

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

President Gary of the Federal Steel company, says that the closing of the company's mills at Lorain, O., is for the purpose of making much needed repairs.

President Patton of Princeton announces that the degree of doctor of laws will be conferred on John Hay, secretary of state, at the commencement exercises.

Herr Heinrich Kusserow, who retired in 1890 from the post of Russian minister to the Hanseatic cities and to Mecklenburg, died at Koblenz, at Koblenz, aged 64.

The Hon. Arthur Russell, eldest son of the late chief justice of England, Baron Russell of Killowen, has been appointed a judge of the circuit court. He was born in 1861.

The twenty-first annual session of the supreme council, Knights of Father Mathew, with 300 delegates present from Illinois, Kansas and Missouri, convened at St. Louis.

President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, has awarded contracts for 150,000 tons of steel rails for which the company will pay \$26 a ton or total of \$3,900,000 for the entire order.

The 1,200 delegates to the railroad department of the Young Men's Christian association conference at Philadelphia, whose sessions just closed, were the guests of the Pennsylvania railroad on an excursion to Atlantic City.

Announcement is made that the Standard Flour Milling company of New York is now in progress of organization as the successor of the United States Flour Milling company, which was recently put into the hands of a reorganization committee.

The commissioner of internal revenue has decided that certificates of nomination for public offices, such as required by some states, and all papers or instruments relating to the exercise of the elective franchise, are exempt from stamp tax.

W. W. Cooley, of San Bernardino, Cal., says 12,000 car loads of oranges will be shipped this year from the orange district of southern California. In each car load there are 334 cases of the fruit and in each case there is an average of 100 oranges. So that the total shipment, according to Mr. Cooley's figures, would be 400,800,000 oranges.

At Leavenworth, Kan., the difficulty between the miners and operators, existing for six weeks, was settled by the men accepting the decision of O. B. Taylor, who had been chosen as arbitrator on both sides. The terms upon which the men will go to work are at \$4c per ton, eight hours to constitute a day's work. This is an advance for the miners.

Don Luis F. Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, has been accredited by his government to Mexico also. He was already minister to Chile, so that he now holds three missions simultaneously. It is understood that the purpose of his government in naming him for the post was to have a suitable representative in Mexico during the approaching Pan-American conference next October.

It is understood the president has selected Judge George Gray, of Delaware, to represent the United States, with ex-President Benjamin Harrison, on the Hague permanent arbitration tribunal. Judge Gray is an ex-senator from Delaware and a democrat. He was a member of the Paris peace commission and is now a United States judge for the third judicial circuit. His selection will not involve the surrender of that position.

A cablegram received from Commissioner General Eck at Paris, contains an announcement of the final results obtained by the various countries in the form of awards at the Paris exposition. The United States received 2,475 awards, Germany 1,826, Great Britain, 1,727, and Russia, 1,493. The United States leads not only in the grand total but also in all grades of awards, from grand prizes to merely honorable mention.

King Oscar is confined to his bed with bronchial catarrh, complicated by an accretion of phlegm in the right lung.

To what extent England is becoming Americanized can be judged from the announcement that a pumpkin weighing 108 pounds was grown at Dover.

Great floods are reported in the vicinity of St. Johns, New Brunswick.

Oscar Loew, for two years past connected with the agricultural department as expert in physiological chemistry, has resigned to accept a position as lecturer in the agricultural college of the Imperial University at Tokio, Japan.

At Excelsior Springs, Mo., Rev. Joshua Barbee, one of the most prominent Presbyterian ministers of the state, died, aged 65.

Lieutenant Commander William H. Bechler, naval attaché of the United States embassy at Berlin, is suffering severely from pneumonia.

It is asserted that Archbishop Martelli will be raised to the cardinalate at the next consistory.

The Duke of Marlborough is sending out a denial of the statement published by nearly every paper in England that W. K. Vanderbilt has given \$100,000 to the duchess as a thank offering for the duke's safe return.

The Rev. Sam P. Jones, the evangelist, is broken down in health. He has cancelled all his dates for lectures. The car sheds of the Cleveland & Eastern Electric Railway company at Gates Mills, O., together with a number of cars and other property have been destroyed by fire. Loss \$100,000.

At Osceola, Ark., Nelson Williams, (colored) 19 years of age, has been arrested for and confessed the murder of his father and sister.

Captain M. E. Jones died in Wheaton, Ill., aged 70 years. He was well known in army circles and was said to have fired the first shot at the battle of Gettysburg.

DOES NOT BLAME MEN

Mitchell Holds Operators Responsible for Continuance of Coal Strike.

STRIKERS NOT TREATED FAIRLY

No Disposition to Meet Miners in Their Own Conciliatory Spirit—Only Sixty-Five Per Cent of the Owners Have So Far Acceded to Request of Miners.

HAZLETON, Pa., Oct. 22.—When President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers was asked today what he had to say in regard to the settlement of the miners' strike he said:

"As there appears to be some disposition on the part of the public to place the responsibility of the prolongation of the strike on the shoulders of the Mine Workers, speaking for them I want to say that when the Scranton convention accepted the 10 per cent advance in wages, providing the operators abolished the sliding scale and guaranteed the payment of the advance until April 1, the miners had met the operators more than half way. They had shown a conciliatory spirit and I know of no good reason why the proposition should not have been accepted by the operators. As a consequence, the responsibility for the continuance of the strike rests on the failure of the operators to treat the proposition of their workers considerately.

"The public should understand that unsatisfactory as is the proposition of the operators who make the reduction in the price of powder a part of the advance of 10 per cent, that even this proposition has not been offered by a very large number of the coal-producing companies in the anthracite region and until all companies guarantee the payment of 10 per cent advance above the rate of wages paid in September until April 1, according to the decision of the Scranton convention, the miners are powerless to act. I want to repeat again that there can be no partial sectional settlement of the strike."

The large companies in the Lehigh region that have refused to move at all since the Scranton convention was held are Cox Bros. & Co., the largest coal producer in the Lehigh region; G. B. Markle & Co., the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre company, the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company and a large number of smaller companies. There is also a considerable number of coal companies in the Lackawanna and Wyoming regions that have not guaranteed the payment of the 10 per cent advance until April. The only district that has accepted the terms of the Scranton convention in full is No. 9, better known as the Schuylkill district.

Companies which produce 65 per cent of a total production of the anthracite coal fields have guaranteed the payment of the 10 per cent advance and have abolished the sliding scale.

When Mr. Mitchell was asked what he would do if all the companies were to post notices, he said:

"When all the companies have posted notices then I will have something to say."

When it was suggested to him that there might be a break in the ranks of the strikers if the contest was to continue longer, he said no men will go back to the mines until they are notified officially to return.

"The strikers here believe that the companies which have failed to comply with the agreement of Thursday's conference to post an amendment to the original offer continuing its application until April 1 are influenced by a desire to hold up the settlement and see if it is not possible to cause a break in the Schuylkill region."

Coming to the United States. PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 22.—The Commercial Gazette tomorrow will say: Seybold and Dickson of Sheffield, England, the largest manufacturers of crucible steel in Great Britain, contemplate moving their plant to the United States. A site providing excellent water and rail shipping facilities has been optioned near Wheeling, W. Va., and it is proposed to erect thereon a modern plant costing upward of \$3,000,000, which from the first will employ about 3,500 men. The object of the movement is to get into the American market. Constantly increasing cost of coal in England is a prominent factor acting as an impetus to the movement.

Second Successful Test. FREDERICSHAVEN, Germany, Oct. 22.—Another trial of Count Zeppelin's airship was made today, resulting in a series of successful evolutions.

The airship, with Count Zeppelin and Herr Eugen Wolff on board, ascended at 5 p. m. to an altitude of five-eighths of a mile, where various maneuvers were executed. It then descended slowly to the water, which it reached near the point of departure at 5:25. The king and queen of Wurtemberg witnessed the trial.

Indians May Cause Trouble. DENISON, Oct. 22.—The Creek full-blood council has been joined by the Choctaws, Chickasaws and Seminoles. They are armed with rifles. All declare they will stand by the treaty of 1866 and will not take allotment of lands. Colonel Sheenefe, agent of the Five Civilized tribes, is confident that he can handle the situation.

Immigrants "Held Up." NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The entire list of steerage passengers of the La Bretagne, 716 in number, were held up on the registry floor of the barge office today, because it was claimed that a majority of the names were improperly manifested. No such hold-up of immigrants as this has occurred in years, if ever before. The immigrants would have been sent back to the ship had not the agent of the French line appeared in the afternoon and supplied a bond of \$5,000 that the fines for all immigrants improperly manifested would be paid.

Adopts New Election Law. FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 22.—The two houses of the legislature passed the non-partisan election law agreed upon by the conference committee. There is no doubt that Governor Beckham will sign it. The democrats of the house this morning held a caucus and endorsed it as a party measure. The vote in the caucus was close, but when it was put on its passage in the house it received an unanimous vote. In the senate four democrats voted against it.

BREAKOUT AT MATTEWAN.

Insane Prisoners Overpower Their Keepers and Make Dash for Liberty.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Oct. 22.—There was a revolt in the Mattewan Hospital for the Criminal Insane to night, when six or eight keepers were assaulted and overpowered by about twenty inmates. Some of the patients escaped and seven are still at large. One or two of the keepers are badly bruised.

After the patients had been given their supper they were taken back to their apartments with their keepers. Among the number were fifteen or twenty who slept in one of the large corridors where there were six or eight keepers. There were no suspicious movements until suddenly each keeper was attacked simultaneously by two or three patients and heavy blows fell on the heads of the surprised attendants. The keys were soon taken from them and a rush was made for the door.

Each of the patients as he passed through the dining room picked up a heavy plate or bowl. From the dining room they went through the adjoining rooms and then into the long hall leading to the rear exit. Through the yard they ran like deer and crowded around the big gate in the wall, while one of their number was turning the key in the lock. When the gate was thrown open they rushed out of the yard, running fairly over each other in their anxiety to be free again.

In the meantime the keepers had recovered from the surprise given them by their assailants and gave an alarm. Chase was given across the hospital farm and all but seven of the patients were captured. The keepers then took the recaptured patients back to the institution and had them securely locked up in other parts of the building. By this time the keepers had formed several searching parties and they all started out to scour the woods in the vicinity. The keepers who were assaulted were given medical attention and joined in the search for the fugitives. The revolt, it is thought, was caused directly by the cramped quarters at the hospital.

PUT TRUST IN UNITED STATES. Cubans Believe Their Government Will Be Wisely Administered.

HAVANA, Oct. 22.—Senor Salvador Cisneros Betancourt in an innocent letter to the press of Puerto Principe said: "If the government of intervention does not keep its promises I have confidence that should the time arrive when a display would be necessary the Cubans would show the same honesty, energy and valor as the Spaniards showed at the siege of Numanca and resist until the whole island was utterly ruined."

El Diario de la Marina, commenting on this says: "We do not think that many will follow the advice of Senor Cisneros. Naturally the inhabitants of Numanca fought to the death, as they had only to choose between being killed while fighting and being murdered. Fortunately our conquerors are content to govern and administer the country in the interests of civilization."

RETURN OF DE GIERS TO PEKIN. Explains Change of Attitude by Russia's Minister to China.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 22.—The Official Messenger formally notices and explains the return to Pekin of the Russian minister in the following paragraph: "An edict of the Chinese emperor having appointed Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang to be plenipotentiaries, the czar has ordered M. de Giers to return to Pekin and to enter upon peace negotiations together with the representatives of the other powers."

Wilson's Congratulations. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 18.—W. B. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, sent out the following telegram to President Mitchell at Hazleton: "Have just heard from Philadelphia that the operators have accepted the terms of the Scranton convention. It is a great victory and will make our organization a power in the anthracite as well as in the bituminous field, if our members will continue to pursue the same peaceful, dignified and conservative course."

Gone to Washington. FORT WORTH, Tex., Oct. 22.—Marjo Fixico, leader of the discontented Creek Indians who oppose the allotment of land, has gone to Washington to consult with President McKinley. Fixico has dispersed his followers. He states that he and his party will never agree to the ratification of the treaty, but will stand by the treaty of 1866. He will assemble his council on his return from Washington.

Waldersee Expects Recall. PEKIN, Oct. 19.—(Via Shanghai, Oct. 22.)—Marshal Count Waldersee said this morning that he regarded the campaign as over and expected to be recalled, personally, soon.

The ministers of the powers are not ready to meet Prince Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching Saturday, so the meeting will probably be adjourned.

Oscar Wilde Near to Death. PARIS, Oct. 22.—Oscar Wilde was taken to the hospital a few days ago. Yesterday he underwent a surgical operation and is now lying dangerously near death at the Hospital La Salpetriere.

Wheels Cut Off a Hand. AINSWORTH, Neb., Oct. 22.—As W. S. Garcelon, an employe of the McCormick Harvester and Machine company went to board the 5 o'clock freight here this morning he slipped and fell under the wheels and his left hand was cut off.

Sneezing Causes Death. CALLAWAY, Neb., Oct. 22.—While churning for her mother the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross, residing about ten miles west of this place, was seized with a fit of sneezing. Her parents paid but little attention to it until it became so serious that she could hardly get her breath between the attacks, when they became alarmed and summoned a doctor. It was in vain that he tried to check it, until just before she expired, when she became unconscious, and passed away, just thirteen hours after she was seized with it.

PORTER'S NAME ENDORSED.

Supreme Court Upholds the Secretary of State in His Decision.

LINCOLN, Oct. 22.—The supreme court reversed the order of Judge Holmes of the district court directing the county clerk to certify to the county party, Porter to the county party. This decision will permit the county clerk to use the prefix, "mid-road," put on the sample ballots by Secretary Porter. The populist candidates argued through their attorneys that the court had no jurisdiction to try the issues of the case, but upon this case all three judges agreed. Chief Justice Norval, however, dissented from the judgment of reversal. No opinion was handed down in the case, the decision being simply entered on the court record.

Guilty of Attempted Murder. WEST POINT, Neb., Oct. 22.—The trial of William Hart in the district court on a charge of attempted murder was concluded Saturday and the case given to the jury. After being out a short time they returned a verdict of guilty. An application for a new trial on the grounds of newly discovered evidence was filed this morning and will be passed upon, most probably, this evening.

The crime for which the accused was convicted of a most atrocious one. The woman, Christina Johnson, had for some time been the paramour of the prisoner, Hart, and on her refusal to continue the illicit relations which had heretofore existed between them he deliberately shot at her five times with a revolver, missing her every time. One bullet grazed her neck, inflicting a slight flesh wound of no importance, but otherwise she was unscathed. The verdict gives general satisfaction.

Cases to Be Called. LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 20.—Below will be found a list of cases that will be called for hearing before the supreme court on November 7, 1900:

Morris vs. Linton, Douglas; Philadelphia Mortgage & Trust Co. vs. Buckstaff Bros. Mfg. Co., Lancaster; Philadelphia Mortgage & Trust Co. vs. Hutchins, Lancaster; Buck vs. Stuben, Sarpy; Bank of Stockham vs. Alter, Hamilton; Adams vs. Osgood, Douglas; Brown vs. Sloan, Pawnee; State ex rel Wahoo Water Works vs. Wahoo, Saunders; Hanscom vs. Meyer, Douglas; First National Bank, Plattsmouth vs. Gibson, Cass; State ex rel Gordon vs. Moores, Douglas; Smith vs. State, Nemaha; Ernard vs. Wyckoff, Washington.

Sugar Beet Culture. SOUTH OMAHA, Oct. 22.—President Burness of the local sugar beet factory is busily engaged these days in buying all of the sugar beets he can find in this vicinity. It is the intention of Mr. Burness to make a thorough canvass of the territory tributary to South Omaha with a view of inducing farmers to plant sugar beets next spring. He says that most any farmer can put in an acre of beets without any great trouble, as the seed is not expensive. Down below Bellevue several farmers are preparing to plant large crops of beets, as the experiment made on the island this year has proven entirely successful.

Buried by Falling Walls. FREMONT, Neb., Oct. 22.—A couple of men engaged in tearing down an old building back of the city hall had a narrow escape. Without any warning the two side walls of the building fell in, burying the men amid a mass of debris. They were removed as soon as possible to a boarding house near by and a physician summoned. One of them, C. C. Clark, had his foot and ankle badly bruised and the other, C. Jensen, sustained some internal injuries. N. Rasmussen, the owner of the building, who was working with the men, fortunately escaped unharmed.

Money Continues to Come. OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 22.—Mayor Moores is still receiving contributions to the Galveston relief fund and estimates that the entire amount sent to the sufferers by November 1 will be \$9,000. Most of the money has been sent direct to Galveston. West Galveston, Alvin and several other small towns were sent \$100 each. An appeal has come from Velasco and the surrounding country, in which not a single house escaped the floods. The mayor will send \$100, to E. B. Hoeble, chairman of the Velasco relief committee, and will also send \$50 to Arcola.

Every Barn Burned. TABLE ROCK, Neb., Oct. 22.—J. B. Beck's livery barn burned here and seven head of horses perished in the flames, while several vehicles and a quantity of hay and grain were destroyed. By heroic efforts the firemen saved Mr. Beck's residence and neighboring houses. The loss is \$3,000.

Goes After Hail Insurers. LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 22.—Attorney General Smyth has been granted leave to docket a petition to oust the Nebraska Grain Growers Mutual Hail association from doing business in Nebraska because it has failed to secure a permit from the state auditor.

Burglars Raid Aurora. AURORA, Neb., Oct. 20.—Burglars entered the postoffice at this place, but failed to find anything except a few pennies. They also visited the drug store of G. B. Williamson and opened the safe, securing therefrom about \$15 in old coins which were kept as mementos, also a valuable gold ring set with the monogram, "K. P." Hart's bloodhounds were put on the scent and tracked the burglars to the depot at Hampton, six miles east, where it is supposed the burglars boarded a train.

ALMA BANK CASE ON TRIAL.

Affairs Greatly Simplified by Judge Manager of the Federal Court.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 20.—Affairs have been greatly simplified by Judge Munger of the federal court in the suit of the state against the First National bank of Alma and its stockholders. The attorneys were prepared to read reams of papers and to talk endlessly on the complicated question presented, but the judge ordered a special finding of the facts, and the first witness, Auditor Cornell, was called.

The case grows out of the failure of the bank in 1897, which was a state depository at the time. Treasurer Bartley had on deposit \$40,624. Twenty-five thousand of this sum the state seeks to recover, that being the maximum the treasurer was allowed to deposit under the law. Suit was originally brought in the district court of Harlan county, but was dismissed and transferred to the federal court.

This is set up by the defendants as one of the grounds for defense. They also claim that the fact that the depository bond was not renewed at the beginning of Bartley's second term should excuse them from liability. It has been proven that Bartley was betting 6 per cent interest on his deposit, but allowing the state only 3 per cent, reserving half for himself. Judge William Gaslin, one of the defendants, says this agreement vitiates the contract entered into by the bank's sureties since it was entered into by President Burr and Cashier Sullivan without the knowledge or ratification of the board of directors.

Omaha Girl Wins the Medal. AURORA, Neb., Oct. 20.—The state Woman's Christian Temperance union closed its annual convention with a diamond medal and musical concert in the opera house. The contestants were: Mayme Liston of Beatrice, Lillian J. Challis of Omaha, Ora E. Shirock of Omaha, Albert Wolfe of Odell, Grace McDonald of Murray, Guy Munsell of Omaha. Miss Ora E. Shirock of Omaha, was the successful contestant. The diamond medal was presented to her in an appropriate speech by Hon. L. O. Jones of Lincoln. The prize offered the musical contestants was awarded the Wood-Burt quartet. The convention pledged \$1,000 to be paid by January 1st to the temple.

Farmers Seek New Land. OMAHA, Oct. 20.—Homeseekers made a crush all by themselves at the Union and Burlington passenger stations Friday. They were availing themselves of the regular homeseekers rates; while those from Illinois were coming on the round trip rate of \$12 to any point in Nebraska. Every incoming and outgoing road without exception, had extra cars. Union Pacific No. 5 went cut in two sections, and the Burlington for the west also went out in two sections. It was a crowd of as industrious and honest looking people as ever boarded a train. Nearly all carried immense valises and carpetbags and lunch baskets.

Good Times at Pierce. PIERCE, Neb., Oct. 20.—This year has been one of unexpected prosperity to the citizens of Pierce. The volume of trade has been exceedingly large, and the merchants are more than satisfied. The following gentlemen have built fine residences: H. H. Mohr, house and barn, \$25,000; C. E. Huton, house and barn, \$3,000; A. L. Brande, house, \$1,200; George E. Drebert, house, \$2,000; W. B. Chilves, house, \$4,000; C. Jewet, house, \$1,000.

Judge Post Back from Alaska. COLUMBUS, Neb., Oct. 20.—Judge A. M. Post returned from Alaska, where he went as one of three district attorneys for the territory. He will not return to Alaska until spring. He left Eagle City September 26th, but stopped a few days at Dawson City, and also a few days at Skaguay. While in Alaska he traveled 1,800 miles on the Yukon river. The judge is in the best of health.

Struck by Lightning. CRETE, Neb., Oct. 20.—A severe thunder storm visited Crete and vicinity. The rain fell in torrents, the weather gauge showing .50 of an inch in less than half an hour. The storm was accompanied by a heavy wind and hail. Mr. Beal of this city was struck dead by lightning about 7 o'clock. She was out on the front porch of her residence when there came a loud crash of thunder, accompanied by a vivid flash of lightning. She was instantly killed by the shock.

Brutal Assault on a Girl. FAIRBURY, Neb., Oct. 20.—John Gerberding of Plymouth precinct, was brought to Fairbury and jailed, charged with assaulting Anna Mieroth, a 14-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mieroth. He had overpowered the girl, but her screams were heard by her brother, who grabbed a shotgun, and when Gerberding started to run shot him twice in the back. As the shot was fine the wounds inflicted are not fatal. Gerberding was bound over to the district court.

Examine Rural Delivery Routes. TABLE ROCK, Neb., Oct. 20.—C. E. Llewellyn of Omaha, special agent of the postoffice free rural delivery, was in town a day or two ago looking after the establishment of a route from this place. As there have been two or more proposed routes and there will have to be more preliminary work done he will return a little later to determine the matter and establish the route selected.

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New York Yale Men's New Home.

The New York Yale club's new club house, on West Forty-fourth street, near Fifth avenue, will be eleven stories high, and will have a facade of brick, with limestone trimmings and a granite base. The building has been estimated to cost \$250,000. The basement will be used as a bicycle room. The first floor will be used as a grill room. The parlors will be on the second floor. The third to the eighth floor will be used as apartments for members, and the ninth floor as a private class and dining room. The meeting rooms will take up the tenth floor, and the kitchen and servants' rooms the eleventh floor. A garden will be provided for on the roof.

WHEN YOUNG MEN GO CALLING

What to Wear, How to Act, When to Arrive and Depart.

In making an afternoon call a man usually leaves his overcoat, umbrella or stick, hat and gloves in the hall before entering the drawing-room. He may, if he choose, carry his hat and stick into the room at a first or formal call, if it is to be very brief, except at a reception. He removes his right glove before offering to shake hands. He never offers his hand first, but waits the invitation of his hostess. If she is behind her tea-table, she may not rise to greet him, but gracefully includes him in the conversation and perhaps bows her adieu. It is an evidence of good breeding to enter and leave a room unobtrusively. It is not usual to introduce a guest upon his entrance to more than one other. He never shakes hands when presented to a woman, but always when introduced to a man. He may leave upon the arrival of other guests after fifteen minutes, turning his back as little as possible upon the company and bowing comprehensively at the door. A woman never accompanies a man to the vestibule, but takes leave of him in the drawing-room. It is no longer customary to press one's guest to call again. The lady always gives the invitation to call. A man must not go beyond an evident pleasure in her society by way of suggestion. Sometimes a woman friend will exert herself for him. The sooner the call follows the invitation the greater the compliment. A fortnight is the usual interval.—Mrs. Burton Kingsland, in the October Ladies' Home Journal.

POLICE LADGE 66. Attempt to Break Hoodoo Spell by Turning It Upside Down.

Star 66 of the Los Angeles police force would seem to be a hoodoo. The first officer who wore star 66 was a man named Maguire. He had worn it only a few months when a distressing combination of business and family troubles drove him to suicide. They found him one morning lying on the sward, with a bullet hole in his breast. After Maguire's untimely end no one appears to have worn it regularly for several months. Then it came to be the badge of John Craig. Craig was a handsome man, tall and attractive. He married a daughter of Hunter, a pioneer living out near Tropic. For a time Craig was prosperous. Then alcohol sent him to the dogs at a break-neck speed. Even his wife, after infinite endurance, had to leave him and seek refuge, with her children, in her father's house. For a while Craig amused himself with annoying her pettily, until one day he borrowed enough money to get drunk and buy two revolvers. He drove out to Hunter's house, shot his wife dead as she was approaching the screen door at which he stood; then turned another revolver on her brother, inflicting frightful wounds, from which he will never recover. The madman then jumped into his buggy and drove at top speed to the town house of the Hunters on Buena Vista street, found the old man Hunter and his aged wife sitting on the front porch, and shot them both dead in their chairs. From Craig, star 66 seems to have been transferred to Stephenson, one of the best-known and most popular of the older officers. He wore it until a severe and seemingly incurable inflammatory rheumatism carried him onto the retired list long before his time and left him a crippled pensioner. After Stephenson was retired the star of misfortune was given to Fowler. What happened to Fowler is recent history. After a multitude of troubles with the police commission he still clung to the unlucky star, and one night three officers—without right, Fowler asserts—by force took it away from him and locked him up. Now he is suing them for heavy damages. The officers up at the police station are now handing star 66 around, but no one is willing to admit that he is afraid to wear it. Nevertheless they all seem a bit squeamish about the thing! The other day an officer was wearing the star upside down, with the "66" reversed. He appeared to be No. 99. Will that charm away the hoodoo of star 66?—Los Angeles Times.

LIBBY'S FOOD PRODUCTS LEAD

The Grand Prix d'Honneur and two gold medals have been awarded by the International Jury of Awards at the Paris Exposition, to Libby, McNeill & Libby, of Chicago, for the purity, excellence and superiority of their canned foods. Here in America, the "Libby" Brand has always been recognized as typical of the highest standard of excellence attained in the preservation of meats, and it is a noticeable fact that the products of Libby, McNeill & Libby have received the highest awards at every Exposition held in the United States during the past two decades. This firm issues a book "How to Make Good Things to Eat," which will be mailed free on request. Drop a postal to Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago, Ill., for it.