

THE M. E. CONFERENCE

STATUS OF THE WOMEN CAUSES ANOTHER SPAT.

Deated Wrangle Occurs—Efforts to Virtually Nullify the Vote by Which the Fair Delegates Were Recognized Defeated After a Hard Struggle.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 9.—Though the Methodist general conference seemed yesterday to have settled the question of women delegates for the present by voting to admit the four elected, but referring the question of future rights to the district conferences, no sooner had the conference passed resolutions this morning than the people of Cleveland for their kindly reception, than Merris Sharp of Ohio presented a resolution to excuse the women delegates, in that they had relinquished their seats, and providing that their expenses be paid to the date of their withdrawal.

Dr. Neely of Philadelphia presented a substitute in which the women were invited to remain as honored guests of the conference and their expenses ordered paid.

Dr. Crumpton asked for a ruling by the chair as to the present status of women in the conference, and Bishop Hurst decided that it was not a point of order, but was a matter of interpretation for the body and ruled that Dr. Neely had the floor.

Just after Dr. Neely began speaking, Dr. Frisinger of Pennsylvania appealed from the decision of the chair and Dr. Crumpton's point. Bishop Hurst put the question as being on the appeal of Dr. Crumpton and great confusion existed. A motion to lay the entire matter on the table was lost by a vote of 218 to 193.

Dr. Kynett raised the point of order that the question had been improperly put, but Bishop Hurst held that Dr. Neely had the floor and Dr. Kynett appealed. Bishop Hurst declined to entertain the appeal and a dozen men were on the floor shouting for recognition. Bishop Hurst decided to recognize any one, but pointed with his hand and shouted: "Dr. Neely has the floor."

Dr. Neely made himself heard above the din and said he desired to withdraw his paper. Bishop Hurst would not permit this and the din continued. Finally, forced by the conference, Bishop Hurst said he ruled that both papers were in error and he would entertain no appeal.

Mr. Sharp asked to withdraw his resolution, but he was not permitted to do so. In the midst of intense excitement the vote on the appeal was taken and the ruling of Bishop Hurst was sustained by a vote of 221 to 202.

As soon as it was decided that the papers were before the house, Dr. Neely and Mr. Sharp both withdrew their papers and the most violent struggle of the first week of the conference was over.

J. M. King of New York presented a resolution, which was unanimously adopted without discussion, opposing the practice of sectarian appropriations for Indian education. It states that this general conference, representing the membership and constituency of the Methodist Episcopal church, reiterates its conviction that the cure for these sectarian and ecclesiastical aggressions is to be found in the adoption of the proposed sixteenth amendment to the United States constitution, drafted and promulgated by the National League for the Protection of American Institutions.

TO SEEK UNCLE SAM'S AID.

Armour Ready to Enjoin the Threatened Boycott.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 9.—The labor organizations of the two Kansas cities are considering the advisability of declaring a universal boycott against the products of the Armour packing plants as a means of aiding the striking firemen to win their fight against the company. The Armour people have preparations all made to enjoin the strikers from declaring the boycott; they are watching every move made by the strikers and when the first definite step is made toward declaring the boycott, applications for injunctions will be filed simultaneously with United States Circuit Judges Foster at Topeka and Phillips at Kansas City.

BOSTON DIVORCE RECORD

Fifty Cases Passed Upon by Judge Maynard in Just Six Hours.

BOSTON, May 9.—Judge Maynard, at the Suffolk Superior court divorce session yesterday, passed upon a list that contained an even fifty divorce cases. At adjournment none of the fifty was left, all having been disposed of.

A Pica for the Nicaragua Canal.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Governor McCordle of West Virginia appeared before the House committee on commerce today to advocate the construction of the Nicaragua canal. He spoke in behalf of the coal interests of his own and adjacent states, declaring that thesection he represented would be able to control the coal markets of the Pacific coast of North and South America with the shipping facilities which would be afforded by the canal.

Republican Negro League.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 9.—The Republican Negro League of Missouri met here yesterday in the hall of the House of Representatives with about 300 delegates present. Dr. J. N. R. Crossland, of St. Joseph, was re-elected president; P. H. Murray of St. Louis, vice president, and J. Silas Harris of Kansas City, secretary. Dr. J. N. R. Crossland of St. Joseph, Rev. P. W. Dunnivant of Jefferson City, J. Silas Harris of Kansas City and W. M. Farmer of St. Louis were chosen delegates to the National racial convention, to be held at Boston, Mass., August 12.

VEST READS THE RIOT ACT

Intimates That He May Bolt the Chicago Convention—No Official Dictation.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The first fight of the silver and gold factions of the Democratic party for control of the Chicago convention was the subject of an animated debate in the Senate yesterday. Senator Palmer in opposing the Peffer bond investigation resolution, referred to the inadequacies of the platform declarations of 1892 on the financial question, and declared that they were not satisfactory at the present time. Reference was made to the "snap" conventions held at Perle Springs, Mo., and Springfield, Ill., last year at which the Democratic party was committed to silver.

This brought Senators Vest and Cochrill of Missouri to their feet, and the former delivered a speech of characteristic vigor and explosiveness. He charged that the recent Michigan Democratic convention which declared for sound money, was controlled by federal officials, who were instructed for silver, but voted for a gold standard declaration. After denouncing the influences brought to bear on conventions in general Mr. Vest concluded with the following startling declaration of his own position:

"I am a delegate to the national convention," he said, "an unwilling delegate, chosen by my people, and I serve neither now that if that convention at Chicago is to be made up of officeholders to stifle and prevent the expression of the will of the people, then it is no Democratic convention to me. The Democratic party is the party of honorable expression, not of federal patronage."

THE RAID IN THE COMMONS

Sir Vernon Harcourt Scores Rhodes and Chamberlain Apologizes for Him.

LONDON, May 9.—The House of Commons was crowded this afternoon and the peers' gallery was packed, because the vote on the colonial estimates was to be taken, and it was to be made the occasion of an exchange of questions and answers upon South African affairs.

The Liberal leader, Sir William Harcourt, first asked the government to make a statement regarding the raid into the Transvaal. The responsible directors of the British Chartered South Africa Company at Capetown and Johannesburg were the authors of the raid and Dr. Jameson was only their subordinate. The government was responsible for the acts of the Chartered Company before the nation and the world.

Mr. Chamberlain said that while Cecil Rhodes's recent actions were universally condemned, his past services should not be forgotten. But for Englishmen like Rhodes, English history would be much poorer and the British dominions would be much smaller.

AS MR. HARRISON WISHED.

The Indiana Republican Convention's Action Held to be Just Right.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 9.—P. T. Root, who presided during the greater part of yesterday's convention and who is very close to ex-President Harrison, made today the following statement regarding the significance of yesterday's action: "The question has been frequently asked what significance attaches to Mr. Harrison's absence from the convention. In answer to it may be said, his absence is a confirmation of his statement, 'There never has been an hour since I left the White House that I desired to return to it,' and further, from him from the charge that might have been made insincerely. In answer to the question what will be the effect of the resolution instructing for McKinley, it can be truly said it must be beneficial for all concerned. First, it is a truthful reflection of the sentiment of the voters of Indiana concerning McKinley which has crystallized since Mr. Harrison's letter of February last, and if the unexpected should happen at St. Louis, and there should be a call for the ex-President, he would be in a position to accept such a call, and the followers of McKinley would be the supporters of General Harrison since Indiana in no uncertain terms has instructed and declared for McKinley at her State convention."

Cincinnati's Wreck List Eleven.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 9.—The workmen have now so far removed the wreckage from the buildings destroyed by the gasoline explosion of Monday night that it is apparent that no more bodies are to be found. The death list, therefore, will probably remain at eleven.

To Punish the Marauders.

CAPTOWN, May 9.—Cecil Rhodes, who has been delayed at Gwelo with his column on his road to Bulawayo, made an address to the people of Gwelo yesterday, in which he said they should lose no time in thoroughly thrashing the rebels and giving them an everlasting lesson.

Kansas Congregationalists Meet.

LAWRENCE, Kan., May 9.—Four hundred Congregationalists from all over the state met here yesterday afternoon in the forty-second annual session of the Congregational society, meetings will close to-morrow.

HARRIS WINS THE FIGHT.

The Ottawa Aspirant Nominated After Many Ballots.

LAWRENCE, Kan., May 9.—When the Republican convention of the Second Kansas district adjourned last night it had taken seventy-five ballots for candidate for Congress, with the deadlock apparently firmly fixed. During the night the contending factions held frequent conferences, and when the delegates reassembled at 5 o'clock this morning a better feeling prevailed. Buehan and Harris had made some sort of an arrangement, which induced the former to get back into the contest, and when the roll was called for the seventy-sixth ballot, Buehan secured the votes which he had received on the first ballot—his own county's 11, of Johnson's and 3 of Linn's. By these changes Metcalf lost 11 votes, Funston 4 and Lowe 3. A summary of the ballots was: Buehan, 19; Metcalf, 8; Tricklett, 19; Lowe, 14; Harris, 9; Funston, 14. Ten ballots were taken with this result, when a recess was taken until 10 o'clock.

The convention reassembled at 10 o'clock and took thirteen more ballots without any change, when another recess was taken till 1 o'clock. Then balloting was resumed until the 11th was taken, which resulted: Buehan, 17; Tricklett, 19; Lowe, 11; Harris, 14; Funston, 14. Adjourned until 3 o'clock.

After the last recess, the 11th ballot was cast and "Jack" P. Harris was nominated. The vote stood: Allen county, Funston 6; Anderson county, Harris 7; Bourbon county, Harris 10; Douglas county, Buehan 11; Franklin county, Harris 8; Johnson county, Buehan 4; Harris 4; Linn county, Buehan 3; Harris 3; Miami county, Harris 7; Funston 1; Wyandotte county, Harris 10. Totals—Harris 60; Buehan 15; Funston 7.

A motion to make the nomination unanimous was put and the vote taken by a rising vote. All stood but the Douglas county delegation.

Harris was declared the nominee and a committee was sent to bring him to the hall.

J. P. Harris is 57 years old and has lived in Kansas since the territorial days. He served as sergeant in the First Kansas battery during the war. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Franklin county and became a freighter. Afterwards he went to farming and in 1875 became president of the People's National bank of Ottawa. He is a rich man and his possessions are estimated at from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

After all the planning to accomplish a nomination without the aid of the Tricklett delegation, that delegation was able to name the man and the Wyandotte men are very much elated over it.

UNITE TO OUST STEVENS.

Retaliation on the A. P. A. Leader for Attacking McKinley.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 9.—When the Supreme Council of the A. P. A. meets at Washington next Tuesday the members of that body who are friendly to McKinley will make an effort to depose J. H. D. Stevens, who has been leading the fight on the Ohio candidate for the presidency. The Western members have organized to oust him and unless Stevens gets support from unexpected sources, the representatives from his own State expect to come home with his official seals.

Besides being State president for Missouri, Stevens is chairman of the national judiciary board and of the political committee of the national advisory board. He now aspires to be national president.

Kansas Drummers in Convention.

SALINA, Kan., May 9.—The fifth annual session of the grand lodge of commercial travelers of Kansas opened this morning with a parade by members of Sunflower council of Salina and other members of subordinate councils, escorting the officers of the grand lodge to the new Masonic temple. Mayor James T. Hayward delivered a brief address of welcome, Grand Counselor Claud Duval of Hutchinson responded. Secretary of State Edwards spoke concerning the upholding of the State and enlisted the support of the traveling men in turning immigration into Kansas. The grand lodge then formally opened in secret session. This afternoon a parade was held.

Iowa Wins First Place.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 9.—A. M. Cloud of Lenox college, Hopkinton, Iowa, was given first place in the inter-State oratorical contest here last night. Fred Elliott of Monmouth college, Monmouth, Ill., took second place. Wisconsin sent two representatives, each claiming to be legal. They were both thrown out of the contest. The states represented are: Colorado, Nebraska, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Kansas Bankers in Trouble.

GOODLAND, Kan., May 9.—M. B. Tomblin, president of the defunct Sherman county bank, and also a member of the State irrigation board, and Presley I. Lancaster, vice president of the same bank, were arrested yesterday afternoon on complaint of County Commissioner George Austin, charged with receiving deposits after the bank was in a failing condition. At their preliminary trial they were bound over to the district court in the sum of \$1,200 each.

Dr. Jones Exonerated.

WECHITA, Kan., May 9.—The coroner's jury in the case of the drowned boy, entirely exonerates Dr. L. J. Jones. The investigation showed that he child died a natural death.

Tennessee Democrats.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 9.—The largest Democratic state convention ever held in Tennessee has met and adjourned. It was a 16 to 1 free silver convention from start to finish. Ex-Governor Robert L. Taylor was nominated for governor by acclamation.

Petroleum in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, Okla., May 9.—Petroleum of good quality has been found eight miles east of this city, and there is much excitement. A large area of land has been leased and a company organized to put down wells and thoroughly test the field.

CONFERENCE WORK.

VARIOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST.

Tobacco Use Demanded—The Question of Federation with the Southern Branch Up in a Reckoning—The Episcopacy Committee at Work.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 11.—When Bishop Ninde called the general Methodist conference to order this morning few delegates were in their seats. G. Louthier of the Southwest Kansas conference introduced a resolution denouncing the use of tobacco in a preamble and recommending to ministers, Sunday school superintendents and Epworth League presidents total abstinence.

A resolution was introduced by Merritt Hurbart of the Wilmington conference recommending that the Senate and the House of Representatives amend the constitution that it might recognize the Deity and in the preamble insert the words: "Trusting in God." It was referred to the committee on state of the church.

Secretary Monroe read a communication from the secretary of the Methodist Episcopal conference, South, in regard to federation of the two bodies. It reviewed the great advantages of concerted action of the churches and recommended a conference of the church and missions of Britain and Ireland, of the United States, of Australia and its branches, and of Canada and its missions, or that a committee be appointed by all the various conferences, to consist of three bishops, three ministers and three laymen. The matter was taken up by a resolution, but it was decided that no action should be taken by the conference until official notification should be received.

Dr. Beardslee, on behalf of the committee on missions, then submitted his report out of his order. It related to the resignation of pastors from other denominations into the Methodist church. While it was general, it was explained that it referred to a special case in Germany, where the German Wesleyans desired to incorporate with the Methodist Episcopal church. The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and a telegram was sent to the Westphalian synod now in session.

A resolution was introduced which provided that changes in the constitution could be made without the present two-thirds vote of the conference and the three-quarter vote of the annual conferences. It was referred to the committee on state of the church.

The committee on temporal economy decided to submit to the conference a resolution regarding the powers of the ministers, which will probably be approved by the latter. This is that hereafter it shall be understood that the congregations and not the ministers shall choose the local church officers. It has been the practice to have the class leaders appointed by the ministers, and in three-fourths of the churches the pastors make out lists of whom they want for stewards and trustees, and they are chosen by the members.

The Rev. H. Moore says that the four women delegates have decided not to resume their seats in the conference though they are probably entitled to them. He and the other advocates of women delegates feel that they made a long stride toward their goal in securing the vote in favor of the constitutional amendment.

DICKINSON ANSWERS VEST

Charges Concerning Michigan Made in the Senate Strongly Denounced.

DETROIT, Mich., May 11.—Ex-Postmaster General Don M. Dickinson, replying to the strictures of Senator Vest and other free silver men as to the alleged corruption of the late Democratic State convention by officeholders, denies that Mr. Stevenson (Dickinson's law partner) or anybody else issued a circular to officeholders in connection with the convention. Through free silver congressmen, he says, free silver men were put in all the offices of their districts, and in both county and state conventions outnumbered the others two to one. According to the law the places of delegates could not be filled by proxies, as stated by Mr. Vest. The 16 to 1 men never had a majority of the delegates elected and the talk of the use of money by the sound money men is "pure and unadulterated slander and libel." If any money was used, it was in behalf of a free silver syndicate, organized and existing outside of this state and furnishing money to carry on the campaign in this state. In conclusion, he says, "I am proud to say the party in this state is properly represented by its delegation to Chicago and in favor, by an overwhelming majority, of maintaining the pledges of Congress on this question whenever there has been silver legislation since '75, that the policy of this government is to maintain the parity of the metals. Our party will not favor repudiation in any form, or take any chances of favoring a policy that by any possibility would lead to repudiation. The Chicago convention will not favor the policy of free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1."

Iowa Will Instruct for Boies.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, May 11.—There is now no question but that Iowa Democrats will declare for silver and Boies for President. Thirty-three out of 92 counties have selected 23 silver and 83 gold delegates, nearly all instructed. The same counties last year sent 162 silver and 204 gold delegates.

Seabrooke's Tale of Woe.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Thomas Q. Seabrooke, the actor, who appeared in the Supreme court yesterday to oppose the motion of his wife, Elvia Croix, the noted actress, for alimony pending the trial of her divorce suit, told Judge Pryor that he had tried to live amicably with his wife, but her fondness for drink had made it impossible.

Three Killed in a Fight.

BERKELEYS, W. Va., May 11.—A fight between negroes and Hungarians at Keystone resulted in two negroes and one Hungarian being killed.

CUBAN COURT MARTIAL.

Trial of the Competitor Crew for Filibustering—A Kansan One of Them.

HAVANA, May 11.—The trial by court martial of the men captured on board of the American schooner, Competitor, of Key West, Fla., by the Spanish gunboat Mensajera, on April 25, began in the Court of Justice at the navy yard here yesterday.

The prosecutor was Lieutenant Miguel Suarez. A guard of picked marine infantry soldiers brought in the prisoners. The first to enter the court room was Alfredo Lalborda, who is classed as the leader of the filibustering expedition. After Lalborda came Dr. Elias Bedia; a man named John Milton, said to be a native of Kansas; William Gilson, said to be a British subject, and Teodoro Mata.

The prosecutor opened the proceedings by describing in detail the capture of the Competitor. He said that Lieutenant Britton, in command of the gunboat Mensajera, was notified by some fishermen on April 21 last, that a suspicious looking schooner, apparently a pilot boat, was off Beracoe. The Mensajera was headed for that part of the coast, and when within hailing distance of the schooner called for her to show her colors. The schooner did not do so, and men on board of her jumped overboard and swam for the shore. Two of the latter were seen to go down, and others may have been drowned. In addition, two more of the so-called filibusters were killed by the rifle fire of the crew of the gunboat while trying to reach the shore.

John Milton, the Kansan man, declared he had been compelled against his will to accompany the expedition, which he had gone to see start. He added that he believed La Borda, the commander of the vessel, was not aware he was taking a party of filibusters, that it was La Borda, Milton further said he was going as a newspaper correspondent to the insurgent camp in order to interview the members of the insurgent government. He afterwards intended to return to the United States.

The prosecutor classed all the prisoners as traitors, and as assisting in the insurrection. The schooner was classed as a pirate, worth about \$4,000, and having on board an insurgent flag valued at one cent.

The prosecutor afterwards read a paper addressed by United States consul general Williams to Admiral Barroto, in which Mr. Williams stated that he had heard of the capture of the Competitor. While waiting the opinion of the marine authorities who were to decide the matter, Mr. Williams protested against the prisoners being tried by summary court martial, holding that they should be tried before an ordinary court, in accordance with treaty obligations. The government could not accept Mr. Williams' protest because he was in error as to the rights of the prisoners under the laws. Mr. Williams was, however, allowed to communicate and converse with the prisoners.

Therefore, in the name of the king of Spain, the prosecutor asked that the death sentence be imposed on all the prisoners.

Admiral Navarro approved of the death sentence being imposed. The proceedings were terminated for the day shortly after 11 o'clock, without a decision being reached.

VOTED SECRETARIES.

House Members Hereafter to Have Clerks During Recesses.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The members of the House voted themselves \$100 per month for clerks' hire during the recesses of Congress.

Mr. Aldrich, Republican, of Illinois, said it would involve an additional expenditure of \$16,000 per annum. The resolution was amended so as to except members and chairmen of committees having annual clerks, and as amended was passed, 130 to 108. An analysis of the vote shows that 111 Republicans, 13 Democrats and 1 silverite voted for it, and 63 Republicans, 58 Democrats and 1 Populist voted against it.

WISCONSIN MAN FIRST.

Interstate Normal Oratorical Contest at Warrensburg, Mo.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., May 11.—Harold D. Hughes, of Wisconsin, was awarded first honors and a \$50 check in the interstate oratorical contest at the normal chapel last night. I. J. Bradford, of Kansas, came in for second place and received a check for \$30; Illinois was third, Iowa fourth, and Missouri last. The decision did not please the audience, and a number of hisses were heard. Many prominent people in the audience expressed the opinion that Illinois and Kansas should have received first and second honors, respectively. The next contest will be held at Emporia, Kan.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The increased bank note circulation consequent to the recent bond issue is \$18,000,000.

Irwin Ford, a negro, arrested for the murder of little Esie Kreglo, has confessed his crime.

The State bank of Marshfield, Mo., is closed. President Salmon has been arrested five times.

The report of the Chicago gas combine shows that it is carrying over \$26,000,000 of bonds.

Tobacco trust stock broke badly on the report of the indictment of the company's officials for conspiracy.

Ferry Belmont has gone to Europe to see Dick Crocker about running for governor of New York.

The Genzberger woolen mills at Louisiana, Mo., were destroyed by fire.

May 15 will be field day at the Missouri State University.

Yale has challenged the Missouri University eleven to a game next fall.

A match race has been arranged between Dwyer's crack filly, Cleophas, and Sulston.

Detroit Carpenters to Strike.

DETROIT, Mich., May 11.—Six hundred members of Detroit carpenters' union have decided to strike next Monday for an eight-hour day.

MR. DUBOIS WILL BOLT.

The Idaho Senator Threatens to Bolt for Free Silver.

BOISE, Idaho, May 11.—The Evening Mail printed last night parts of a long letter written by United States Senator Dubois to F. A. Fenn of Boise, one of the leading Republicans of the state, in which he stated: "In the event the St. Louis convention adopts a gold bug or straddle platform, or nominates a gold bug or straddle candidate, I shall bolt the convention. I believe that I have sufficient personal following in Idaho, added to the following which I will get from the other parties on the silver movement, to defeat the Republican party in Idaho."

Dubois's friends here are much exercised over the declaration. Straight up Republicans who are expected to go to the Peacoteo convention next Saturday say that under such a declaration there if Dubois's friends succeed in securing the adoption of a resolution endorsing the action of the senator in the Senate. The bolters will elect a set of delegates and send them to St. Louis, as a straight Republican delegation for McKinley. The Ada county convention here today will instruct for McKinley.

FIRST MISSOURI TICKET.

Prohibitionists Nominate State Officers—H. P. Paris for Governor.

SEBASTIA, Mo., May 11.—The Missouri Prohibition convention concluded its work last evening. The following State ticket was nominated: For Governor—H. P. Paris, of Henry county.

For Lieutenant Governor—J. M. Ritchie, Newton.

For Secretary of State—E. E. McClelland, Pettis.

For Auditor—John O. Rouff, St. Louis.

For Treasurer—Rev. Mr. Hall, Greene.

For Attorney General—J. C. Hughes, Richmond.

For Judge of Supreme Court—Louis Adams, McDonald.

For Railroad Commissioner—W. E. Sullivan, Buchanan.

Gilbert the Champion Shot.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The four days' shooting tourney which began at the Guttenberg race track last Tuesday, was completed yesterday. The principal feature of the tournament was the championship contest which was introduced for the purpose of determining who was entitled to the honor of being the champion target shot of America, and after an exciting and well-contested series of twelve events the title and the silver cup were won by a Western man—Fred Gilbert of Salt Lake, Iowa, with a score of 299 broken targets out of 300. E. J. Fuldred of Utah and Elliott of Kansas City tied for second place, with Rolfo Hedges of Dayton, Ohio, a close fourth.

A Jilted Lover Commits Suicide.

SPokane, Wash., May 11.—A. M. S. Higgard, nephew of Henry Villard, a young attorney who represented six mortgage companies here, has become dissipated lately, and received a note from his intended bride Thursday, breaking their engagement. He rose before daylight Friday morning, wrote four notes to relatives and friends, went to the Post Street bridge, which spans the river near the falls, shot himself in the head and fell about fifty feet into the stream. The body was carried over the falls and has not been recovered.

Was Foraker Behind It?

ST. LOUIS, May 11.—The Republic charges in an article to-day that the bitter attacks on Major McKinley made by Judge Stevens, chairman of the advisory board of the A. P. A., were inspired by Commander-in-chief Walker of the G. A. R., a brother-in-law of Senator-elect Foraker of Ohio. It says that McKinley's friends claim that Foraker quietly advised his brother-in-law to get after McKinley, and Walker ordered his managers in St. Louis to use Stevens and the A. P. A. for the purpose.

What Girls Wish to Do.

COLUMBIA, Mo., May 11.—The girls of this year's graduating class at Christian college here were requested by the president to write their respective purposes in life. Ten of the girls said they desired further education, especially in music and art; three preferred to remain at home and make pleasant the declining years of their parents; one aspired to be a physician, another a nurse, and still another a missionary. One admitted that marriage was her object.

A Railroad Conductor Murdered.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 11.—J. E. Brooker of Havana, a conductor on the Big Four railroad, was found lying dead on the Wabash railroad tracks in Litchfield last night. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that he came to his death by being shot by some unknown person and that his body had afterward been thrown on the track. The object of the murder was apparently not robbery, as Brooker's watch and \$50 were found on his person.

Diston's Death a Surprise.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 11.—A few weeks before his sudden death, while in good health apparently, Hamilton Diston, the Philadelphia saw manufacturer, increased his life insurance \$500,000. He passed the physical examination, but an autopsy revealed that he had been afflicted with heart disease for some time. Insurance men were surprised at Diston's death.

Sixty-Nine Marries Fifty-Seven.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 11.—Michael Farmer, aged 59 years, and Angeline Hopshaw, aged 57, are receiving the felicitations of their friends. They were married a few days ago at Thorn Hill, Grainger county, and are spending the honeymoon with relatives of the groom near this city.

Chinch Bugs at Work in Missouri.

COLUMBIA, Mo., May 11.—Reports received here at the Missouri experimental station from all sections of the State show that chinch bugs survived the winter and are now seriously threatening the grain crops.