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sured pay. That if we are compelled to abandon the work here, they, the working-men, must understand with whom the JOSEPH. OUR HOLLY JOB trouble lies, and that it is a question for them to settle for themselves at the polls, whether they desire employment for the summer or Rich and Racy Reminiscenses of a not, at the same time assuring them that while things remain in their present position City Campaign. we shall not go on with the work, but seek our remedy in the courts and ask them to construe the contract and our rights under

AN INTERESTING BIT OF HISTORY.

Extracts From the Confidential Correspondence of the Chief Holly **Boodler With Incidental** Remarks Thereon.

The Waterworks Conspiracy.

Eight years ago last winter the city was agitated over the project to construct water works for Omaha through private capital. The first proposition came from Mr. Wiley, who promised to construct water works with a supply reservoir and at least sixteen miles of water mains and 200 fire hydrauts if a franchise was granted him for twenty years. He was followed a few weeks later by Dr. James I Cushing, agent of the Holly Water Works company. Cushing's proposition was for direct pressure without supply reservoirs and contemplated a system of water mains which would scarcely be ample for a city of 20.000, and would have been utterly worth less for the Omaha of to-day. Cushing settled down in the Withnell house, then the principal hotel and deliberately set on foot a plan to foist the Holly works on the city by boodling the council. His first step was to organize an excursion to Burlington. In., for members of the council and the fire chief. By a liberal supply of champagne and free whiskey and promises of boodle several councilmen who were opposed to the Holly when they started came back converted to the scheme. A few days later the council passed an ordinance giving the Holly company an exclusive franchise for twenty Jears at their own figures. This brought on a storm of opposition from leading taxpayers. The ordinance was vetoed by the mayor and passed over his veto. began the historic contest Then against the Holly jobbers which kept this city in turmoil for eight months. After two or three injunctions were applied for and secured by leading taxpayers, including William A. Paxton, James E. Boyd, M. Hellman, Milton Rogers and E. Rosewater, who expended over \$2,000 in attorney's and court expenses in fighting down this job. When Judge Savage had decreed that no exclusive franchise could be granted to any waterworks company, a new ordinance was passed by the jobbers, which was defeated only by the veto of ex-Mayor Chase. Finally after a most exciting struggle, during which the council boodlers were several times on

the point of being lynched by mobs, Dr. Cushing had been armobs. rested for attempts to bribe councilmen, and other incidents, the water works deal finally culminated at the polls. Three or four days before the city election the Holly company landed several miles of pipe, com menced digging a hole back of Hanscomb Park, and several hundred men were put on the pay roll for effect on the election. The council at that that time consisted of twelve members. Eight of these, with Isaac S. Hascall at the head and Joseph Redman at the tail and Barney Shannon in the middle, were known as the Holly gang, while Levi Kennard, Jim Stephenson and two other members opposed the tob. When election day came the Holly forces were marshaled for the re-election of their gang but the tax paying citizens rallied against them in every ward and they were defeated. After their Waterloo Dr. Cushing evacuated the battle ground and the Holly people picked up the water pipes which they had distributed before election. Among the trophies that fell into the hands of THE BEE was Dr. Cushing's letter book, which proved a revelation as to the boodling methods of

it. The other alternative seems to me to put on a good force and so distribute it as to insure the election not only of a "water works council," but our council. Our friends are sanguine that we can accomplish this and from what I learn from talking with many men I have little doubt of it myfelf. Of course, THE BEE will deny during the canvass that it is opposed to waterworks, and also ridicule the idea that we have any legal rights that can prevent anyone else coming o, and make the assertion that Mr. Norman I build the works and furnish them water will build the works and furnish them water at \$50 per hydrant, and any other statement that may occur to him. This will, of course, deceive many people and have a very de-cided effect upon many persons. I have thought the maiter out to the best of my ability, and an free to say that I very de-ideally favor the first works are a set of my cideally favor the first named course, and am inclined to believe we can make it win. inclined to believe we can make it win. Miller seems to think it wise. Pritchett is in doubt, and Hascall is decidedly in favor of securing the new council, Hanscomb and all agree that it can be done. But whatever course we decide to pursue, it should be done with the distinct understanding that unless the cloud was removed from the present contract the work would not go on. If you shall decide on the latter course "carrying the election" the work should go on with as moderate a force as practicable under the management of Mr. Cowin. I leave town (to

take up my quarters at Council Bluffs), being in daily communication with our friends here, and see that the right men are nominated and elected. This I think might be done successfully, and to a large degree keep Rose water off his guard-but as I said be-fore. I believe the first named plan to be the best, and I hope the ensy named plan to be the best, and I hope the company will see it in the same light. I will telegraph you action of council to-morrow night. Meanwhile shall follow my instructions until I hear more you. Cowell's case was continued until until April and he went to Muscatine this afternoon. look meets Fitz in Chicago, and they will look at Hyde park on Sunday. Shall do all that 1 can to pass the measure through council to-morrow, failing that keep on same force until further orders. Respectfully, JAMES T. CUSHING.

Msroh 27, 12 o'clock noon, The Holly Manufacturing Company-Gentlemen: I was at the depot when the Chicago passengers ar-rived and if Stephenson came failed to see thin. Our friends are on the alert and will get hold of him if he is in town. We have everything arranged to "press him hard" and carry him if possible. The day favors water works, the wind blowing a gale and dust so thick that you cannot see a rod ahead of you. I have had a long talk with Dr. Miller since writing you last night and am to have a further conference with Pritchett, Mead and Miller to-night in case we fail in council. I enclose you siit from the Republican, which will have its effect especially as to day is worse than yestering, . Will telegraph you action of council, what cially as to-day is worse than yesterday. ever it may be, and write you at length to-morrow. It will be well to look out for Fits so far as this work is concerned as I am sure they will try for it if we should ail. Respectfully, JAMES T. CUSHING, March 28.—The Holly Manufacturing Co.fail. Gentlemen: I telegraphed you last night-"Council took no action, adjourned until Tuesday." To-day being Sunday nothing has been done. I expect to see Pritchett after dinner, but that would be too late for the mail, I write this before seeing him. Had a long conference with Mr. Mead last night, and he says that for us a much more respectable man than Shannon and without costs also a man that will not have to be looked after constantly. The storm is over and the day is as beautiful as you could wish. Shall go out to the reservoirs this afternoon. Am anxiously awaiting a letter from you telling anxiously awaiting a letter from you telling me whal course to pursue. I have not the the slightest hope of Stephenson. He slipped into town yesterday and attended the democratic convention, but did not go to the cocneil. Shall write again to-morrow. Respectfully, JAMES T. CUSHING.

March 30.—The Holly Manufacturing Com-pany—Gentlemen: Since writing you yes-terday I have had all sorts of reports and ramors. Hill came in last night and said I was hopeless. Shelby sends me word this morning that he will vote all right to night. trust he may be correct, but can't say that I am hopeful. * Work on the reseroir going on. All our friends doing all they

do all that I can to do so. The fight will be in the Sixth and Fourth. " " I am keeping out of sight as much as possible. Cowell is still working on the reservoir, and getting ready for pipe laying on Monday or Wednesday, as the case may be. I shall keep a bright lookout, and after the remulican normaries are over Shelby. be. I shall keep a bright lookout, and after the republican primaries are over, Shelby, Pritchett, Hascali and myself will docide what we will do and how to do it. Shall con-

duct this campaign for as little money as possible, but it will be from the nature of the case quite expensive. I think less so than to case quite expensive. I think less so than to have won it the other way, and I hope equally certain. Stephenson is a most pro-nounced Norman man, and is I think doing us good by so being. Will write you again to-morrow, and can then form a botter opinion of the outlook. Respectfully, JAMES T. CUSHING. April 4.—The Holly Manufacturing Com-pany—Gentlemen. Lendose you latter this

pany-Gentlemen: I enclose you letter this day received from Mr. Morton, and which looks to me very hopeful, so far as Newport machinery is concerned. I am in the midst of a flerce fight here, in which I hope to win, out of course I cannot tell until the votes are counted on Tuesday evening. I think Hascall will go in, although the opposition is very bitter. We succeeded in giving Redman the nomination in the Sixth by 35 ma-jority out of 400 votes polled, and I believe we can cloot him. Richards in the Fourth will be all right if we can elect him. Pritchett is hopeful, and I see no reason why we should fail. The contest will be very close and sharp, but we ought to win, and I believe we shall do so. We shall have two members from the Third ward, can't tell whether Barney or the other two, Blackmore and Houk. If we can succeed in this we shall have nine members in the new council. I shall telegraph you the result as soon as it is known, which will reach you soon as this does, and then you will know all about it. We shall lay no pipe until after the election. If favorable to us will go right ahead; if not, wait a little and see. Answer me about payments proposed by Morton. Newport is all right financially. Telegraph me instructions after you receive the result of the election. Shall do my best and hope I shall not fail. Shall hope to hear from you in the morning. Respectfully, JAMES T. CUSHING.

April 5 .- The Holly Manufacturing Cor pany-Gentlemen: I am more busy than I ever was in my life. It is the day before the election, and we are shaping up matters as best we can. We shall elect Richards over Kennard in the Fourth ward, Have two from the Third. Elect Slavens and Hascali n the First and Second, and are making a for Redman. It looks as though we would electhim, but Boyd and Stephenson are put-ting in money, and of course we are com-pelled to do the same. If we win it is all right. I am consulting with Pritchett, and take no step without his sanction and approval. I wish I had you here to advise with. Am keeping down expenses as small as I can, but they are necessarily large. Running four wards. Hascall is the most moderate of the whole party in his domands, and by far the smartest. I will not attempt to give you smartest. I will not attempt to give you the combinations, for they are so many and so mixed that it is as much as I can do on the ground to keep them in my mind. I am very sorry to say that Dr. Miller is of no use to us. I en-close a note received from him this morning, o which I replied I would consent to a re-lo cation of the hydrants, but not to reduce the number, as he suggests, on the 21 miles of pipe. As far as I ban see we shall win, and if so, it will be cheaper for us than the old plan. Hill and Haws are both "blecding" plan. Hill and Haws are both "bleeding" all they can, and we are compelled to stand it, Millard is at home again, and will vote for our man in the fourth ward against Keunard, and use his influence for him. I will write you to-morrow the re-sults of the work to-night, and telegraph ou election news as soon as it is known Pritchett has gone to see Miller, and 1 shall see him later, and will do all 1 can. He is frightened at the opposition. Shall lay no pipe until I see how we stand. Shall work hard, and do everything that is to be done, and hope we shall win. Respectfully, JAMES T. CUSHING.

Made draft for \$1,000 to-day. Mike Maul For Councilman.

Charles Wehrer, candidate for councilman in the Third ward, has withdrawn from the race, and Mike Maul has been appointed to

fill the vacancy, as will appear from the following: OMARA, Dec. 1, 1885 .- To the Republican

I do hereby consent and accept the nomi-

nation as candidate for councilman in the Third ward, if the c ty central committee of

that ward deems such an action advisable.

City Central Committee of the Third Ward – Gents: Intending to move out of the Third ward in the near future. I deem it proper to withdraw from the candidacy as councilman from that precinct, with which I was honored iv my republican friends. T mould onemos

CHAREES WEHRER.

M. O. MACL

THE PEOPLE'S BANK SUSPENDS

Liabilities About Thirty Thousand Dollars, Assets Unknown.

DEATH OF CHAPLAIN WRIGHT.

Cothing House Burglarized at Crete-Store Robbed at Waverly-A **Drunken Man Confesses** to a Murder.

The People's Bank Fails.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Dec. 1. - [Special Tele ram to Tun Ban, |-The People's bank of this place failed this morning with liabilities amounting to about \$30,000. The assets are not obtainable, but are known to be very meager. J. B. Chase, president and manager, is missing, but could not possibly have absconded with any money, as there was prac-tically no cash on hand. The immediate cause of the failure was the assuming of the liabilities of the Union bank of this place, recently suspended, all the available assets being absorbed to meet these demands. The friends of Mr. Chase confidently expect that he will return and adjust matters as far as possible.

The Late Chaplain Wright.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 1.-|Special to THE BEE.]-Rev. Alpha Wright, post chapiain United States army (retired), who died at his home in this city yesterday morning, has been afflicted with kidney trouble for many years, and that, with complications and advancing years, brought on his demise. When the news was circulated deep sorrow was manifest, as he was a very popular citizen here, and much admired by all who had

the honor of his acquaintance. He was also well known throughout the state, having filled many prominent positions. Deceased was aged seventy-five years, seven months and fourteen days. He was born at Wilmington, Windham county, Vermont, April 16, 1813. When quite young he removed with 16, 1813. When quite young he removed with his parents to Batn, Steuben county, New York. In 1835 he was ordained at Canan-daigua, N. Y., by Bishop Morris, of Ohio: he then labored in the M. E. church in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin and Missouri, from 1836 to 1863, when he was appointed chaptam of the Twenty-fifth Missouri volunteers infan-try. He was stationed at St. Louis Mo. . He was stationed at St. Louis, Mo. the staff of General Ewing, and had try. charge of the refugees and contrabands for the department of Missouri, serving till the war closed. December 11, 1866, he was apwar closed. December 11, 1866, he was ap pointed chaplain in the United States army was stationed at Fort Laranie, Wyo., four years, and at Fort Russell, Wyo., two years. In 1872 he was appointed chaplain at Fort Omaha, remaining in that position until re lieved at his own request, October 3, 1879. In 1898 Chaplain Wright purchased land at Plattsmouth, built on it in the summer o 1867 and moved his family here. He unite with the Presbyterian church, and since No vember, 1879, has had charge of the Presby terian church at Bellevue until the last three or four years, but was forced to retire on ac count of rapidly relaxing strength and vigor and since then he has resided at his home in The funeral has been arranged to take

place at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The services will be held at the Presbyterian hurch, and conducted by the pastor, Rev. J . Baird, who will be assisted by Rev. W. Vlexander, of the M. E. church.

Clothing House, Burglarized.

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 1.-[Special to THE BEE.]-The Star clothing house of Crete was burglarized last night The loss is estimated at \$400. A kit of burglar's tools was found on the premises in the morning. The front door was pried open with a sharp axe, and an upright bolt cut off with a chisel. C. Davis was arrested on suspicion and held to appear before the district court by Justice chilling. Davis is a horse-trader and an old resident of Crete, and it is generally be lieved that he is not guilty

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 1 .- (Special to Tas BER |-The clothing and gents' furnishing goods store of S. A. Desh was burglarized on the night of November 29 and about \$400

been able sconer to answer your kind tele-gram of congratulations. I wish now to thank you and other republican friends who were associated with you in the manogement of the campaign for their realous and effective work. Very truly yours, BENJ, HABRISON. Iowa Citt, Ia., Dec. 1 .- Thomas S. Wright, general solicitor for Iowa, and A. E. Swisher,

local attorney, representing the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, to-day dis-McWatter's Partner Located. missed in Judge Fairall's court here, the NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 1.-[Special to THE famous suit of the above named company BEE.]-Information was received by Sheriff against the lowa railway commissioners, in Willmans last night from Pendleton, Ore., which Judge Fairall enjoined the commisthat John Crook, wanted here for a murder

sioners from putting into effect their schedule of last June. The dismissal is in committed in 1873, was living at that place. Crook was a companion of the notorious McWatters, who headed the famous penitenthe following words: "Now comes the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway company and dismisses the tiary revolt some years ago while serving out a sentence for the same crime for which Crooks is wanted. However, as there is no action in this court having the above title and all proceedings therein, at its cost, which reward offered for him now it is doubtful if any steps will be taken to secure his return. are now paid in court, for the reason that the schedule, the performance of which was

Arrested for Outrage.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 1.-[Special Telegram to Tug Bgg.]-John McCormick the commissioners in the Davenport case as an abandonment of the schedule enjoined. was to-day arrested on a warraut sworn out by his wife, charging him with committing a rape on her ten-year-old daughter by a former the order changes the old schedule, and hence presents a new one for the compa-nies interested. The old one being abanusband. The feeling on the streets is very strong against him, but he denies his guilt He will have a hearing on Monday. The doned, the injunction has no subject upor which to work. The old schedule was the woman claims repeated assaults. matter in dispute, and, being abandoned, it

Ball and Banquett.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 1.- [Special Telegran to THE BEE.] -The eighth annual ball and banquet of St. Andrew's was held last night It was a very enjoyable affair. An address wass delivered by A. Richmond, of Orleans and speeches made by Senators Taggart and W. F. McCreary, of this city. The next annual ball will be held at Aurora.

Close of the Catholic Fair.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 1. - [Special Telegram to THE BEE,]-The Catholic people of this city closed this morning a most success ful fair lasting four days, that perhaps was never exceeded in the state, and managed by "ather English, who states the net proceeds to be \$2, 200.

House Burned.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 1.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-A house belonging to J. B. Northcutt was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss small

ROCK HILL MINES FLOODED.

The Miners in Water Up to Their Chins For Ten Hours.

mont, and filled several prominent Baptist HUNTINGTON, Pa., Dec. 1,-[Special Tele pulpits in New England cities, coming to gram to THE BEE.]-The mines of the Rock Hill Coal company at Robertsdale, this He spent ten years there building up the college and strengthening it in all depart county, became flooded this morning soon ments. In 1880 he resigned and went back to after the miners had entered upon their the ministry, but two or three years ago ho was recalled to the school to rescue it from work. There were 150 men in the mines at the time. The rushing water swept them some embarrassments surrounding it, and since his return it has been prospering again. Dr. Dunn was an able preacher, a line scholar, and an author of some distinction before it to the further end of the mines, where they were imprisoned for ten hours in water reaching to their chins. Their escape His death is a severe loss to the Baptist de from the mines was cut off by the on coming nomination in this state. He was seventy tide, which had burst a dam above the mines, sweeping everything before it. The volume two years of age. of water thus suddenly liberated covered an area of forty acres to a depth of five feet CARROLL, I.a., Dec. 1.-|Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-As Barney Folcy and Mr. Through excavations the current of water was turned from the mines. After ten hours teuse suffering the imprisoned miners were Fisher, two bridge builders of this city, were liberated. Company's loss very great. returning from the country this evening with a heavy load of timber, their wagon broke about one mile north of town, and they were

The Directors' Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 .- The government directors of the Union Pacific railroad company, in their annual report to the secretary of the interior, under date of November 19 1888, say that they have assumed as a premise, now beyond the scope of discussion. the necessity of an adjustment between the government and the railroad company for the payment of funds heretofore advanced as a subsidy for the building of the road. These moneys will be due, says the report, by the terms of agreement between the parties, in a few years, and it is manifest that the road is not now, and will not be then, in a condition to satisfy its obligation. It is equally manifest that, should an adjustment not be effected, the government will be compelled

to take possession of the road and to operate it, a result so full of dangers, embarrass-The Traveling Men's Association DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 1.-[Special Telements and difficulties that it should not be gram to THE BEE.]-The Iowa State Travelallowed to enter into discussion except as a ing Men's association held its annual meetlast and unavoidable solution of a problem g this city to-night. The address of th

THE IOWA INJUNCTION CASES. WILL JOHN SHERMAN ACCEPT? Dismissal of the Rock Island's Sui

President Harrison Auxious For the Ohioan's Counsel.

Against the Commission.

ined on its petition, has been abandoned

by the defendants." Mr. Wright said to a reporter to night that

company considers the order made by

scause the new classification adopted in

ould no longer be the subject of dispute

he new order being something of an ad

vance on the old schedule, and being claimed by the board to be reasonable, the old one is

The plaintin's counsel stated that in this situation the plaintin had no occasion to go

on with expensive litigation against the old schedule. The dismissal will be certified to the supreme court, and probably ends the

proceeding there. This leaves the proceed

the federal court, where it will be remem-

pered the new schedule has been restrained

Death of Dr. Dunn.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 1 .- | Special to THE

BEE.]-News has been received here of the

death at Pella, Marion county, of Rev. L. A.

Dunn, D. D., president of the Central ani-

versity, at that place, on Thanksgiving af-

ternoon. Dr. Dunn had attended services

in the morning, and was enjoying a reunion

with his family in his usual health. About

4 o'clock in the afternoon, he left the house

for a walk, and fell dead upon the sidewalk

lia in 1870 to be president of that college.

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Fisher

from apoplexy. He was a native of Ver-

A Brutal Assault.

competied to unload the tumber in the road.

As they had about finished unloading four

men from near Auburn, who had been

carousing in town all day, and were on the

way home, drove up in a wagan and ordered

Foley to remove the timber from the road,

which he refused to do, telling them to go to one side, whereupon the four men sprang

Foley in the most brutal manner. Fisher was badly injured, but managed to escape,

bringing the news to town, but Foley was rendered insensible, and was carried off in

that condition by the gang. Considerable ex-citement prevails, and a posse is out scour-ing the country, as it is feared he will perish from cold should they leave him out on the

from the wagon and assaulted Fishe

prairie in that condition.

ngs of the other companies still

by Judge Brewer.

admitted to be to that extent unreasonable.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

Representatives Reed, Cannon, Mc-Kinley and Ketley All in the Race For the Speakership -Staff Appointments.

WASHINGTON BURRAU THE OMAHA BEE. 513 FOURTEESTII STURET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.

Notwithstanding the report that Senator herman would under no condition accept a place in President Harrison's cabinet, I am informed upon the most reliable authority that if the premiership is tendered to him, with a personal request that he accept it, he will accept it. Colonel Thompson, congressman from the Portsmouth district, is one of Senator Sherman's most intimate Ohio friends. The colonel just had a conversation with the senator, and when asked to night by your correspondent whether his friend would go into the cabinet if he were offered the position of secretary of state, he replied: "Mr. Sherman does not want to leave the

senate. His work there is more pleasant to him than the duties of a cabinet office would be. He has no concern whatever as to whom would succeed him in the event he left the senate for the cabiaet. In a talk I had with him the other day, I asked him bluntly whether, if the president-elect should invite him to a seat at his counsel table he would comply with the request, the senator replied that if General Harrison believed it would be to the best interests of the party for him to go out of the senate and into the cabinet he could not, as a republican who desired to render his best efforts to his party, and as a citizon who wanted to be of the most service to his country, refuse. It would be extremely difficult to find a man who could fill the place now occupied by Mr. Sherman in the sonate, but if the president-elect should conclude that Mr. Sherman could be of more use to his country and his party in the cabinet, you may rest assured that he will obey

any command given him." There is very little, if any, doubt that John Sherman will be the secretary of state. Senator William B. Allison, of Iowa, is more likely than any other man to be secretary of the treasury. It is in opposition to General Harrisou's policy to take the most useful men from the senate to build a cabinet, but he desires experienced counsellors as well as the ablest men at his side. The general will be confronted with more difficulty in the selection of the secretary of the interior than any other officer of his cabinet. Ex-Senator Hunderson, of Missouri, and the Hon. John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, are being pushed to the front in a very quiet way for this posi-tion. It may be that Ex Senator Henderson will be called to the attorney generalship, if ie is not selected as secretary of the interior. Ex-Senator Warner Miller, of New York, is more likely to be postmaster general than to be given any other place in the cabinet. General Harrison believes it is better to go to the west with the treasurer and take a postmaster general from the east, reversing the usual order. New York will not get more than one place in the cabinet. General Alger, of Michigan, will likely be secretary of war, and if John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, goes into the cabinet, his friends who have talked to the president-elect, think he will be secretary of the navy. A letter from Indian-apolis tells me to night that General Harrion is inclined to have settled very early the lection of Senator Snerman 80 that he may receive the council of the Ohio statesman in the formation of the balance of his cabinet. There is no doubt that when Senator Allison was at the Harrison house in Indianajolis, a few days ago, the question of his taking the treasury portifolio was broached. With reasury portifolio was broached. With sherman at the head of the cabinet and Allison with the treasury portifolio in his hands, the only difficulty the president-elect would

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fact that Joseph Redman is again a cand date for the city council, the following letters and extructs from Cushing's correspondence may be of interest.

this only-tongued solicitor. In view of the

The signal defeat and rout of the Holl, cohorts was followed by the passage of an ordinance inviting competition in building the waterworks. It is computed on the most moderate estimate that the taxpayers of Omaha have saved half a million dollars by blocking Dr. Cushing's scheme.

March 24-The Holly Manufacturing Com pany-Gentlemen: The council met at 8 o'clock last evening and the lobby was packed with Rosewater's men and Kennard "charged" with the mayor's communication to the water company, and also Mr. Norman's very indefinite letter procured by Mr. Rose-water for effect. I mailed slip from The BEE, same as I send you in a letter to Mr. Hildreth or George F. Bowen, care Grand Pacific, Chicago, last night. Shall await fur ther instructions. Meanwhile pursue Mr. H.'s instructions till later advices. Respect-fully, JAMES T. CUSHING.

fully, JAMES T. CUSHINO. March 25-Holly Manufacturing Company -Gentlemen: The situation remains un-changed, except that Stephenson has gone to Chicago, either on business or to visit Nor-man, or to escape the pressure that was brought to bear on him. He announces that he would return on Saturday in time for the 4 o'clock meeting of that day. Some of our friends seem to think that there is still some hope of him; for myself I see none. Everything is red hot, politi-cally, to-day, as the democratic primaries are to meet to-night. As soon as this is over shall have a conference of our prominent friends and get their opinion on what is best to do, and send you the result. Mr. Cook arrived this morning and is busy on pipe plan. Pritchett at work on legal opinion, lowell working small force on reservoir.

Cowell working small force on reservoir. Will write you again to-morrow. Respectfully, JAMES T. CUSHING. March 26.—The Holly Manufacturing com-pany.—Gentlemen: The situation is as it was yesterday. Mr. Stephenson still absent and expected to-morrow morning. Our friends will be ready for him if he comes. I telegraphed Mr. Hildreth, at Chicago, that he (Stephenson) would be at the Grand Pa. he (Stephenson) would be at the Grand Pa-cific hotel, and to try to meet him there. Have thus far been unable to have such a conference with our friends as is at all satisfactory." Dr. Miller will be here to-night at So'clock. He is very busy and very jubilant over his victory of last night. Have paid Pritchett \$250 as per Hudreth's instructions. Cowell leaves this afternoo for Muscatine. Will return Wennesday. H was arrested for obstructing the streets. Case continued until Thursday next. Cook home this afternoon. I await instruc-Will write again to morrow. Regoes tions. Spectfully, JAMES T. CUSHING, MARCH 26, 10 P. M. - The Holly Manu-facturing Co. - Gentlemen: I wrote you concerning the situation here this morning and since which time I have interviewed Messrs. Hanscomb, Mead, Pritchett, Hill ance \$567.05, cash on hand \$150 this date. and Dr. Miller. All agree that ve dare net rely on Stephenson, who is now in Chicago,

and expected to arrive to-morrow morning, Should he do so I have arranged to bring to bear on him all our forces in every way that we can and occup him until the hour for the meeting of th council. Have the declaratory resolution drawn by Pritchett in the hands of Hascall, and if Stephenson will yete for it, will put it through without debate, but if he fails, then s to be done! It seems to me two are open to us. First, to stop all work and issue a carefully prepared card in all the papers (in Tus Bar as an advertisement) setting forth the fact that we have been notified by the mayor that we have no legal rights, that one of our sub-contractors has been arrested for obstructing the streets with water pipe, and that we are charged with attempting to in influence the election near at hand, and with an intent to spend a large amount of money to so influence; that we have decided to coase all further operations until after the election. That what we have done has been done in the most perfect good faith and in the belief that we had a very confident that we shall carry it, contract with the city of Omaha. That under that belief we had made all the preparations necessary to a vigorous prosecution of the night. work, thereby giving employment for the works vote to help us in the Third. summer to every unemployed man in Omaha very desireds of carrying the who desired work at a fair price and for as-

can. Democratic primaries on Friday night, republican on Saturday afternoon. If it is de ided (as I infer from your telegram of yes terday morning) to go ahead, we can carry the election with case I think. The Union Pacific railroad and smelting works are with us heartily, and it is intimated that we can beat Dodge, but shall know more of that to-morrow. I enclose "Kennard's platform," taken from Tur Bes. Will write you daily, and telegraph anything mportant. I shall hope for your letter to

and democratic.

The republican central committee of the morrow. Respectfully, JAMES T. CUSHING. Third ward acted upon the above communica tion last night, and Mr. M. O. Maul wa March 31 .- The Holly Manufacturing Comchosen as the standard bearer for councilpany-Gentlemen: No lotter from you yet. Cowell still away but will arrive on Thursmanie honors of the republican party of the

Third ward. day morning, by which mail I shall hope fo President Diaz Inaugurated. day morning, by which mail I shall hope for your letter of instructions Have just paid freight bills on four cars of pipe and specials which are being distributed. Work on reservoir still going on with the same force as at first. * * * * We are assured of a first class man in the thirp ward and can have our choice of Barney (Shannon) or a resulting CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 1 .- This morning President Diaz took the oath of office as president for his third term, amid a great lisplay of troops and firing of cannon

his triumphant election.

Some of Harrison's Relatives. Cincinnati Enquirer: Mrs. Betty

Barney (Shannon) or a republican equally sound. Hascall is sure to be nominated in Sheets Harrison, widow of President is ward. I see no reason, if we commence Harrison's oldest brother, Colonel R. I work on Frida, why we shall not Harrison; and her four grown children and elect our own men. Council did nothing on waterworks last night Jones absent. Will write you daily and am growing very impatient about your expected letter. eside in Chicago. Her father was a leading Indiana politician and close friend and adviser of William Henry Respectfully, Harrison in 1840. Her husband died in JAMES T CUSHING. Indianapolis in 1870. Mrs. Harrison is

APRIL 1.-The Holly Manufacturing Com-pary-Gentlemen: Everything looks well now fifty years of age. Her mother, Mrs. William Sheets, who is now about or carrying the primaries, both republican eighty years old and living in Phila-Another car of pipe and specials has arrived to day. " Mr. Crowell's case will come off to-morrow, Hawe (police judge) will dismiss it under ordinance 409, and decide that we have a delphia, was the adopted daughter of President William Henry Harrison. Her own father, Thomas Randolph, was a cousin of John Randolph, the signer right to lay pipe in the streets of Omaha. General Manderson said to me yesterday of the Declaration of Independence, and was killed at the battle of Tippecanoe and that

that "no one disputes that right," and that the case was absurd and foolish. Will write white fighting under William Henry you again to morrow and give you account of Harrison, the hero of that cele-brated engagement. General Harrison onference to-night. Respectfully, APRIL 2-THE HOLLY MANUFACTURING COMhas two brothers living. One, Captain Carter B. Harrison, lives at Murfrees-PANY - Gentlemen: As things look I fear we shall be competied to drop Hascall, and am also of the opinion we shall let Barney go, boro, Tenn., on a large cotton planta tion. His family consists of a wife, two sons and a daughter. One of these son as we shall have a better and more reliable is married and is an employe of Armour man in his place at less cost. Miller came home from the state convention worn out Bros.' banking house in Kansas City. and completely demoralized. He was elected The other brother, John Scott Harri delegate, but seems to be afraid to make the water works fight. Richardson, his partner, son, is a prominent lawyer in Kansas City. He married Sophia Lytte Murfreesboro, Tenn', and has three sons Ha has long beer suys he will be all right to morrow, as soon as he gets a night's sleep. Pritchett is working manfully. Cowell's case is continued until next Wednesday, and to be a jury trial. We must help Redman Urrough in the Sixth and have a chance in the Fifth to beat an ardent democrat, but voted a straight republican ticket last Tuesday.

Sixthe and have a chance in the Fifth to beat Dodge. Shall improve it all I can. The Union Pacific and "smelting works" are with us in the fight. Will telegraph you night dispatch result of Democratic primaries, and will write you to morrow any new thing that may transpire. Bank bal-Chicago's celebrated ex-mayor, Car ter H. Harrison, is decended from the same stock as General Harrison. comes from another branch of the family, however, and the relationship between the two is not closer than that of fourth or fifth cousin.

Respectfully, JAMES T. CUSHINO.

He Was. April 3.—Holly Manufacturing Company. --Gentlemer.: The democratic primaries made nominations last night. Slaven in the first ward, Hartman in second—he will not tun so that leaves Hersell, will be little slittle. Detroit Free Press: A blaze in a nouse on Chestnut street the other day resulted in the usual rush, smash and run, so that leaves Hascall, with a little aid, sure of his election. Third ward Blackmore, who is the "smelting works man" and water nomination but will win. Fourd ward Rich ards. We think he is water works and shall be assured of it before we assist him. being made sure we can elect him. Fifth Dodge, of whom there is no hope. Sixth ward J. E. Hoyd, strong anti. Boyd we can beau with Redman, and must do 4t if we hope to win at all. The repub-lican primaries meet at 5 this evening, and will nominate Hascall in the Second ward. The fight is very bitter and acrimonious. We are nominally keeping out of it. Really opsy-turvy, and a citizen who found run, so that leaves Hascall, with a little aid, the owner of the place standing amids the wreck of farniture in the yard remarked "Well, I suppose you are thankful?" "You bet I am!" was the emphatic

response. "There are two tea-cups and three joints of stove-pipe saved in good condition!

Oregon Apples in China.

Portland Oregonian: Oregon apples are in great demand in China. The last We are nominally keeping out of it. Really in it deep. Hill and Shelby doing their best for us. Pritchett working very hard. Dr. Miller tied to party, and as I think not doing all he might, but may be all he dare. Am steamer took away 200 boxes for the celestial empire. Speaking about these shipments Mr. Battin, a prominent shipper, said: "The chances are that the shipments of apples will be continbut to ued, and that they will increase. Calido it we must elect a man from the Fourth ward. Mead is out of town. Expected tofornia has always sent more or less apples to China, and there is no reason So that we shall have the smelting vote to help us in the Third. I am desirons of carrying the two why, with a regular China steamer coming to us, we should not have the shall bulk of this trade.'

th of fine overcoats, suits, caps, etc., equest that Mr. Mike O. Maul, the staunch were taken. The front door was broken and true friend of our party, be selected to fill the vacancy thus created, and I pledge my own and the support of my friends to pen with tools taken from a blacksmith This is the fifth time in three years shop, that Mr. Desh has suffered a large loss in this way, and a \$50 reward is offered for the apprehension of the thieves.

Burglary at Waverly.

WAVERLY, Neb., Dec. 1.-[Special to THE BEE.]-Friday night, November 3), the general merchandise store of Mr. Armstrong was broken open, and fifteen pairs of pantaloons, several suits of clothes, hats and caps, scarfs and mittens taken. Mr. Armstrong's loss is estimated at \$250. This is the second time this store has been burgiarized this fall.

A Drunken Confession.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 1 .- [Special Felegram to THE BEL |-A man giving the name of Dennis Farey was arrested here on the strength of his drunken confession of having committed a murder in Texas. He closely resembles a man named Wilson, for whom the Texas authorities offer a large re ward. Since he has become sober he re-fuses to speak at all. The Texas officials nave been notified.

A Bald-Knobber Arrested.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 1.- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Deputy United States Marshal John S. Burns arrived here this morning, having in charge Colonel Silsby, whom he arrested at Seymour last night. Silsby is a notorious bald-knobber, and was arrested on the specific charge of intimidating government witnesses at the last term of the federal court at Jefferson City, Jack Silsby, a brother of the colonel, was convicted of bald-knobbism on the testimony of Henry Ragsdale, of Texas county, A few months ago Colonel Silsby, with a gang of build-knobbers visited Ragsdale's home. Taking him out they first hanged him to a limb until nearly dead, and then tying him to a tree, whipped him with hickory withes. Ragsdale is yet in sprearious condition from the assault. Silsby, who is a great over-grown brute, boasts of the part he took in the assault. His trial is set for Monday.

Blair's Water Reservoir.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 1.-|Special to THE bss.]-The city has just had a new reservoir constructed at a cost of \$2,500. The other night all the water leaked out. The city and just had it filled to tost it. The city has not accepted or paid for it yet, but the con tractors were not bound to guarantee the work. Probably the city will be the los Quite a number have been mentioned as aspiring for the Blair postofice. The only petition that has been circulated as yet is Denna Allberry's, one of the proprieters of the Blair Direct as a set of the proprieters of the Blair Pilot. A great many are surprised at the sudden changes as only two weeks age the Pilot came out with an article, hoping no one would try to "bounce" the present postmistress, Miss Cara Claux.

Y. M. C. A. Organized in Fremont. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 1.- [Special to The BEE.]-A Young Mon's Christian association has just been organized in Fremont and officers elected as follows: President, J. H. Van Gaasbeek; vice president, D. A. Lumbard; secretary, C. A. Marshall; treasurer C. E. Hill; directors, E. H. Barnard, Edward Benton, C. E. Hill, D. A. Lumbard, C. M. Williams, C. A. Marshall, William E. Swalls, J. H. Van Gaasbeek and G. W. D. Reynolds. The association will start out with a membership. It is expected that \$2,000 will be needed and raised to push the work for the coming sear.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 1.- [Special to THE BEE. |-When the result of the general election became known Chairman Richards of the republican state central committee sent congratulations to General Harrison. Yesterday he received the following letter in reply:

not otherwise to be solved. The government directors are of the opinion that it would be better for the United States to lose every dollar of its debt, and execute a release to the company, than to undertake the duties of a common carrier of goods and passengers, thereby establishing a precedent which would surely create inischief far beyond the benefits to be derived from so hazardous an experiment. It must be clear. too, says the report, that every year that is allowed to pass without liquidation and settlement of the debt, increases to a seriou extent the difficulties of the solution. A debtor company is necessarily under a disadvantage as compared with its unfettered rivals. The questions between it and the government, the report says, are to be passed upon and determined by a body of men com-ing from different parts of the country, act uated, it may be in some instances, by hon-est prejudico founded upon imperfect knowl-edge or distorted representation of facts, or not infrequently by a conviction that some punitory measure should be adopted against the corporation, even at the risk of diminish ing its ability to respond. That body of men meets only at intervals, and its attention is generally engrossed with other and more important surjects of legislation. These and other elements of uncertainty embarrass the movements of the company, and paralyze its freedom of action. It is as important to the government as to the company, says the report, that all necessary liberty should be given the managers of the corporation to develop the resources upon which the solvency of the road must depend. It is not pos ated as is the Union Pacific shall remain a

considerable length of time in the same con lition. It must improve or deteriorate. The government directors assume that some settlement should now be made, and commend the conclusion of the majority report of the commission appointed under the act of March 3, 1887, as sound, judicious and practicable, and they carnestly hope they will meet with the approval of congress By adopting these conclusions they are of the opinion that the government will secure

its claim beyond any reasonable risk. Its lien, they assert, will be placed in such shape as to make enforcement possible in case of default in the payment of interest, and every year in the future will make the ultimate payment of the principal more probable.

In concluding their report, the government directors say that so far as they have been able to ascertain, the Union Pacific company have been i ridelity and been in the past year managed with ty and intelligence. Everything has been done that could reasonably be expected to keep the road in the line of improvement and to satisfy the just requirements of the government. The report is signed by A. C. Hasdell, A. Hannah, F. R. Coudert, Frank-lin McVeigh and F. W. Savage, government directors.

An Engineer's Promise.

During the lifetime of jovial Engineer Bronson's first wife, says a Bridgeport, Conn., story teller, it was his custom. when dashing into town with his engine, to blow a long flourish on the whistle as a signal to his wife that his run was completed and he was all right. Upon her death-bed Mrs. Bronson made him promise that as long as he remained an engineer on the road he would remember the grass plot in the cemetery where she was to be laid, and blow the whistle whenever he passed. A short time ago Engineer Bronson married his second wife. He has faith-fully kept his promise to the dead, and blown long, dismal blasts whenever passing the cemetery, afterwards salut-the quick by joyful tootings as he rushed into town, so that the living wife might prepare in season the evening meal The other day, for the first time, the

engineer ran by the cemetery forgetful

of his promise. During the night, in fitful dreams, his forgotten promise must have occurred to him. He arose, and mounting a switch engine, backed the machine over to the cemetery blowing screeches upon the whistle. After thus fulfilling his

president, Mr. H. B. Hedge, showed that the organization had grown in the eight years of its existence from eight to 1,057. During the last year there were 118 new members added. The association has a beneficiary attachment for the benefit of members who meet with accident in the dis charge of duty, exception being made in the case of base ball players. The following of ficers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. B. Hedge; treasurer, A. W Hazard; vice president, W. T. Crawford; secretary, H. S. Ames, all of Des Moines. The associate vice presidents include F. A. Miller, Sioux Falls, Dak ; W. A. Work, Kanaas City; F. W. Smith, Davenport, and Earl C. Gleason, Council Bluffs, The busitended by about two hundred persons.

Burned to Death.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 1.-[Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |-Michael Dillon, an emplove of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific shops here, met with a horrible death early this morning. On retiring last night he left a student's lamp burning near the bedside, and, as was his custom, lay in bed to read the news of the day. At midnight groans from Dillon's room aroused the other sleepers in the building, who rushed to his room and discovered him on the floor, writhing in fire and flames. He died a few hours after being discovered. Before dying Dillon stated that e must have gone to sleep while reading and during the night tossed and struck the lamp, upsetting it and causing the oil to run over him, and before he awoke was in flames. Dillon was a sober, industrious man and un-

narried. A Drowning at Waterloo

WATERLOO, In,, Dec. 1.- [Special Telegram o THE BEE.]-Willie, the sixteen year old on of Hon. George C. McCauley, auditor of Humboldt county, was drowned while skating on the Des Moines river here vesterday

The Armour-Cudaby Fire.

Just after 6 o'clock last evening, fire was discovered in the Armour-Cadahy packing house, South Omaha, and before the flame were extinguished the ongine rooms, black smith shops, boiler rooms and guano depart ment were almost destroyed. The origin of the fire is a mystery, although the general impression among the employes is that the fire originated from the petroleum gas machine. In the engine room are one large Cor engine, two large Artica liss

ice machine engines, three dynamos for the electric light

plant and several valuable drills, lathes and planers belonging to the machine shop de partment. In the adjoining room south were the boilers, four batteries, the petroleum gas machine and the blacksmith shops. South this room was the guano department. Not ing reliable can be ascertained about the los at present. The damage to the building will be fully \$10,000, and may be much more while if the machinery be ruined, as i likely is, the total loss will foot up to \$150,000 No meats were destroyed. The old depart ment will necessarily be closed for some days. J. Groff fell over a wire and cut his face and nose while valiantly fighting the fire. Phillips was the first one in the boller nee. Printips was the first one in the bolter room, and in breaking through the window had his hands badly cut. Z. Cuddington, or his way to the fire, fell through the tiles over the driveway at the feedmaster's office of the stock way do bright he feedmaster's office at the stock yards, bruising his face and cut ting and bruising both hands and legs.

Packing House Tariffs Restored.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1 .- The general managers of the east bound railway lines agreed at a

neeting to-day to restore the rates on all classes of dead freight, including grain and provisions, and to advance dressed boof rates to a basis of 50 cents a hundred pounds and live stock rates to 22% cents. The session lasted all day. The restoration of rates is delayed five days longer than expected, the time for the change to take place being De-cember 17, instead of December 12.

his abilities alone. He must be a western man, a thorough lawyor and free from the taint of corporations. If Indiana is given a place in the cabinot Colonel John C. New vill be given it. This is stated on high authority.

have in filling out his cabinet would be in the

election of the secretary of the interior, which officer must be chosen with respect to

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. The proposition to place the positions in the government printing office under civil service rules has been declared by the officers and employes of that institution, as well as by the civil service commissioners to be impracticable. There is no place to ex-amine compositors and pressmen, and under civil service competitive examinations "rats" would have to be treated the same as union printers. There was considerable agitation of this question at the civil service head. quarters to-day, when it was stated that ex-Governor Proctor Knott, of Kentucky, would be appointed a civil service commissioner to fill the vacancy made by the ap-pointment of John H. Oberly as commissioner of Iudian affairs.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

The campaign for the speakership of the Fifty-first congress is opening lively, a num-ber of prominent republican members aspiring to it. It is believed the west will comone against Tom Reed, of Maine. McKin ley, of Omo, and Cannon, of Illinois, are the leading western candidates. It is possible, if not propable, that McKinley will be agreed upon as chairman of the committee on ways and means, in which event Butterworth, of Ohio, will enter the race, unless he comes to the fore as successor to Senator Sherman, who may go into President Harrison's cabi-net. The only obstruction to this programme is Judge Kelly, of Pennsylvania, father of the house, who expects to be chairman of the committee.

THE STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

In army circles to-night it is thought the president intends sonding to the senate the first of next week several staff appointments. At the white house no information can be Secured even by the most urgent appeals of The Brg correspondent. With the usual evasiveness, it will not be stated that any appointments are soon intended. Officers connected with the war department say the appointments will include one judge advocate, one inspector general (in place of General Farnsworth), two officers in the subsistence department and one quartermaster general (in place of general Sexton). If Asa Bird Gardner is placed on the retired list, there will be one more judge-ad-vocate appointed. Altogether there may be seven nominations sent to the senate at one time next week. The only officer openly spoken of at the department as likely to receive favor in this list is Captain John G. Bowrke, who, it is stated, is booked for an inspector generalship. PERSONAL

Senator Paddock arrived to-day, Representative and Mrs. G. W. E. Dorsey, of Nebraska, will reach here to night

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.-[Special Telegram o Tus Bug. |-Pensions granted Nebrasians: Original invalid-Miles Clark, Wilsonville; Albert Harder, Fairfield; Adolph Schroder, Omaha. Increase-Elijah B. Nowlin, Callaway; James Corbin, Hastings; Lorenzo D. Wood, Johnstown; (navy) William H. Filzpatrick, Bloomington; Jacob Frankforter, Lincoln; Benjamin P. Bliss, Lincoln; Alauzon P. Hurlbert, Brewster.

Pensions for Iowans: Original invalid -E. S. Ketchum, Afton; James Garrison, Lamoni; Henry Tunnell, Montour; Thomas W. Wilde, Cedar Falls; Terry A. Ball, Little Rock. Restoration and increased-Bininel Brinkham, Robertson, Increase-Navy, John D. Whitmore, Clinton; William E. Haskins, Chester; Francis M. Williams, Rock Rapids; Charlos N. Renz, Burlington, Re-issued-John W. Holmes, Croton, Original, widows, etc.-Martha W., widow of Saturel Brows, New London; Lavenia, widow of Solomon Shepard, Iowa City.

Shot By a Courte an.

Tunnyon, Mo., Des. 1.- |Special Telagram o Tug Ben. |- Charles Gibson, a gambler, was snot fatally by Dell Huddleson, a courtesan, last night at 12 o'clock in resen ment of a foul remark. The ball entered near the carner of the right eye and longed in the base of the brain. He cannot recover-

Harrison's Acknowledgment.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 26, -L. D. Richards, promise he returned to bed unconscious Fremont, Neb. -My Dear Siri i have not of what he had done.