

Omaha Democrat, vice president; C. C. Johns of Grand Island, secretary-treasurer; A. Viola Gates, corresponding secretary. The association will meet next year in Omaha.

A bomb exploded at Madrid, Spain, was, it is said by the authorities, intended for King Alfonso. Several arrests have been made and among the prisoners is an editor.

Reports from various sections of the west show that many apple, cherry, plum trees and grape vines are again putting forth blossoms, blooming for the second time in one season.

Representative Boutell delivered a speech at Detroit, Mich., in which he urged that the tariff question be taken from politics. He did not fail, however to praise the Payne tariff law.

James M. Lynch was re-elected president of the International Typographical Union.

E. C. Benedict, the Greenwich, Conn., banker, famous for his intimate friendship with President Cleveland, is seriously ill in his Connecticut home.

A dispatch from Kearney, Neb., printed in the Lincoln Journal follows: "A meeting of a number of citizens was called Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a county option league. The plan of the members is to circulate a pledge and have each signer agree to vote for no candidate who is not favorable to county option. Wide and extensive campaign work is planned by the members. The officers elected at the meeting were: W. L. Hand, president; W. R. Brookings, vice president; A. P. Salgren, secretary, and John N. Dryden, treasurer. The meeting was the culmination of a series of calls issued by advocates of county option."

The National Liquor Dealers Association in session at Cincinnati adopted resolutions endorsing drastic laws for the regulation of the traffic. The Associated Press report says: "The resolutions urge that the character of the person making the application for license be made the 'paramount issue' and in the adoption of the 'model license' which was the slogan of the day's meeting, the resolutions declare, the saloon would thus be eliminated from politics and would lessen the number of saloons to the point of public necessities while at the same time defeating the ends of those favoring an unlicensed and unregulated traffic."

An Associated Press report from Pasadena, Cal., says: "Captain John Pembroke Jones, the oldest graduate of the United States naval academy at Annapolis and a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died at his home here, aged 85. He was born in Virginia in 1825 and was appointed to Annapolis in 1843, being graduated in 1847. At the outbreak of the civil war he accepted service with the confederacy. At the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac, Jones served as executive officer of the Merrimac. Captain Jones was married three times."

In an effort to prevent the interstate commerce commission from reducing sleeping car rates the Pullman company has filed briefs in court contending that it is not a common carrier.

A dispatch that has attracted world-wide attention was carried by the Associated Press under date of Cleveland, Ohio, May 25, as follows: "Chief of Police Frederick Kohler,

known throughout the country as 'Golden Rule' chief and lauded by President Roosevelt as the best cop in the country, was suspended today by Mayor Baehr, on charges of gross immorality, habitual drunkenness and disobedience of orders. The tentative date of Tuesday has been set for Chief Kohler's trial by the civil service commission and statements by Kohler and his accusers today point to the development of sensational testimony which may involve many of the city's prominent men. Mr. Kohler has intimated that he intends to fight the charges against him to a finish and that if he is disgraced he will not be the only one to fall. Among the charges brought against Kohler is one that during the seven years he has been at the head of the police department he has utilized the detective force for the collection of facts concerning prominent officials and others to be used in the event that he was attacked. The present charges are the culmination of a long series of attacks against the police chief. After he had been informed of his suspension today Mr. Kohler exclaimed: "These charges are the work of the character snatchers, grave robbers and blackmailers who have been after me for years." Chief Kohler joined the police force as a patrolman fourteen years ago. Under Mayor Tom Johnson his rise was rapid. He was appointed chief in 1903 and since then has attracted national attention by his policy of the 'golden rule.' Briefly this policy was that in the case of minor offenses, such as intoxication or disorderly conduct it was better to admonish the offender and persuade him to go home than to arrest him. His opponents have accused him of having increased criminality by this policy."

The democratic territorial convention at Juneau, Alaska, held a two days' session and adjourned without nominating a candidate for territorial delegate to congress.

In a wheat "squeeze" James A. Patten, the famous speculator, sustained losses said to amount in the neighborhood of one million dollars. He says he will take a rest from the market for a little while.

The New York legislature adjourned without enacting the primary law urged by Governor Hughes and there is now talk of the governor summoning the legislature to extra session.

Fire at Aomori, North Japan, destroyed property worth \$2,000,000. One hundred persons lost their lives.

William C. Blair of Mt. Vernon, Ill., was offered \$2,000 as a member of the legislature to vote for the anti-local option bill, according to the testimony of E. A. Scrogin, assistant superintendent of the anti-saloon league.

Jeff Matson, who murdered a deputy sheriff at a coal mine was taken from jail at Acton, Ala., and lynched.

A French submarine boat was rammed and sunk in the English channel, and the crew of twenty-three men were drowned.

Governor Hughes has called the New York legislature in special session.

Before the Ballinger committee Oscar Lawler, assistant attorney general for the interior department, testified that Christopher R. Connolly, a writer for Collier's Weekly, had trampled over women and children on an excursion steamer that

was sinking, in the effort to save his own life. Connolly denies that there is any foundation to the charge and brought suit against Lawler for \$20,000 damages.

A republican "political movement" headed by E. L. Phillip has issued a call for a republican convention to be held in Milwaukee June 8 for the purpose of bolstering up the Taft administration.

Jesse Overstreet, who represented the Seventh Indiana district in congress from 1896 to 1908, died at his home in Indianapolis. He was the author of the so-called gold standard law passed in 1900.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," celebrated her ninety-first birthday at her home in Boston.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York reporting the sugar trial, says: "Charles R. Heike, in the United States circuit court this afternoon, heard Henry L. Stimson, for the government, slowly read letters in which Heike spoke of the 'liberal weights we receive from the custom house.' As secretary-treasurer of the American Refining company, the so-called sugar trust, Heike is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of customs dues on imports on raw sugar. Five subordinates are being tried with him, and the prosecution has been endeavoring to prove that he, although an executive, was cognizant of and instrumental in cheating at the trick scales. Counsel for Heike fought bitterly to bar the letters, but Judge Hartin overruled the objection and they became part of the record. The first was dated December 14, 1904, and addressed to Frank G. Turner, superintendent of the South Boston refinery. In it the writer speaks of differences in statements relating to sugar cargoes and adds: 'These differences are due to two causes. First, the desire of the superintendents to make as good a showing of their workings as possible; second, by the liberal weights and tares which we receive from the customs house and which, of course we do not undertake to correct. These customs house weights are generally taken as basis for the mellings. To charge the melling on the proper basis we have adopted a system.' The letter was introduced unexpectedly by the government and was read from Heike's private letter book, which was identified in court by William Foster, auditor in the company's Wall Street office. This was followed by another letter written by Heike in 1897 to Ernest W. Grebacht, former superintendent of the Williamsburg (Brooklyn) refinery. Grebacht is one of the defendants. The communication was mildly chiding in tone, upbraiding Grebacht for not having shown certain weight books that contained little information, as required by a clerk of the insurance inspectors. During the afternoon session William A. Bryan, a clerk in Heike's office testified that in March, 1909, he destroyed a package marked 'technical statements 1906' at Heike's direction. This was four days after the termination of the government suit for the recovery of the sum of some \$2,000,000 in duties from the company."

WALKING

Lady (who has just returned with a livery rig)—I will never patronize your stables again. That horse walked every step of the way." Pat (Celtic assistant)—Yez didn't expect the baste to ride, did yez, madam?—National Monthly.

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