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THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT.

Burlington, Rock Island and St. Paul People Hostile to It.

THEY WILL SMASH THE DEAL.

The Presidents of the Three Roads Confident of Their Power to Make Matters Too Hot For the Allied Lines

War On the U. P. Arrangement.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The situation of the Union Pacific under its new traffic arrangement with the Northwestern will not be a bed of roses.

Really there is a tacit if not a written agreement on the part of the Rock Island, Burlington and St. Paul roads to fight the Union Pacific at every possible point.

To understand the situation thoroughly it is necessary to go back to 1885, when the famous tripartite agreement was formed between the Union Pacific, Rock island and St. Paul. A cast-iron contract was at that time entered into by the three roads which stipulated that each should help the other in every possible way. The agreement was for twenty years and could be terminated only on a year's notice. Up to date no notice has been given by either of the lines interested. Soon after the agreement was formed the Burlington learned of its existence and commenced a vigorous warfare against the three roads, and after a memorable struggle the Union Pacific capitulated and granted the same terms to it which the Rock Island and St. Paul enjoyed. The records show that neither of the three has turned over as much traffic to the Union Pacific as has the Northwestern.

Although prominent officials of the Rock Island, Burlington and St. Paul were perfectly free to-day in expressing their opinion of the new agreement, the nature of the case compelled all of them to refuse the use of their names. The ears of Charles Francis Adams must have buzzed, however, to-day, as the officials of the three roads expressed their opinion of him to your representative in the most vigorous kind of English.

Not a shadow of doubt was expressed by any of them that they would be enabled to break the agreement between the Union Pacific and Northwestern.

"If the Burlington was big enough in 1885 to break the tripartite agreement," said Paul Morton, of the Burlington, "it strikes me that the Burlington, Rock Island and St. Paul are big enough in 1889 to break the present agreement."

All of the officials spoken to agree that the deal might be a good one for the Northwestern but a very bad one for the Union Pacific.

"Railroad wars make strange bedfellows. The Santa Fe having been guaranteed a large share of the trans-Missouri through traffic," said R. R. Cable, of the Rock Island, "the deal in one sense follows out a set policy of the Union Pacific, that of ignoring Chicago as much as possible. The deal the Union Pacific made with the Northern Pacific about rates from Duluth and Omaha to common points was a body blow to Chicago. The rates to Duluth and Chicago are the same from the east. Then to common points on the Union and Northern Pacific, traffic via Chicago must stand the local rate between Chicago and Omaha over what the same traffic via Duluth must stand. Under the provisions of the inter-state commerce act the effect of the lower rates via Duluth must extend to intermediate points, the consequence being the rapid upbuilding of Duluth at the expense of Chicago. There is no question that the rates ought to be less from Omaha than from Duluth. The present deal is but a continuation of the old policy, the Northwestern being the only Chicago line having a Lake Superior outlet. There will be no change of policy on the part of the Northwestern either, as it is notoriously partial to Duluth on traffic originating on its Elknorn, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha branches. I don't suppose the new deal can be broken without a struggle, but it will surely come when the present rush of freight slackens. I do not know whether it will come to a rate war or not, but I know we will break up the deal if possible."

Grain Rate to Be Restored.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A Grand Trunk official to-day received word from New York that there was every assurance of the raising of the grain rate to the old 25-cent basis. A hint had been received from the inter-state commerce commission that it would no longer stand the open opposition the present separation of rates offered to repeated decisions of the commission. It will be remembered that six months ago the Baltimore & Ohio reduced the corn rate to 20 cents. The move created a panic among the eastern roads, but after a long contest the matter was arranged by all lines except the Grand Trunk company quoting a 20-cent corn rate and 25 cents on all other grain. The Grand Trunk refused to oppose the inter-state commerce commission and returned to the 25-cent basis on all grain. The other lines had heard nothing of the rumored raise, but all expressed eagerness to have it come. The Grand Trunk official declared that rates would be restored November 10 or 15.

Dakota Demands Fair Rates.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Senator Frank Pettigrew, of South Dakota, is in this city to-day. He is here to have righted numerous alleged discriminations against the merchants of his state, and while holding out the olive branch of peace in one hand, says that the railroad laws of Iowa will be as peaches and cream in comparison to those which will be enacted by the legislature of South Dakota. Among other things the senator said:

"We want to establish a commercial center in the interior of our state and propose to have equitable rates to permit it. We are now being discriminated against on all hands. For instance, the sugar rate and others are made up by taking the rate from San Francisco to St. Paul, adding to it the locals back to Sioux Falls, and then to the interior point. Then the local rates from Aberdeen, Watertown and Sioux Falls to tributary points are far higher per mile than the rates on the same goods from St. Paul. This is a plain discrimination in favor of St. Paul and against us."

The bellicose senator added that if the railroads did not do the right thing the legislature of South Dakota would. He left for Milwaukee to-night to confer with the officials of the St. Paul roads. Chairman Walker, of the Inter-State Commerce Railway association, referred the senator to the Trans-Missouri association.

The Engineers.

DENVER, Oct. 25.—The locomotive engineers to-day began the consideration of various resolutions presented to the convention, forty in number, the most important of which is one favoring federation. Only two resolutions were acted on to-day. At this rate the convention promises to be a lengthy one.

It is learned to-night that A. R. Cavener, of Chicago, second grand assistant engineer of the brotherhood, tendered his resignation to the convention to-day.

The Station Agents.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 25.—The National association of Railway Station agents to-day elected Albert L. Kline, of Allegheny, Pa., president, and C. Carle, of Mason, Ills., grand treasurer. The next meeting is to be held at Cleveland, O.

A Railway Manager Resigns.

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 25.—Major O'Brien, general manager of the Mexican National railway, has resigned to accept a position with a railroad in the United States.

ROYALTY FRATERNIZING.

Athens Enjoying a Visit From Distinguished People.

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ATHENS, Oct. 25.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—The Greeks have the reputation of being more contemplative than demonstrative, but to-day in their welcome of Princess Sophia and Empress Frederick they threw off their national characteristic and gave them a royal reception. Everywhere the crowds went wild with enthusiasm and everywhere shouts rent the air. Upon arrival they were met by the king and queen of Denmark, the ministers of the Grecian government and their wives, the mayor and corporation and delegates and envoys of all foreign countries and from different parts of Greece. Among the ladies on the platform were Lady Monson, Madam Backwetiew, Baroness Kosjek Trabenberg, Madam Sapounakis, M'lle. Anagyro. On the arrival of the train Prince Waldemar, Prince Albert Victor, the prince of Wales, the king of Greece and the duke of Sparta warmly greeted the fresh arrivals. Princess Sophia was greeted with a buzz of admiration. She at once took the arm of the duke of Sparta. The princess looked lovely in pure white, with a small straw bonnet with a white feather. Empress Frederick wore a traveling dress made of dark gray. The queen of Denmark wore a mauve costume and the queen of Greece was in white. The princess of Wales wore a costume made of pearl gray.

After the introduction of the ministers and their wives and the diplomatic corps, the mayor presented a banquet and address of welcome. The visitors were driven to the palace. The king of Greece and the duke of Sparta were on horseback, accompanied by a guard of honor. On the arrival of the procession at the palace the royal party came out on the balcony and waved their handkerchiefs to the enormous crowd which had gathered about the palace to the number of 20,000.

Three of the Scalded Men Die.

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LONDON, Oct. 25.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Three of the unfortunate firemen who were landed at Holyhead last night and taken to the hospital, suffering from fearful scalds and burns, died early this morning. The second engineer and colored firemen, who were badly scalded, are slightly better, but not out of danger. The Cephalonia sailed from Holyhead at 3 o'clock this morning, the repairs, which are expected to occupy the attention of the engineers for several days being undertaken on the voyage to New York. A verdict of death from scalding was returned in the cases of the dead men at Kelso police court to-day.

Sent to Jail For a Month.

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LONDON, Oct. 25.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE].—Robert Rutherford, alias Prince Rutherford, son of the late Gypsy queen, Esther Faa, or Blythe, and one of the claimants of the fortune left by the Californian millionaire, Thomas Blythe, was sent to jail for a month for breach of the peace while intoxicated. Prince Robert approached the carriage of General Hood, of Stanrig, and swore at him and two ladies.

Survivors of Balaklava.

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LONDON, Oct. 25.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Only sixteen survivors of the battle of Balaklava attended the annual dinner this evening. Five of those who participated in the famous charge of the Light brigade are Lord Treadegar, Sir George Woodwell, Sir William Gordon, Major Cowles and Colonel Mussenden.

A Conservative Victory.

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LONDON, Oct. 25.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—After much hurrah on both sides, Brighton was carried to-day by the conservatives, who elected Gerald Loder over Sir Charles Peel by a majority of 2,507. In 1888 the conservative majority was 2,148, and in 1886 it was 3,280.

DAVITT STILL TALKING.

He Says Houston Knew the Parnell Letters Were Forgeries.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Michael Davitt resumed his address before the Parnell commission to-day. He said the landlord system in Ireland should be abolished and the land vested in the state. Eight-tenths of the money which came from America for the support of the Irish cause, he declared, came from Irish workingmen and workingwomen. Davitt, continuing, said that Houston, secretary of the Loyal and Patriotic league, and his accomplices knew the letters alleged to have been written by Parnell, which were printed in the London Times, were forgeries before Pigott took the witness stand, and that it had come to his (Davitt's) knowledge that Pigott had confessed the fact prior to his testifying for the Times.

On being interrupted by Chief Justice Hannon, who would not accept the statement without evidence, Davitt replied that the allegation would be again made and proven later on.

Davitt proceeded to point out that Parnell and not he founded the land league in America. Le Caron, he declared, had failed to prove the assertion that the Clan-na Gael managed Parnell's tour in America. No money collected in America has ever been intended to assist armed rebellion in Ireland.

FORCED TO EAT HUMAN FLESH.

Horrible Tale of Survivors of the Steamship Earnmoor.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 25.—Carl Graves, fireman, and Ludwig Ledes, two survivors of the crew of the steamship Earnmoor, last night gave horrible details of the way they sustained life by cannibalism for days. The two men described how, upon the death of several of their comrades, when unable to obtain anything else, they had eaten the flesh from the bodies and sucked the blood, and how three days afterward their limbs and feet began to swell, which they attributed to the poison from human flesh and blood. They have no recollection of how the flesh and blood tasted, so great was their mental anguish at the time.

The Death Record.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Emile Augier, the French dramatist, is dead.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Jeremiah McGuire, ex-speaker of the assembly, died this morning.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.—Joel Barlow, of Moorhead, a well known iron manufacturer and capitalist of this city, died this morning aged seventy-seven.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 25.—Prof. Leo Lesquereux, the eminent botanist and paleontologist is dead, aged eighty-three.

A Schooner Missing.

BOSTON, Oct. 25.—A three-masted schooner which sailed from here for Fayal sixty-five days ago with a crew and passengers numbering thirty-seven, has not been heard from, and is believed to have been lost.

Dillon Arrives in Brussels.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 25.—Count Dillon, who has been expelled from Lorain by the German police, arrived to-day.

HE HAS PUT AWAY THE STAMP

Raum Will Sign Pension Certificates With the Pen.

NO MORE DEPUTIZED CLERKS.

The New Commissioner Will Proceed Carefully In the Granting of Applications—Dakotans Going to Washington.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 25.

"I am going to carefully examine every pension certificate before I attach my name to it," said Commissioner of Pensions Raum to-day as he drew up before him a huge pile of certificates.

"I cannot be too careful till I learn thoroughly the routine of affairs here. It has been customary for the commissioner to sign his name or have a clerk do it by the use of a rubber stamp, but I think that is a delegation of too much power, and it should be attended to personally by the commissioner. If I can intrust a clerk to sign my name to pension certificates by the use of a rubber stamp I cannot see why I should alone be empowered to do this work and be held exclusively responsible for it."

The commissioner had four or five hundred certificates presented to him for his signature during the day. Among the cases he made special was that of a lady who was born during Washington's administration. She is ninety-three years old and is the widow of a soldier of the war of 1812. She has been entitled to a pension all along but has never applied for one until recently. That was why her case was made special. General Raum himself is entitled to a pension, being a wounded soldier, but he has never filed an application and he has no idea of seeking a pension while he is commissioner.

A GATHERING OF DAKOTANS.

There will be a gathering of very prominent South Dakota republicans in Washington next week.

The two senators, two members of congress and the governor and lieutenant governor, together with Judge Edgerton, who came near being elected one of the senators, will be among the number. They are coming here especially to present Judge Edgerton for appointment as the United States district judge for the state of South Dakota, and they will look after the distribution of various other offices before they leave. Senator Pettigrew will arrive to-morrow. Just before the opening of the recent campaign, and at the request of those gentlemen, the appointments at the postoffice and various other departments were held up in Dakota until the election was over. There now will be a rattling of the dry democratic bones holding positions in South Dakota. While here these statesmen will take all of the initiatory steps possible for the opening of the great Sioux Indian reservation and also the opening of the Wappeton and Sisseton reservation, which is located in the northwestern part of South Dakota. They will prepare the bills which are to be presented on the subjects before congress and will get the material ready for reports upon them in committee.

CAPTAIN BOURKE'S EXPERIENCE.

Among the newspaper men on the excursion train of the international congress, which is due in Omaha to-morrow afternoon, is Mr. Harris, of the Evening Star, of this city. In his dispatch published this evening is the following, which will be relished by the many BEE readers who personally know Captain John Bourke, who is a member of the special party and represents the president of the United States on the trip:

"Captain Bourke sat down to breakfast this morning and discovered after he had succeeded in corraling something to eat that he was without the implement with which to convey the provender to his mouth. At two previous meals this same thing had happened, and on those occasions the captain had insisted on his rights with some vigor. This morning he just smiled apologetically at the waiter and meekly said, 'Waiter, in New York and Washington, where I have frequently eaten as many as three meals in a day, I have become accustomed to using a knife and fork. Now if it is not a direct violation of the rules of the house I wish you would get me those articles.' There was a smile visible on the countenance of the waiter as he moved away, but he got even with the sarcastic captain, it took him ten minutes to find them, and the captain was not doing so much smiling either."

PALMER AND THE PRESSMEN'S UNION.

Public Printer Palmer had a dose of the power of the pressmen's union a day or two ago. No man can be a pressman in the government printing office unless he belongs to this union or can show a card that he is a journeyman in good standing in some other similar organization. If the public printer should insist upon the appointment of a man, however competent, who was not a member of the union, every pressman employed in the printing office would stop work at once, and refuse to resume until the appointee was either admitted to the union or discharged.

A few days ago the public printer appointed two men who made application for admission into the union. Their applications were rejected on the ground that they were not competent journeymen pressmen. The public printer made an investigation into the matter, and it so happened that he ascertain that the union was right, and that the men were not fit to act in the capacities for which they had been appointed. It was a narrow escape on Mr. Palmer's part from what might have been a very embarrassing situation, for had the men been able to properly perform their duties, and the union refused to have admitted them the result would have been a strike.

IOWA POSTMASTERS.

Bartlett, Fremont county, S. C. Walker; East Nodaway, Adams county, S. G. Simpson; Essex, Page county, Richard McCall; Tuskeega, Decatur county, W. H. Edson; Weston, Pottawattamie county, S. S. Works.

ARMY NEWS.

By direction of the secretary of war the superintendent of the recruiting service will cause thirty recruits to be assigned to the Twenty-first infantry and forwarded under proper charge to such point in the department of the Platte as the commanding general of the department shall designate.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The application of J. T. Beggs, of Hastings, for a rerating of his pension has been made special and allowed at $50 a month. He was drawing only $6 a month, but a new examination showed that he was entitled to the increase.

L. B. Gradly and wife, of Omaha, are at the Ebbitt.

Senator Paddock, with his wife and daughter, will arrive about the middle of November and locate at the Portland for the winter.

Now that the sinking fund requirements for the present fiscal year have been met by the purchase of bonds to date, the sole purpose of future bond purchases will be to prevent undue increase in the surplus, which now amounts to $46,345,000. The receipts so far this month aggregate nearly $27,000,000, and the expenditures were nearly $17,000,000, making a net gain of $10,000,000 for the month.

The estimotes of the state department for expenditures during 1890-91, with slight exceptions, are the same as submitted last year, and aggregate about $3,000,000. Several consuls will be recommended for increase in salary and the services of a few additional messengers will be asked.

PERRY S. HEATH.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 25.—A special from Salt Coats, N. W. T., says the boiler of a threshing engine burst at the farm of A. Anderson to-day, killing F. Dugan and J. Fullerton and seriously injuring two others.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTORS.

The Treatment of Registered Matter Discussed at Length.

WASHINGTON, 25.—The conference division of inspectors of the postoffice department ended to-day. The object was a general interchange of views upon a subject connected with the betterment of the service. The treatment of registered matter was discussed at length, and a system of consecutive endorsements by all persons through whose hands registered packages pass, as an additional safeguard, was adopted. No change was recommended as to registered package envelopes, although it was the opinion of the inspectors that there is great need of an envelope which can not be tampered with without showing showing signs thereof. The instructions to inspectors were thoroughly revised and a large part of the time of the conference was devoted to the discussion of the means and methods to be adopted in the detection of crime and the conviction of persons violating the postal law.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

Result of the Work Done by the Department Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Inspector General Dumont, of the steamboat inspection service, in his report to the secretary of the treasury of the operations of the service during the fiscal year ended June 30 last, shows 6,725 steamers were inspected. As compared with the previous year this shows an increase of 300. The total number of accidents during the year resulting in the loss of life was 32. These accidents resulted in the death of 301 persons, or 81 more than last year. Of those lost 92 were passengers and 209 were officers or employes of the steamers. In closing his report he calls attention to the class of vessels using naptha gas as motive power and asks that these be put in charge when navigated of a licensed pilot, because of the dangerous explosive power and highly inflammable nature of that gas.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Pensions allowed Nebraskans: Original invalid—John M. Stowe, Alex West. Increase—John T. Beggs, Lafayette Anderson, George Green. Reissue—Josiah Platt. Original widows, etc—Dinah, mother of Thomas Whittle.

Pensions granted Iowans: Original invalid—Robert E. Archibald, James M. Ray, William L. Thompson. Restoration, reissue and increase—John W. Beck, John Ward. Reissue—Israel Pelkey, John Gray, Joshua T. Swaim, Thomas S. Applegate, Ezra D. Falker. Original widows, etc.—Nancy A., widow of William R. Barrows; Sarah E., widow of George Perkins; Ann, widow of Owen O'Mally.

Yesterday's Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—It is said that the principal topic of discussion at to-day's cabinet meeting was the method of treatment of the leading issues of the day in the forthcoming reports to congress.

Secretary Windom remained after the meeting and took luncheon with the president, which fact gave rise to the report that the tariff and financial politics of the administration were under consideration.

IMPORTANT PAPERS MISSING.

Longenecker Loses Documents on Which Thousands Hang.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—It is announced this evening that important papers are missing from the county attorney's office upon which the county was largely dependent to combat the old "boodle" claims aggregating $250,000.

The documents are supposed to have been stolen.

They are needed chiefly to fight the bills of Contractor Kelling, ex-Warden Varnell, ex-Commissioner Frey and the American Stone & Brick company.

The last named claimant is now represented by Lawyer Furthmann, who was assistant state's attorney when the papers were turned over to the present incumbent of the state's attorney's office.

Mr. Longenecker has no clue as to how the papers disappeared. He said that unless the missing documents are recovered it may result in the loss of many thousand dollars to the county.

SECURED BY NEW YORKERS.

The Washburn Mills in the Hands of a Gotham Syndicate.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 25.—The Northwestern Miller announces to-day that a New York syndicate has positively secured control of the C. C. Washburn milling plant, now operated by the Washburn & Crosby company, and that the bulk of the stock will be sold in this country and the balance in England.

Vice President Washburn, of the C. C. Washburn company, admitted this morning that a deal was pending, but said that it was not in materially different shape than has been the case for several months, although the present negotiations were with different parties.

The Miller refers to the report received from London that the deal to purchase the mills of C. A. Pillsbury & Co. and the Washburn Mill company had fallen through because of the inability of the prospective buyers to securely guarantee the capital beforehand to the satisfaction of the owners, within the time of the option given.

NOT A FREIGHT WHEEL TURNED

The Switchmen Tie Up the Chicago & Great Western.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Not a freight wheel turned on the Chicago & Great Western railway this morning, the strike of the switchmen being still on. The strike is the outgrowth of an alleged arbitrary dismissal of a switchman last Thursday. The Chicago & Great Western company does terminal work here for the Wisconsin Central and the St. Paul and Kansas City lines, and as consequence of the strike the freight business of those roads is being blockade.

Later—The strike is ended, at least temporarily. An agreement was reached by referring all matters in dispute to arbitration, the strikers meanwhile to resume work and the obnoxious foreman to be suspended.

The Excursionists at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 25.—When the international American excursionists reached this city from St. Paul this morning they were met by the reception committee and escorted to the chamber of commerce, where they were welcomed by Mayor Babb in a short address. After a response by one of the delegates the visitors were placed in carriages and driven to the high school and Washburn flour mills. They then had luncheon at the West hotel.

An elaborate reception was given the delegates in the hotel this evening. At 11 o'clock they started for Sioux City.

Port Leyden Badly Scorched.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Much of the business portion of Port Leyden, Lewis county, burned early this morning. The Douglas house, opera house, eight stores, postoffice and several dwellings were destroyed. Fifteen families lost their homes and much of their possessions, as the flames spread so rapidly they had little time to save anything. The commercial travelers who were spending the night at the hotel lost their sample trunks, escaping with scant clothing.

The Roof Fell In.

GIRARD, O., Oct. 25.—The roof of the new hot blast of the Girard furnace fell in today and a number of workmen were precipitated a distance of twenty feet. The falling timbers broke the steam pipe and the escaping steam burned three men terribly, producing probable fatal injuries. Four others sustained bad cuts and bruises.

A WRECK ON THE MILWAUKEE

Two Freight Trains Come Together Near Mason City, Ia.

SUPRME COURT PROCEEDINGS.

One Man Killed and Another Fatally Injured by a Cave-In—Sixth Annual Convention of the State Y. W. C. A.

Another Smashup.

MASON CITY, Ia., Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A very damaging collision occurred on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road between Garner and Britt last night. John Scranton, engineer, was running a freight west and Frank Newbowers, engineer, was coming east on an extra. The train going west was to stop at a switch four miles west of Clear Lake and wait for the regular passenger and wild freight. In some way the orders were misunderstood, and about a mile west of the switch the two freights met. The engineers and firemen jumped from their engines and were uninjured. The two engines were very badly wrecked and several freight cars were badly jammed.

The Supreme Court.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The supreme court handed down the following opinions this morning:

The state of Iowa vs Andrew Severson, appellant; Winnebago district; affirmed.

Elizabeth Moss, by her guardian, Mary Tunisan, appellant, vs Levi Moss and Rebecca Moss; Muscatine district; affirmed.

David Heffner, appellant, vs B. S. Bramwell; Buchanan district; reversed.

E. H. Yarger vs the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company, appellant; Chickasaw district; affirmed.

The Y. W. C. A.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The sixth annual convention of the Young Women's Christian association assembled in this city to-day. Over a hundred delegates are present, representing about twenty different associations, and the work coming before the assembly is being carried on in a very satisfactory way. The officers present are Miss Rebecca Green, chairman of the state executive committee; Miss Martha Fisher, state secretary, and the following named members of the executive committee: Miss Nettie Bryson, of Pella; Miss Rosa Lewis, Oskaloosa, and Miss Minnie Edwards, of Mount Pleasant. Miss Annie Reynolds, of New Haven, Conn., who has been called to the state secretaryship for next year, and Mrs. William Danner, treasurer of the international committee, are also present. In the afternoon session there were papers by Mrs. J. L. Watson, of Ottumwa, and Miss Allie Rowe, of Fayette. The treasurer's and secretary's reports made excellent showings. The cash on hand at present is $38,755, and the money expended during the past year was $1,015.15. Five hundred and fifty-four active and ninety-six associate members were reported.

Buried By a Cave-In.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—About noon to-day, while workmen were engaged in cutting a road through a hill at University Place, the embankment suddenly caved in, burying two men, Ole Johnson and Ole Nelson. The three remaining men escaped unhurt and began at once trying to rescue their comrades. When they were reached it was found that Jonnson was already dead and Nelson was frightfully and fatally mangled.

GLAD THAT HE KILLED BOWMAN.

Chambers Creates a Sensation On the Witness Stand.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 25.—In the preliminary examination of Chambers for the killing of Bowman to-day, two witnesses testified that Bowman motioned as if to draw a pistol before Chambers fired the fatal shot.

The event of the day was the testimony of Chambers.

He said when Bowman and Garrett first came to the house Bowman whispered to him (Chambers) that he must have $1,300.

"But I haven't $1,300," responded Chambers.

"Then I must levy on everything in sight," said Bowman.

Chambers said if Bowman once entered the house he would gut it without regard to the rights or feelings of anybody. He, Chambers, then brought out a gun with the intention of frightening them off the place. After ordering Garrett away he told Bowman he would give him three minutes to get off, but he didn't move.

"He never moved a muscle," said Chambers.

"Then I saw him make a motion with his hand, and it occurred to me if I did not shoot him he would shoot me. I thought of the Terry Field-Nagle affair, and of the quickness with which a man could draw a pistol and shoot. My finger was on the trigger and I pulled it, and Bowman fell."

The prosecutor cross questioned Chambers so closely in regard to his financial dealings with Bowman that he lost his temper, and the spectators were treated to quite a sensation.

"You were afraid Bowman would kill you!" asked the prosecutor.

"Yes," replied Chambers.

"Why!"

"Because he would do anything. He was the ——— scoundrel I ever knew."

As he said this, Chambers leaned forward in his chair and his face became livid with rage.

"Yes, sir," he shouted hoarsely, "never such a ——— scoundrel as Bowman lived, and I rejoice that I killed him."

Chambers was held without bail to await the action of the grand jury.

Fierce Fight With a Burglar.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 25.—George W. Thompson drew a large sum of money out of the bank yesterday and when he retired last night had $1,400 under his pillow.

During the night he was awakened by a burglar who grappled with him. A furious struggle ensued during which a revolver was discharged, the bullet narrowly missing Thompson. The thief finally broke away, grabbed the money and escaped.

Navassa Rioters On Board.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25.—The United States steamer Galena arrived this evening from Navassa, bringing the leaders in the recent riot. They were turned over to the federal authorities here. The story told by the officers of the Galena regarding the riot is much the same as that already published. One of them said, however, that the white bosses practiced great brutality on the negroes.

Samoans Again at War.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Oct. 25.—Advices received from Apia under date of the 15th state that a battle is reported to have taken place on the island of Savaii between the forces of Malietoa and Tamasese. Three hundred men were engaged on each side. Several were killed and a number wounded. Which party won the victory is not known.

Worse Than Supposed.

BOSTON, Oct. 25.—A Providence special says: The shortage of the Brown university funds on account of the operations of the ex-registrar, a son of ex-President Robinson, has been found to be over $16,000, instead of $4,000, as first supposed.

Steamship Arrivals.

At London—The Italy, from New York, for Liverpool, arrived off Kinsail.

At New York—The Columbia, from Hamburg.

At Bremen—The Eider, from New York.

THE CRONIN TRIAL.

Taking of Evidence Resumed in the Criminal Court.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Taking of evidence in the Cronin case was resumed in the criminal court this morning. The prosecution continued the presentation of witnesses, whose only testimony was as to the identification of the body found in the catch basin as that of Dr. Cronin.

The identification was very perfect and very positive.

The next matter taken up was the finding of the body in the catch basin by the two sewer cleaners, who notified the police of the fact, and the policemen who were sent out and assisted in removing the body were sworn as to this point and described the proceeding. Lawyer Forrest for the defense, who made the cross-examination on this head, was very searching and rigid. The taking of identification evidence was then resumed and after the examination of several witnesses the court took a recess.

At the afternoon session Dr. Egbert stated the facts revealed by the autopsy, describing the wounds at great length and giving it as his opinion that death had resulted from them. All the wounds were on the head, but the skull was not broken except that a small piece of bone was chipped off at the corner of the left eye. The stomach and some of its contents were exhibited, and Dr. Egbert said that Dr. Cronin was killed within three hours after he had eaten. The cross-examination of Dr. Egbert developed the fact that none of the wounds were such as would necessarily cause death. It was impossible, he admitted, to say whether the wounds were inflicted before or after death. If death had resulted from the skull wounds, it would, in all probability, have been caused by concussion of the brain. The question was put to the doctor:

"Is it not scientifically true that the physicians found no evidences in that body that were certain and conclusive of the form of death?" Dr. Egbert replied:

"That is true."

He was of the opinion that death had occurred through the excessive loss of blood, but there was no certainty of it, he said.

Dr. Perkins, who assisted at the post-mortem, thought death resulted from concussion of the brain.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

A Supposed Dead Man Turns Up Alive and Well.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—That "truth is stranger than fiction" has just been exemplified here in a most startling way. Last Monday morning about 10 o'clock a young man, apparently about twenty-four years of age, while walking along the beams in the Endicott building, missed his footing and plunged headlong six flights to the basement. When picked up he was found to be dead. He was taken to an undertaker's room and identified by Thomas Mahoney and James Mahoney as their brother, Patrick. Later he was identified by a dozen other acquaintances. After lying in the morgue a day his body was placed in a coffin, taken to a train and borne to Hazlewood, Rice county, young Mahoney's former home. When the coffin was opened at St. Patrick's church, in Hazlewood, the body was recognized by a hundred people as that of Patrick Mahoney.

Now comes the strange part of the story. Thomas Mahoney returned to St. Paul to secure the effects of his brother. On arriving here, however, he found that Patrick had boarded in Minneapolis. Repairing to the latter city, he went to No. 1718 Hawthorne avenue and inquired if his brother had any effects there. Mrs. Aarrigan, the landlady, replied that he had, but when Mahoney asked that they be delivered to him she laughed and said:

"If you will wait here until noon Patrick will show up here and take dinner with you."

The brother was first incredulous and then overjoyed. To make a long story short, Patrick Mahoney did turn up as much alive as any man in Minneapolis. He had been at work all week in Minneapolis, and not having received the papers, had not heard of the funeral. The case is the most remarkable in Minnesota, and suggested that the body found in the Chicago catch basin may not have been that of Dr. Cronin after all.

THE DISCIPLES.

Last Day of the Three Conventions of the Church of Christ.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 25.—The last day of the three national conventions of the Church of Christ was occupied by the General Missionary association mostly in receiving and dismissing reports of committees. Among the recommendations of the committees concurred in by the conventions were; To appoint a committee of conference on union with the Free Baptists; in favor of cooperation with other societies in the publication of a missionary paper; to fix the second Lord's day in January in each year as offering a day for the collection of a general missionary fund, and the first Lord's day in December as children's offering day.

Des Moines, Ia., was selected as the place for meeting next year, and T. W. Phillips, of Newcastle, Pa., was elected president for the ensuing year.

Universalists Adjourn.

LYNN, Mass., Oct. 25.—The Universalist convention concluded its labors to-day. Before adjournment the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Universalist church, in convention assembled, reaffirms the position which it has held from the beginning, to-wit: That it rests on and believes in the historical veracity of the New Testament records of the life and words and works of our Lord Jesus Christ."

A Bookkeeper's Downfall.

BEAVER CREEK, Minn., Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Joseph Shaver, bookkeeper of the Crosby Lumber company, left Wednesday night for a trip to Winnipeg. An examination of his books to-day shows that he is $2,000 or $3,000 short in his accounts. Three years ago he took charge of the business of Crosby & Co. and it seems fell in with a gang of bloods, whose time is spent in gambling and riotous living. Young Shaver from this time led a fast life, away beyond his income, and in order to keep up began to rob his employers. This culminated in his flight and the desertion of his home. He was married last November to an estimable young lady of Luverne, who is heartbroken over the downfall of her husband. On the night of his departure Mrs. Shaver gave birth to a child, and knew nothing of her husband's trouble until told. Just before his departure Shaver placed $30 in the bird cage for his wife, and this is all that is left her.

Terrible Drouth in Minnesota.

FARIBAULT, Minn., Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Reports from all over this section of country of the terrible drouth are pouring in, and unless rain and plenty of it comes before winter sets in the effect will be terrible. A great many wells are now dry and many farmers in this vicinity haul water six miles for watering cattle and for household use. There is a fear that the Faribault waterworks will give out, which will leave the city in a helpless condition.

A Phalanx of Republics.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 25.—In the course of a speech here to-night in the Ohio campaign Senater Sherman said the next congress would undoubtedly institute some action tending toward the union of North, Central and South America into a solid phalanx of republics commercially and politically.

Business Troubles.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 25.—The private bank of Rev. J. W. Powell, at Fostoria, O., closed its doors to-day. The depositors are mostly merchants. The assets amount to $24,000. The liabilities will exceed that amount.

ESCAPED CONVICT SUICIDES.

A Former Inmate of Sing Sing Blows Out His Brains.

HE WORKED AS A FARM HAND.

Constantly Haunted By the Fear That Officers Were on His Track, He Preferred Death Rather Than Be Recaptured.

Preferred Suicide to Sing Sing.

STILLWATER, Minn., Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Fred Thurber, an escaped Sing Sing convict, lies dead at the house of Thomas Wallgate, a wealthy farmer at Grey Cloud. Mr. Wallgate hired Thurber to do farm work through a St. Paul agency October 9. Yesterday Mr. Wallgate had occasion to visit St. Paul, and in his absence the man inquired anxiously of Mrs. Wallgate if her husband was an officer, or if he had gone after a sheriff or other officers. He was answered in the negative and Thurber replied that he had recently escaped from Sing Sing after serving three years and sixty days, and that seven years of his sentence remained, but that he had served long enough, and if there was any probability of his recapture he would cut his throat or jump into the river. When Mr. Wallgate came home at dusk Thurber took his horse and cared for it, and then going into a building next the barn used as a blacksmith shop killed himself with Wallgate's shotgun, which was stored in the building. He tied a string to one of the triggers and exploded the charge by pulling the string with his foot. Thurber had in his pocket an unused envelope addressed to Edward Bendinski, meat market, corner Main and Water streets, Sing Sing, N. Y.

A DIRTY POLITICAL TRICK.

Another of the Sharp Practices For Which Chicago is Noted.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—American league circles in the Twelfth ward were thrown into a fever of excitement to-day over a piece of political intrigue perpetrated by their enemies.

It has been understood all along that the American league, or anti-Clan-na-Gael society, has gained a supremacy in the Twelfth ward which could be frustrated only by a scheme which would prevent them from getting their forces to the primaries. The league workers had assembled last night to perfect arrangements for the primaries, and every precinct lieutenant was on hand to receive circulars and tickets to be distributed this morning. But the thousands of addressed envelopes were destined not to be sent out. A boy had been sent from the Bauer-Clarke Printing company with several thousand tickets and circulars to be delivered to the league meeting. He did not appear. Mr. Clarke was impatient. He sent out people to search for the lad. The boy could not be found. He did not appear at the printing office this morning. The supposition is that the league's enemies waylaid the boy and kept him from fulfilling his errand. Not to be daunted, the league had the printers set to work, and by 7 o'clock this morning the tickets and circulars were replaced and men were sent out to put them in the voters' hands before the primaries.

WORKING FOR WOMEN.

Platform of a Brooklyn Lady Who is Running for Mayor.

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