of coal in their bunkers. They are designed to carry cattle, chilled or frozen meats in refrigerating chambers, fruit or any kinds of cargo that may appear for transportation.

It is estimated that when completed the steamships will cost fully $5,000,000 and they are intended to run from the Pacific coast to Oriental ports in connection with the Great Northern railway.

ELEVATOR POOL'S GOOD WORK

Combination Forces Lower Grain Rate from Head of the Lakes to Buffalo.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The Interstate Commerce commission reconvened today. Frank Harriott, joint agent of the New York grain rate committee, was first placed on the stand. He testified that when he took charge of the affairs of the committee he found rates very much demoralized. He said that the primary object of this joint committee was not to advance the rates to an exorbitant price, but to prevent the cutting of the published rate.

In response to a question put by Commissioner Proudy, the witness said that during October of this year the joint committee had maintained a rate of 3 cents a bushel on grain and that had they so desired it could have made 5 cents the rate, but he said that it would not have been possible to have maintained any higher rate than 4 cents during November. He said that in his opinion the Western Elevator association of Buffalo had been instrumental in lowering the grain rate from Chicago, Duluth and other points by vessel to Buffalo. He further said that all the elevators in Buffalo are in the association except several smaller ones.

At this point the witness was excused and the hearing was closed. The commission then adjourned.

Alton Agents Shown Over Road.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 15.—About forty officials of the Chicago & Alton railway, including the principal passenger and freight representatives of the road from all parts of the country, arrived here this evening on a trip of inspection of the company's offices. The trip was arranged by President Felton with a view to making the traffic agents of the road familiar with its system and the cities and industries along its route. A reception was held at the Kansas City club in honor of the visitors.

Westbound Rates Slashed.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—West bound lake and rail freight rates are being slashed unmercifully. The end of the present season is in sight and with their tremendous carrying capacity not heavily taxed, the lines are desirous of rounding out the close of navigation with the most gratifying revenue showing possible. With this in view each line is said to be going after business with a reckless disregard of consequences.

Low Rate to Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—The Central Passenger association has announced a round trip rate of one fare, plus $2, from points all over its territory to Chicago for the International Live Stock exhibition which begins on December 1. The tickets will be on sale for three days and be good returning till December 10.

Henderson's Tribute to McKinley.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 15.—A banquet at the Hotel Cadillac tonight ended the thirty-second annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee. The banqueters numbered 125.

"The President of the United States," responded to by Speaker David B. Henderson of the house of representatives, was the first toast of the evening. After a splendid eulogy of Presidents Washington and Lincoln Mr. Henderson said that we have had no really bad presidents. "They have all averaged up well," said he. Of President McKinley Colonel Henderson said: "He has met every duty he has encountered with courage, ability and that sweet, tender simplicity that marks the truly great man. Untried except as a boy in war he has proved himself worthy of every trust. I believe that he has one ambition, that when he retires from his high office his countrymen may be able to say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

Colwell Must Return to Mexico.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Unless the Department of State intercedes William L. Colwell must return to Mexico to stand trial on a charge of being an accomplice in the robbery of $10,000 from the Mexican General Electric company. United States Commissioner Foote had the young man for extradition today and will prepare a copy of the evidence in the case to certify it to the secretary of state.

Colwell was employed for a time as secretary to George Vanderbilt at Biltmore castle and later as business secretary for the late Vice President Colfax.

Stock Breeders' Banquet Tonight.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 15.—The annual convention of the Illinois Stock Breeders' association concluded today. Addresses were made by Prof. Herbert W. Mumford, professor of agriculture, Agricultural college, Lansing Mich., and Prof. C. F. Curtiss, Iowa Agricultural college, Ames. The session will close with a banquet tonight.

Grangers Call at White House.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, transacted but little business at today's session, which occupied about an hour and a half. About 250 of the delegates called in a body this forenoon at the White House, where they were received by President McKinley.

DIVISION OF MISSION MONEY

Methodist Episcopal Committee Decides Upon Annual Appropriation.

STATUS OF PHILIPPINES IS DISCUSSED

Bishop Hurst Says the Islands Are No Longer in the Foreign Field, but Matter is Finally Passed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—In the morning session of the general missionary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church the consideration of the proposed reduction of $25,000 in the money for the foreign missionary field was taken up. It was decided to make this reduction so as to distribute it over the entire appropriation for home and foreign fields, which is about $1,200,000. Of this latter amount the foreign field gets 57 per cent, or about $614,000, the balance, or about $463,468, goes to the home field.

There are five districts in the foreign field, namely: Europe, South America and Mexico, southern Asia, eastern Asia and Africa.

During the distribution Bishop Cranston, who recently returned from Manila, spoke on the proposition of including the Philippine archipelago in the Eastern Asia district.

In the afternoon the whole session was spent in receiving and acting upon the reports of the committees on appropriation for mission fields. For Southern Asia it was voted to devote these amounts: North India, $54,000; Northwest India, $25,000; Bengal, 12,500; South India, $20,000; Bombay, $23,500; Maylasia, $10,250; Burmah, $5,277; Philippines, $2,000; with a recommendation that $8,000 in addition be asked for out of the thank offering, also $3,000 for North India out of the thank offering.

Philippines Not Foreign Territory.

Bishop Hurst asked: "Is this fund for the Philippines to be distributed from home or abroad? From Manila? And what does Manila mean? It is under the United States flag and when Bishop Warren or any other bishop goes there it is not as a bishop, but as a superintendent. He is simply a citizen. President McKinley has ordered the Philippines put down as a part of the United States on the maps and so it cannot be a foreign mission field."

After several bishops had spoken to this question it was finally decided that the matter of jurisdiction was something for the general conference to decide. Bishop Thoburn of India said before the discussion closed: "For we all know, and it looks quite probable just now, the United States in ten years will be governing a hundred millions of Chinamen."

The report on South America, which was adopted, was for "the South America conferences, $45,271; West South America conference, for Chili, $19,262.52; for Lima, $9,713."

It was voted to apply $5,000 of the entire appropriation and the amount of the sale of property in Brazil, to the reduction of the debt and to turn over to the board an overdrawn account of $6,000. After some discussion involving the respective rights of the committee, the committee decided to turn over the mission work in Brazil to the Methodist church, south. The reason for this was the fact that the committee has but few Portuguese missions, while the south church has few others in South America.

More Money for Africa.

Bishop Hartzell made a plea for the adoption of the report for Africa, which recommended a large increase over the appropriation for last year. He spoke of the great possibilities of the continent, which he called "New Africa."

"Liberia," he said, "is going to have a political future of some importance. It is paying off its debts, and is making closer connection with England and America."

The committee voted to give Africa $29,868, divided as follows: Liberia, $9,855; East Central Africa, $10,625; West Central, $9,388. It was voted also to add to this amount $25,000 provided that it could be raised.

Bishop Charles H. Fowler of Buffalo presided at tonight's session and in speaking of the lately developed opportunities for mission work he said:

"The three greatest events in Christian history are the labors of St. Paul, the firing on Fort Sumter and the blowing up of the Maine. The last-named event helped to make the great Anglo-Saxon race one when the men of the north and the men of the south marched side by side drinking out of the same canteen and wrapped in the same blanket. In the far east the spirit of St. George and the Union Jack moved forward and anchored side by side with the Stars and Stripes, so that today we are in an adjustment and relation that not a soldier can move foot on the face of the earth without their consent. If England must come out of China it will be destructive to civilization the world over.

"Russia's permanency there will delay Christianization there for a century to come."

Utah Murderers to Be Shot.

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 15.—James Lynch and Robert L. King, the men convicted of the murder of Godfrey Prowse at the Sheep Ranch gambling house on the night of September 14 last, were sentenced by Judge Booth this afternoon to suffer the death penalty on January 11, 1901. The condemned men chose to be shot.

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STRANGE SCENES IN TAMMANY HALL

Isidor Straus, Speaking for Democratic Boss, Says the Society Must Show That It is Not Hand in Hand with Vice.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The executive committee of Tammany hall held a meeting tonight, at which Richard Croker bade all the leaders goodbye and took a hand in starting a movement to rid the city of vice. In a little speech the Tammany leader said he was going to Europe for health, not pleasure, and introduced Isidor Straus, president of the educational alliance, as a man who was acquainted with the condition of things on the East side, adding:

"I hope you will give attentive hearing to his statements of the condition of vice that exists there and after you have heard what he has to say you will use your every effort to correct those evils as far as lies in your power."

Mr. Straus said he had meet Mr. Croker at dinner accidentally and had talked with him for two hours over the conditions in the East side and Mr. Croker had asked him to talk to the executive committee of Tammany hall and then, addressing the committee, Mr. Straus told of what was needed on the East side to suppress crime. He said that he, as a democrat, has frequently had cast up to him the statement that Tammany hall receives the greater part of its revenue from people in these evil conditions of life and that no good can be accomplished until the power of Tammany hall is destroyed. Mr. Straus had repeated this to Mr. Croker and the latter asked him to come before the committee with the statement and had promised his aid.

Lewis Nixon then, by resolution, had a committee of five appointed to "investigate the moral conditions of the city and to receive and suggest remedies for the corrections of abuses."

Mr. Nixon was made chairman and the other members are: George C. Clausen, president of the park board; Colonel Michael C. Murphy, president of the health board; John J. Scannel, fire commissioner, and John W. Keller, charities commissioner.

Mr. Croker then arose and said:

I have nothing to add to what has been said to you by Mr. Straus, because he is familiar with the matters on which he has spoken to you. I hope that this entire committee will give its full strength toward helping him and his work. We should heartily endorse his remarks and aid him in the work of crushing out this awful crime. And right here I want to reiterate what I said three weeks ago to you, and that is that not $1 comes into my possession from landlords of pool rooms and houses of ill fame and if any one of you gentlemen are collecting from any of these people you had better get out of the organization. It has no use for you. You are a disgrace to it. The organization can't and won't stand for any such thing.

The meeting broke up in confusion because of the attitude of Coroner Fitzpatrick, the Tammany leader in the Fourteenth assembly district, who denied that there were any disreputable houses in his district. He said that if there was vice there it was in tenement houses and could not be controlled. To this Mr. Croker excitedly replied that the coroner did not know what could be done until some effort was made.

Taliaferro Goes to Cudahy's.

T. W. Taliaferro, who for a number of years has been manager of the Omaha Packing company, goes to the Cudahy company on December 1 as general manager of the South Omaha plant. This is done to relieve Mr. E. A. Cudahy, vice president of the Cudahy company, of the details of management of the business.

Messenger Boys in Line.

Forty doughty young lads, clad in the blue uniform of messenger boys, kept an all-night vigil at Boyd's theater. They began to congregate early last evening and held their places unflinchingly throughout the long hours of the night.