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MIGHT HAVE KILLED THREE

Writer of Threatening Letter to Mayor Bemis Thought to Be Discovered.

ACCUSATION RESTS ON OFFICER BLOOM

Resigns from the Police Force-What He Says in His Own Behalf-Contents of the Letter-Commissioners Talk.

Police Officer Bloom was yesterday called before the fire and police commissioners and charged with having written a letter to Mayor Bemis, in which he threatened to take the life of the mayor, E. Rosewater and Chief of Police Seavey. The letter was signed "Guiteau E. Prendergast." Bloom denied the charge. He then handed his star to Clerk Brownlee of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, who, in turn, handed it to the chief.

The letter was received by the mayor about twelve days ago. It was dated Janpary 6. It filled two pages of the ordinary business letter size, the tops of which, evidently bearing a letter head, having been torn off, but the date line, printed in script, remained. The paper corresponds to that used by the judge of the police court and the date line is in the same type.

The letter complained in general of the administration of the police department. It was charged that favoritism ruled in the making of appointments and that worthy men were discharged without adequate cause. Reference was made to one case where it was charged that an officer had been discharged for sitting on a bale of hay for five minutes off his beat, and to one where an officer much more unworthy had been reinstated after a trifling discipline.

Might Meet Mayor Barrison's Fate.

It was then alleged that the mayor, the chief and Mr. Rosewater were responsible for the evils complained of, and that if they continued in their course it might develop that Omaha contained a lurking Prendergast and that the fate of Mayor Harrison of Chicago might be theirs.

Mayor Bemis called the attention of Mr. Rosewater to the letter and it was decided that it had been written by a police officer. It was then handed to Chief Seavey. By making comparisons it was found that the handwriting tallied precisely with that of Officer Bloom

Shortly before noon yesterday Bloom was called to Chief Scavey's office, and from there taken to the room of the fire and police commissioners. He was then required to write from dictation a copy of the letter that had been received. It was found that the writing was identical with that of the original letter. So similar were the two that several misspelled words in the original were misspelled in the same way in the

The original was then handed to Bloom and he was asked if he wrote it. He denied that he had, but he was met with an accusation by Commissioner Smith, who said with emphasis:

Smith's Indignant Accusation.

"You did write it and it is useless for you to deny it."

Bloom was then given notice to appear before the commissioners at 4 o'clock this afternoon to be tried on the charge. It was shortly after this that he surrendered his badge as an officer

To fortify their own judgment the commissioners vesterday afternoon invited a number of bank cashiers to inspect the letter and the copy. They all unhesitatingly affirmed that they were written by the same

It has been known for some time that Bloom does not like the mayor. He has indeed been heard to condemn him in terms that it would not be proper to put in print. And Bloom had every reason to be dissatisfied with an order issued some time ago by the police commissioners at the recommendation of Chief Seavey prohibiting political work by police officers, for Bloom's rooms over a store at Thirteenth and Douglas streets were during the last campaign the trysting place of a certain faction among the police.

What the Police Board Says.

"I have turned the entire matter over to the board and the chief of police, in whose hands the letter now is, as I presume, said Mayor Bemis when asked concerning the matter last night. therefore feel not at Heerty to give you the details further than that I received the letter in the fore part of the month. The handwriting was clear and presumably that of a man who had received a fair education. though many capitals were used in the writing where they were not required. I was not present when the board met with Officer Bloom and can therefore not tell you of my own knowledge what occurred."

Chief Seavey positively refused to say anything concerning the affair or to show the letter.

At the police station h like reticence was preserved, but from some of the officers it was understood that Bloom had done a good deal of talking. It was also reiterated that Bloom had been netive as a leader in a political secret association, and that this dated from a time, several years ago, when there was trouble at Clark's hall on South Fourteenth street. Commissioner Coburn, in speaking about the matter last night, said:

otter was certainly threatening in tone, and the writer presumed to criticise the mayor's action as chairman of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in meting out punishment to transgressors of the rules and making regulations for the guidance of members of the police force. The matter of promotion was mentioned as a second Experts have examined the handwriting of the original letter and the copy as made by Bloom, and pronounce it as identical. With this evidence before us I cannot help but think that the officer is the The copy is now on file with

Commissioner Hartman was seen in regard to the letter purporting to have been written by Officer Bloom and said:

I am a public official and would not at this time express an opinion on a matter of such personal nature. Whether the officer sguilty or not remains to be seen, but so far as I know I could not say whether he wrote the letter or not Bloom has for years been a member of the department, a raith-

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ful officer, I am informed, and while I think if guilty of this be should be punished. I would be very much in favor of giving him the benefit of every doubt. Bloom has proved himself an efficient officer frequently and when he resigned some years ago I was glad to approve of his application or reinstatement.

Captain Mostyn was seen also. He said: "I have nothing to remark about the matter; have not see the letter of which you speak; don't know of any complaints being made by Bloom or of any being made against him. That is all I know about the case.

Officer Bloom's Statement. Officer Bloom was seen at his rooms, 1302

Douglas street, last night, and to a BEE reporter said: "The first latimation I received that this letter had been written I got from Chief Detective Haze at 10:30 this morning. Mr. Haze came to my room this morning and said the chief of police wished to see me at his office at 11:30 in regard to the reporting of an open saloon by Detective Vaughn and myself. I got up, as I sleep during the day, my work this month being at night, and went to the chief's office. I remained there for some time before being toid what was wanted of me. Different officers came in while I was there, and, finally, the chief told me to accompany him to the rooms of the fire and police commissioners. I did so, and all the members of the board were present. I was brought up and Secretary Smith stepped forward and handed me a letter and asked if I wrote it. I said no.

'Is this your handwriting!' was the next question put to me.
"This letter was not written by me nor is

the handwriting similar to mine.'
"Here Chief Seavey stepped to the front and suggested that, as I had been a faithful and suggested that, as I had been a faithful officer for years. I be given a fair opportunity to prove my innocence. So he urged that I be given a sheet of paper and that the secretary dictate the letter said to have been written to the mayor by me, and that I copy it. I was some time at this, and when I finished the secretary who said it was handed to the secretary, who said, if you did not write that letter I am not sitting in this chair,' and this without any trial or examination beyond that aircady

There was a peculiar coincidence in the comparison of the letters. The words "fol-lowing" and "which" in the letter addressed to the mayor were spelled "folowing" and "which," respectively. It was exactly the same in the letter the officer wrote.

This fact was stated to the officer and he

was asked how such a striking resemplance ould have occurred.
"I am at a loss to secount for it in any way. If the spelling of these words was the same in one as in the other I could not help

Most Bewildered Man in Town.

"It was simply an inexplicable combination of circumstances, and I am the most be wildered man in the city regarding the origi-nal letter or how the conclusion was drawn that I should wish to write a communication of this sort to the mayor. I have been a republican all my life; I never actively engaged in polities; I once resigned from the force, in 1889, but was reinstated upon application in 1890; I never had any particular fault to find with the way I have been treated as a member of the force; in fact, I have been treated in a liberal manner; nor did I ever expect a promotion of any kind; I never in my life wrote a letter or communication to the mayor, and only once did I write to the fire and police board—in ny application for reinstatement.

"Why did the officials single you out from among the other officers on the force to answer this accusation?"
"That is as much a mystery to me as it is

to any one; I do not know." Why He Resigned. "When the charge was made, and you

were satisfied of your innocence, why did you resign, as you did this evening?" Simply because I, as an officer of the law. would not feel justified in retaining the power to arrest others while I, myself, was

under the can of suspicion."
"Have you any enemies, officially or otherwise, who would go to such extremes to injure your position and character?"
"I have many enemies on the force, but not any, so far as I know, who would take

such a step as this."
"You would be willing to go on record as swearing to the fact that you know nothing of this letter?"
"I would. I will appear before the board orrow gladly to answer this charge, and I only hope it will be carried to the supreme court of the United States, that I might have a trial before the United States grand

"If I could imagine any motive or see the slightest gain in a course of this character, possibly some excuse might be obtained for accusing me."

Fears He Will Not Get Justice. "You expect a thorough investigation will

rove your inno ence ("
"Yes; a "thorough" investigation would, but I fear that when—already, without trial of any kind—one of the board members has accused me openly, from the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners I can expect little justice. If I and written the letter I would say so, as it contains nothing criminal; so why should I fear the truth." You sent in a written resignation inst

"I did: I turned over everything to Clerk Brownlee. In my resignation I said I would prefer to remain suspended till the matter was cleared up, and I also said at the close of the letter that if I had the ablest lawyer in the country it would avail me nothing, insmuch as I will have first to be tried by the fire and police board. I am willing and de-strous the public should know the true status of the case and will hope that in the end my character, which has so far borne no stain, will be thoroughly yindicated I only hope to get fair treatment and I can promise to clear up every doubt. In closing I would have you make it emphatic that I m most sincere in my denial of this charge. will be on hand tomorrow at 4 p. m. Mr. Bloom smiled pleasantly, as though he had nothing to fear, as he informed the reporter that a serious mistake had made.

RICH VAGRANT.

Was Arrested While Trying to Find the Union Depot. By far the richest vagrant of the year was

arrested last evening by Officer Halter. During the afternoon the officer noticed a very tough looking individual walking up and down the railroad yards in the vicinity of Fifth and Pierce streets. Evening came on, and as the man still remained loitering about, he was taken to the station. There he gave the name of Joe Panush and his ad-

ress as the Black Hills.

Joe was searched at the desk. A piece of string, a spool with nothing on it, a broken penknife and some buttons were fished up. hese were placed on the counter and orther search was proceeded with. not say a word all the time. At last the sailer got his fingers on \$1.46 in Joe's vest pecket. This was put with the rest of the stuff taken from him. Right here is where Joe spoke for the first time, and with a smile remarked: "I blen hab more money." All the pockets in Joe's clothes had been ified except the breast pocket of his ragged coat. Her tied up in a red bandana, was the snug little sum of \$156. Surprise was netured on every face and Mr. Keyson nearly fainted as the patrel conductor sale the charge was "var and suspicious char-acter." Joe, however, was locked up, and said that he was, when arrested, loo being a stranger, did not the depot, but, be know its location.

IDENTIFIED AS FOOTPADS.

Williams Says Murphy and Higgins Are the Men Who Robbed Him. Steve Murphy and John Higgins, arrested Wednesday as suspicious characters and as probably knowing something of the robbery of William Williams a night or two ago, were positively identified yesterday as the guilty parties.

They were taken to the home of Williams in the patrol wagon, as he is too sick from his injuries to come to the station. Mr. Williams positively identified Higgins as one of the men who kicked him in the stomach on the night of the robbery. Of Murphy he is not so certain as of Higgins, but says he is one of the men. These are the men Detective Tom Hayes spotted in a saloon at the fort, but who got away for the time being, but were later arrested by Dunn and Donahue on suspicion.

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OTHER QUESTIONS INVOLVED | freight department, where it obviously should have been sent originally.

Transcontinental Railroads Have Not Settled All Rate Troubles.

UNION PACIFIC'S THREATENING ATTITUDE

Overland Officials Not Pleased with the Differentials Via the Ocean Route-Co-Operation of the Western Passenger Association Desired.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEL |- The north Pacific coast lines having perfected arrangements which dispose of their difficulties on the differential question, as reported today, another step has been taken in the effort to reach an agreement which shall include all the transcontinental lines. This is a proposed confer ence of transcontinental lines with the eastern committee of the Western Passenger association. Chairman Caldwell yesterday received the following communication from E. L. Lomax of the Union Pacific, chairman of the transcontinental committee:

"A committee has been appointed consist ing of Messrs. McNicoll, Hosburgh, Fee, Whitney and myself to call upon the Western Passenger association tomorrow morning at 10:30. We would like to meet the eastern committee of the Western Passenger association and discuss with them the arrangements today perfected for settlement of the Pacific difficulties as between the north Pacific coast lines. Will it be possible for this committee to meet with your eastern committee tomorrow morning at the hour

How the Situation Stands.

In accordance with this request Chairman Caldwell called a special meeting of the eastern committee today at 10 a. m. Out of town lines were notified by wire and all were urged to be present. The Canadian Pacific, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, as heretofore stated, have agreed to quote even rates on all passenger and freight traffic to north Pacific coast points. The Canadian road gives up its claim for differentials by the all-rail route, using the Great Northern's line from New Whatcom down to Seattle and Tacoma. The \$00-Pacific still claims differentials of \$7.50 first class and \$5 second class on its route from St. Paul to San Francisco via Victoria and steamer. The Canadian also wants differentials of \$7.50 first class and \$6.25 second class on its route from the east via Lake Superior and Port Arthur, Victoria and the ocean to San Francisco. Under the agreement the Great Northern and Northern Pacific get the same differentials as the Soo-Pacine from St. Paul to San Francisco via their ocean routes.

It is understood that the Southern Pacific is willing to concede these differentials via the ocean route. The other lines are allowed no differentials when using the South ern Pacific's Shasta route from Portland to San Francisco, for which they pay special divisions. Notwithstanding these conditions, there is much in the way of a settlement of the entire transcontinental prob

Passenger Traffic Manager White of the Atchison said yesterday that he would not object to the arrangement as far as it has gone, if it was ratified by the Western Passenger association. If not so ratified he does not believe the north Pacific coast line can establish or maintain their differential But more important still, he said, was the fact that the Santa Fe has several grievances which the Southern Pacific will have to settle before it will go into any general agreement.

The attitude of the Union Pacific and

other direct lines through Missouri river gateways is not thought to be friendly to the present situation. They do not indorse the differential rates via the ocean route. The co-operation of the Western Passenger association is just now badly needed to help things along toward a general agreement. comething may be accomplished at the con-erence today which will bear fruit.

CAPTURES THE MILWAUKEE.

United States Express Company Makes Big Acquisition of Business.

There was considerable jubilation about the local offices of the United States Express company vesterday when the announcement was made that ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt, president of the States company, had consummated Wednesday in Chicago the biggest express deal in recent years, the right to operate all the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system, about 6,200 miles.

Heretofore the American and Adams companies have been operating the Milwaukee lines, the former having charge over nearly ,000 miles, the latter about 2.200.

While it was known that the United States was a strong candidate for the right to operate the Milwaukee lines, it was generate. ally thought the fight rested between the American and Adams company, the latter having a little the best of the situation on count of its close connection with the Pennsylvania company. By the deal, which goes into effect about

March 1, the States relinquishes its right to operate the line between Chicago and Mil-waukee on the Northwestern system, the American succeeding to this portion of the oad and giving that company the entire operation of the Northwestern system This unexpected coup on the part of "Me practically shuts out the Adams unpany, which has hitherto had the St aul business from the northwest, and it is derstood the Adams office will be closed in

Miiwaukee. The close relationship between the Pacific and States companies will undoubtedly prove of considerable benefit to both companies, as they will undoubtedly interchange usiness at this point the same as in the past. This addition of nearly 0.200 miles of railway to the States system will give that ompany direct control over something like 0,000 miles of railway, making it one of the

0,000 miles of ranway, honory, of the country. As the force of the States company is at resent greatly reduced it is thought at the local office that the change will necessitate an increase in the number of men, as well as teams, the company at present running

twelve wagons. General Superintendent Garner of the American was somewhat disapposinted at turn affairs had taken, but was content to come into possession of the line between Chicago and Milwaukee, on the principle that a half a loaf was better than no bread.

FUNNY LETTERS.

Samples of Humorous Epistles Received by Raliway Officials.

The general passenger agent of a great railway system is called upon in the course of a year to reply to many peculiar requests, and as for peculiar letters they are as plentiful as the flowers that bloom in the spring. General Passenger Agent Francis probably receives as many strange requests as any man engaged in looking after the passenger interests of a railroad, and some of the requests take on the most humorous form con-

Yesterday there came to the general pasenger agent of the Burlington a letter from a farmer in lowa requesting a descriptive pampulet of the Burlington system and parmlarly that part treating of Nebraska lands. In writing to Mr. Francis the lowa husbandman said: "In looking over our last paper I noticed your ad and thought, by gosh, i'll write to you, as I have not got any place rented here yet, and I can go if I please or stay here, it makes no difference where I am, just so I get enough to keep me." Then follows the request for some-

thing about the farm lands of Nebraska.

Here is one from Illinois: "Please give me rates from my town to Holdrege for myself, my dog and my wife, my dog weighs 140 pounds, my wife eighty seven pounds." Mr. Francis referred the matter to Assistant

Freight Agent Smith.

Listen to this. A man from a little town in lowa writing for rates says: "Please give me rates on a carload of goods, I have a threshing machine, four cows, a dog, two horses, a wife and a mule." The words "and a mule" were scratched and the seeker after knowledge concluded, "no d-m the mule, I won't take him." This went to the

Trouble Over Frisco Tickets. Raiiroad men are somewhat worked up over the rumor that exchange orders for San Francisco tickets issued by several of the south ern roads, notably the Nashville, Chattarooga & St. Louis railway, are being used on the market at Omana and other Missouri river gateways to the demoralization of westbound business:

These orders, which are very loosely drawn, having no particular time limit, are directed to the Unron Pacific railway, and the impression prevails that they are being put on the market here. Scalpers have been doing a rushing business in these tickets, it is asserted, and as there is a scalp of from \$1 to \$i on such tickets transcenting that lines to \$0 on such teletes, transcontinental lines are commencing to kick, Chairman Caldwell of the Western Passenger association having been notified of the matter. It is thought a meeting of the "low joints" will be called to take up this question and en-deavor to put a stop to the wholesale dumping of this class of tickets on the local mar

Bridge Company Improvements. Vice President A. S. Potter of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company went east yesterday on business connected with the Terminal company. He took with him blue prints of the plans prepared by his engineers showing the overhead connection which his company seeks to make with the Missouri Pacific and which he will ask the chief stockholders of Terminal stock to authorize, although the cost of the overhead connection will reach nearly \$200,000. Rallway Notes.

C. H. Duxbury of the Baltimore & Ohio is James Warrick, jr., chief clerk to Arthur

Johnson, has gone to Denver to enter upon his new duties. AMUSEMENTS. With one of the largest houses of the season last night at Boyd's as an incentive,

the clever people composing the "Trip to Chinatown" company, gave one of the brightest performances they have given this season. The audience was enthusiastic and the applause, dear to every "mummer," came in a steady stream that showed how thoroughly those in front were enjoying the compileations of Hoyt's bright farce, made additionally brighter by the ability of those who develop its funniness.

Harry Conor continues as Welland Strong, a character study which stands at the head of the farce comedy creations of the present day. He is distinctly clever without being vulgar, and emphasized his

position on the comedy stage by his well conposition on the comedy stage by his well considered touches of genuine humor.

Miss Boyd, pretty and winsome, plays the gay young widow with all the dash bon comaraderic pecularily a part of the young relict. Miss Boyd is one of the best comedienes of the modern school and does everything conscientiously and well. Miss Madge. thing conscientiously and well. Miss Madge Deane in the rollicking part of Willie Grow could not be improved upon. She wears a dress suit with all the nonchalance of a ninetenth century "chappie" and her characterization of the gav young San Franciscan, presumably, stands out in its way, although a somewhat minor part, quite as prominently as does Miss Boyd's work as the widow. Miss Bessie Clayton has not been equied on the social stage as a danseuse her agility, her beauty and her grace com-bining to make a perfect ensemble. A contortionist primarily, she dances brilliantly, deserving all the applause she received. Lottie Mortimer was as chic as ever as the French maid, while the men were up in their several standards erected long ago. Mr. Gilfoil made a hit in his imitations, while Mr. Whitmark sang himself into the hearts of everybody in front.

HAVE A GREAT SCHEME.

Crafty Plan of Colorado Senators to Thwart Governor Walte. DENVER, Jan. 18 .- The senate majority in

caucus today is considering the proposition providing for the dismissal of every officer and employe of the senate and then taking an adjournment for one day. Every member is then to go home and not return. Should this resolution pass it will leav the governor without any official to call the

senate together or arrest the members on a writ of attachment and will be the means of compelling the house to adjourn sine die. When the senate was called to order at 2:30 o'clock, Chaplain Uzzell in his prayer could not refrain from a few sarcastic words on the situation. 'O, God, our Father," he said, "amid the excitement and the rush of business of another busy day we would stop for a

moment in Thy presence and, like the Indian, put our ear to the ground and listen for the voice that every one of us may hear." After approving the journal of yesterday the senate adjourned without any reference to the resolution considered in the caucus. The house went to work in carnest and passed several bills on a third reading, the most important being one to reduce the penalty for the redemption of lands sold for taxes just one-half.

DOES NOT LIKE THE POLICY.

Chairman of the Democratic Scate Central

Committee of Minnesota Resigns. St. PAUL, Jan. 18.-Mindesota has the biggest political sensation that has occurred in this state in many a day. F. W. McCutcheon, chairman of the democratic state central committee, has resigned in a letter to his fellow members of the committee, closing his letter with an attack upon the present administration. Mr. McCutcheon says Without being gulity of disloyal criticism of this administration, I may say I am not in sympathy with the policy that has been adopted by it in making appointments to federal offices. With the policy adopted by the present administration, which is at once retrogressive from the standpoint of a reference and unjust from the standpoint of a partisan I have no sympathy. partisan I have no sympathy.

The committee refused to accept the resignation and referred the matter to the next

HEATHER FORECASTS. Fair and Warmer Are the Nebraska Pre-

dictions for Today. Washington, Jan. 17. - Forecasts for Fri-For Nebraska and Iowa-Fair;

warmer; winds shifting to south. For South Dakota-Fair; south winds warmer Friday; probably colder Saturday. Philadelphia "sweat" Shops. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 18.-State Factory Inspector Watchorn, discussing today the

"sweating" system as it exists in Philadelphia, stated that in southwestern Philadelphia alone there are 8,000 persons employed in "sweat" shops, in air too foul for any per son to breathe. In some the women work so late at night that they have no time to return to the dens they call home. They merely drop the garments upon which they are working and sleep on them. Very often these rooms teem with contagious diseases, and the women who sleep on the garments lafect them and send them forth to scatter disease germs. He proposes to ask the next legislature to compelail goods made in this way to be plainly labeled, "Made in Swea

Thought The flag Smailpox.
CHICAGO, Jan. 18 - Alarmed at the frequency with which smallpox patients have been taken to the city hall for examination, Mayor Hopkins today issued an order providing for an outside examination apartment, where suspected cases can be taken. Hundreds of people have been exposed to the contagion by contact with the patients in the city fall corridors. The mayor be-came disturbed last night when a rash appeared on his arm. The chief magistrate promptly consulted a physician and found that the rash was the result of anti-pyrine, not smalipox, but he de termined to take no further chances.

Acquitted on One Charge. CHEYENNE, Jan. 18 .- In the United States court today William Massi, late postmaster of this city, was acquitted of the charge of the embezzlement of postal funds. He will be tried tomorrow on the charge of embezzle-ment of a registered letter containing \$300.

Dieu of Heart Failure. FLORENCE, Neb.; Jan. 18 - [Special Telegram to THE BEE |-Hans Wulf, a saloon keeper in this city, died suddenly this morning from heart failure. He was sick only a few hours.

DUVAL CLUB HAS COME OFF

Finding the Governor Could Not Be Bluffed the Gang Gracefully Capitulates.

TRIED SOMERATHER COSTLY EXPERIMENTS

Close Corporation of Prize Ring Speculators Finds Itself \$36,000 in the Hole, and is Trying to End the Fight in Private.

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 18 .- Corbett and Mitchell will meet and fight within thirty miles of Jacksonville, one week from today. The battle will not take place in this city. This is a certainty. The Duval Athletic club has given up as

futile the idea of calling the combatants together in the ring of its new area nere. The members claim that while Governor Mitchell's firm stand against the fight is lifegat, unwarranced, presumptous, arbitrary and what not, it effectually disposes of all the chances of pulling off the mill where the thing could be made a financial success in this city. Under the most advantageous circumstances the receipts would not pay the liabilities. It will have cost the close corporation known as the Duval Athletic club \$36,000 to put Corbett, Mitchell and Referee Kelly in the ring next Thursday. In fact, it has cost close to that much already. The purse, for which "Honest" John Kelly now holds a certified check, calls for \$20,000; \$5,000 more was divided between the principals for training expenses, and \$7,500 was expended on an arena which will never be used; \$2,500 has been paid out as attorneys' fees to hive of Florida's constitutional lawyers. This would leave \$1 000 for incidental expenses and will barely liquidate

Laying it All on Bowden.

The onus of it all is now being thrown on lowden. It is claimed that he went at Gov-Bowden. It is claimed that he went at Gov-ernor Mitchell in approximately the same manner as Dominick O'Malley went at Gov-ernor Matthews of Indiana. The same lines of diplomacy were employed, coercion and threats. Before the world at large became aware of the fact that the infant was born, Governor Mitchell told Bowden that the Duval Athletic club would die of inanition. He warned Bowden against succoring it, and told him that so long as there was a law in Florida which gave its chief executive power to call her militia to arms no prize fight could take place on Florida soil. Bowden knew all about this when he interested the capital of his friends here in the venture and began operations on the amphitheater. Had Bowden stood alone the fight would, it is asserted, been declared off a week ago when it became apparent that it could not be contested in this city. As matters now stand his asso-ciates have concluded to stand a loss, and President Mason said today to a representative of the Associated press, that the loss, no matter what it may be, will be shared in equal part by each of the five men who have equal part by each of the five men who have monetary interests in the undertaking. "We shall fight the men," continued Mason, "one week from today, go down in our pockets and make up the difference between the receipts and disbursements, and then attend to Governor Mitchell in a man-

ner that will teach him that laws are not framed in the brains of arbitrary cranks."

How They Propose to Fight. was admitted by the members of the club today that a piece of ground beyond the jurisdiction of the state, county or city officials had been selected, on which the battle is to take place; that a portable platform is now in course of construction is also in course of construction is also known, and that the plans call for a full twenty-four-foot ring in the clear. The platform proper is to be three and a half ieet above the ground. A number of special trains, probably four of ten coaches each, but with the privilege of engaging every bit of rolling stock in the service, has already been contracted for from a railroad company

having Jacksonville as a terminus. President Mason alloges further that an ademnifying bond of \$50,000 has been filed by the railway company which is a party to the contract as a guarantee that no train designated by the club shall pass over the road before five hours after the last special leaves Jacksonville for the battleground. There can be no doubt as to what sort f ground the club has selected. are many strips in the territory adjacent to Jacksonville in which the prerogatives of Governor Mitchell would be inoperative. There are Indian reservations near here on which the governor yould be powerless to interfere. Anastasm island, for instance, recognizes only the authority of a United States marshal, and the seers predict that an international battle will take place not far from the cottages now being occupied by Mitchell for training purposes. One of the worst complications which confront the club under the new order is the private-boxes and reserved seat

CURLERS AT WORK.

Rinks Gathered at the Great Bouspiel Keep the Skips Busy. St. Paul, Jan. 18 .- Promptly at 10 o'clock

this morning the second annual bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling association was opened at the Rashbury Island rink. The ice was in good condition on the covered rink and the outdoor rinks were almost all being used. Six games will be necessary to complete the play for Jobbers union trophy, two of which were played during the day and another is being played tonight. It is very probable play will be kept up nearly all night in order to get the full ben cfit of the good ice. Morning games for Jobbers union trophy resulted:

Winnipeg, Dunbar, skip, 17; St. Paul, Nettle-on, skip, 10. on, skip, 10. Winnipeg, Kelly, skip, 17; St. Paul, Erwin, Vinnipeg, Payne, skip, 18; St. Paul, Hinkle, onlpeg, Shaw, skip, 19; Portage, Jones, Milwaukee, Roberts, skip, 17; Morden, Crulkshank, skip, 18. Morden, Connors, skip, 19; St. Paul, McCul-Morden, Connors, skip, 19; St. Paul, McCulloch, skip, 18.
Cambria, McConochie, skip, 16; Milwaukee, Roberts, skip 14.
Winnipeg, Patton, skip, 18; St. Paul, Cameron, skip, 13.
Waupaca, Chandler, skip, 13; St. Paul, Scott, skip, 21.
Chicago, McWirther, skip, 9; Winnipeg, Huffman, skip, 21.
The afterwoon games for the Johans union

The afternoon games for the Jobbers union trophy resulted: Duluth, McLeod, skip, 16; Winnipeg, Mur-ray, skip, 12 Winnipeg, Frazer, skip, 16; Dolock, Murunipeg, Frazer, skip, 16; Duluth, Hurdon, 15. skip, 15.
Winnipeg, Fortune, skip, 17; Chicago, Nelson, skip, 11.
Minneapolis, Harper, skip, 6; Chicago, Wood, kip, 22. Cambria, McConochie, skip, 16; Rat Portage, Courtney, skip, 15. Minneapolis, Hastings, skip, 15; St. Paul, Quinn, skip, 10.

For the George Hall medal:

St. Paul, Nettleton, skip, 22; Morden, Cruik-shank, skip, 9.
St. Paul, Scott, skip, 17; Milwaukee, Roberts, skip, 10.
Winnipeg, Payne, skip, 22; St. Paul, Hunkel, skip, 15.
St. Paul, McCulloch, skip, 17; Winnipeg, Kelley, skip, 14. The evening for the Jobbers Union league games resulted St. Paul, McCuiloch, skip, 17; Winnipeg, Dun-St. Paul, McCuiloch, skip, 17; Winnipeg, Dun-bar, skip, 13. Hall medal: Winnipeg, Fortune, skip, 19; Wood of Chicago, 9. Winnipeg, Murray, skip, 15; St. Paul, Hall, skip, 14.

skip, 14. Kat Portage, Courtney, skip, 16; St. Paul, Cameron, skip, 12. Minneapolis, Hastings, skip, 22; St. Paul, Quinn, skip, 16. Lasted Less than One Round. NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 18.—Charles Johnson of St. Paul tonight knocked out Frank Wongo, the Indian, of Portsmouth, Va., in two minutes and forty seconds. The contest was under the auspices of the Ar Athletic association, in a twenty-four foot ring, for a purse of \$2,500 and a side bet of

ring, for a purse of \$2,500 and a side bet of \$500. There were present about \$00 persons. Connors Used the Hammerlock. WARREN, Pa., Jan. 18.—The wrestlin match for the middleweight championship of America and a purse of \$1,000, between Tom Comors of Pittsburg and Ed Atherton of Buffalo, took place at Armory hall here tonight. The style was catch-as-catch-cap, without any stated stipulations as to barring the double Nelson, etc. Both men were in fine form. The first bout was won by Connors after a desperate struggle in an hour and four minutes with nammerlock hold. Connors won the second bout and the match in thirteen minutes and twenty-seven seconds, again using the ham-

merlock successfully. Young Mitchell and McAuliffe. San Francisco, Jan. 18.-Young Mitchell, the middleweight champion of the Pacific coast, has wasted no time in answering Jack McAuliffe's challenge. He accepted tonight. Jim Ryan, the Australian, wants another chance at both Mitchell and McAuliffe and issued challenges to that effect today.

Gorman and Kelly Matched. WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 18 .- Ed Gorman of Buffalo and Paddy Keily of Brooklyn and their backers met here tonight and signed articles for a glove contest to a fluish for \$1,000 a side inside of five weeks before any reputable athletic club that will offer a suitable purse.

Rates to the Fight. Sr. Louis, Jan. 18.-All local roads today educed the rate to Jacksonville, making a round-trip rate from here of \$26.50, tickets o be on sale January 21 and 22 and returning

FARMERS ARE IN FORCE.

Opening of the Annual Convention of the National Alliance.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.-The fourteenth annual meeting of the National Farmers alliance convened here today at the Commercial hotel. Several of the officers arrived in the city last night and a preliminary meeting was held before the regular session was called to order. The officers present at this meeting were: August Rost of Moulton, Ia., national secretary and treasurer; A. S. Brewer, Tampico, Ill. and Milton George, Chicago, of the auditing committee. President W. H. Liks of Ohio, George H.

Lawrence of Marion, O., and the several vice presidents are expected to arrive during the day. The meeting will last two days and the time will be taken up principally with the hearing of annual reports and the election of the officers for the ensuing year. A very large meeting of the officers and delegates is anticipated to-

During the afternoon committees on resolutions and upon federation were appointed. A resolution was adopted favoring a regular and equitable distribution in the monetary system, the prohibition of the nilen owner-ship of lands, the nationalization of the means of transportation and communication to the extent that the state and interstate commerce laws shall be made mutually co-operative and harmonious for the strict and absolute control of the same in the interest of the people, and the election of the presi-dent, vice president, United States senators and postmasters by popular vote.
The resolutions further demanded that the

right of elective franchise should be exereised without regard to sex and there should be equal pay for equal work. The passage of the Hatch-Washburn anti-option bill and strict legislation against the adulteration of food products were also favored, as was Senator Hill's bill giving states the power to tax goods in original packages. Secretary of Agriculture Morton came in for sharp censure for his speech last fall be-

fore the World's Congress of Agriculture. and the following resolutions were passed concerning him and his speech: Resolved. That the insinuation that the membership of the farmers alliance implies "a blind adherence to the teachings of ignorant leaders and victous demagogry" is denounced as untrue, as insulting and would scarcely be excusable in the midst of an exciting partisan campaign; it is wholly unworthy of the great assemblage before whom it was made and the high office of him who made it. Resolved, That whatever Mr. Morton may represent he does not represent the agricul-tural interests of the United States, and that, irrespective of party, we urgently request his resignation from his present position.

follows: President, Elwood Furnas, Nevada, Ia.; secretary, August Post, Moulton, Ia. Shipmasters Officers Elected. CHICAGO, Jan. 18.-The newly elected officers of the Shipmasters association were installed in secret session today. Reports from the auditing committee and the com

mittee on receipts were read, and the final business of the session transacted. WRECKED IN THE CHINA SEA.

Steamer Runs Aground and Passengers and Crew are Thrown on an Island. San Francisco, Jan. 18 .- The steamer China arrived this morning from Yokohama and Hong Kong. Singapore advices received by the steamer give a graphic account of the wreck of the steamer Normandy in the China sea December 6 and the escape of Harold M. Sewall of Maine, formerly United States consul general at Samos, and his wife, who were the only passengers on the steamer.

Sewall was married in San Francisco about six months ago and started on a trip around the world with his wife. He went to Manilla, and on November 29 took passage from there for Singapore on the Normandy, a boat which had limited passenger accommodations. A week later, while cross ing the China sea, the steamer ran aground in the night. The sea was breaking all around her and it was found necessary to abandon her. The captain, with his wife child and a number of the crew, took one boat and loaded it with several trunks containing personal effects. Mr. and Mrs. Sewall went in the mate's boat, leaving all the baggage behind them.

The mate's boat drifted about all night in the rough sea, and at daybreak its occupants found themselves five miles from an island. Sewall and two engineers did most of the rowing and pulled for the island. Rain had been falling all the time and the occupants suffered greatly. After a dangerous at-tempt to land through the breakers, they finally resented the shore. Sewall and his wife were without shoes, and all the party had to walk a long distance before they found any signs of habitation. They finally came to a few native buts, where they were given shelter and food and dry clothing. Here they also found the occupants of the captain's boat, all except the captain and nis child, who had lost their lives. The boat had capsized while endeavoring to land. The captain had been killed by striking his head against one of the heavy trunks and the boy had been drowned. The others had been washed ashore in safety.
One of the party then went in a small boat the the Dutch settlement of Rhio. The controller of Rhio, in response to the letters

from Sewall and the mate, sent a govern nent steamer to the Island, which took the party to Singapore. IN THE IRON TRADE.

But Little Improvement Can Be Noticed at the Present Time. CLEVELAND, Jan. 18 .- The Iron Trade Review this week says: While the general impression still prevails that the industry is on the road to improvement, and that the iron trade is responding to the movement in other lines, it still difficult to mark any specific indi-cations of betterment. In none of the primary markets for iron has there been an considerable buying in the week just clos-ing. The plight of the ore trade, to begin with, has been emphasized by the failure of an important Gogebec producer, and the protests now going to Washington from all over the Lake Superior region are strongly reinforced by this demonstration that the iron ore producers of the country cannot

stand an added finger-weight of competi-In pig iron there is little disposition on either side of the market to make a move The expectation is general among pig iron oducers that better times are just ahead and most of them are cautious about forcing matters.

Killed by an Electric Shock. Macon, Mo., Jan. 18 - Last night Street Commissioner Keller was instantly killed by an electric shock while connecting the in-candescent wire at the residence of Councilman English.

A. P. A. COUNCIL IN SESSION

State Organization of Ohio Transacts Much Business in Secret.

WILL CUT A FIGURE IN APRIL ELECTIONS

Plans Laid to Take an Active Part in the City and Village Campaigns-Will Oppose Catholies of

All Grades. CINCINNATI, Jan. 18.—The state council of the American Protective association continued its session today. The retiring state president was a republican and has been succeeded by a democrat who is reported to

prominent in politics, but aside from the

purpose to have the organization not parti-

san by such rotation, nothing could be learned. There are over 700 close-mouthed delegates present, most of them registered at the hotels under fictitious names. Heretofore this secret order has been felt most in its opposition to Catholic nominees. It is said the present council extends the crusade also to Catholic appointees, especially as policemen. It is reported that they will oppose all candidates next April for mayors and police commissioners who refuse to commit themselves in

writing to draw great lines against Catholics for policemen. Mayor Major of Toled o was accorded an other big reception today, with talk to the effect that the order is grooming him for governor, with a view to getting the Catholic employes out of the state penal and

benevoient institutions. In discussing Satolli's location in this country it was developed that if the pope followed there would be opposition, a la Orangeman, to any public demonstration receiving his holiness.

A. Hally of council No. 24 of Cincinnati was selected as representative to the national council at Des Moines, Ia.

KNOCKEL HIM SENSELESS.

Another A. P. A. Lecturer Mobbed-Kaukauna, Wis., Much Excited.

APPLETON, Wis., Jan. 18 .- Major Sims, the American Protective association lecturer, was mobbed at Kaukauna last night. A mob of 2,000 people collected outside of the hall and stoned the building. Sims and a party of friends barricaded the doors and resisted the assaults of the mob. The sheriff of Outagamie county was sent for by Mayor Ruter who also telegraphed for the militia, which Governor Peck denied unless asked for by the sheriff. The sheriff partly dispersed the mob and with the help of local officers escorted Sims to his boarding place. The mob followed, throwing stones. Sims was knocked senseless by a stone, but three officers fought the mob off and got him safely to his rooms. The mob

then dispersed. Sims was escorted to the train this morning by three men armed with Winchester rifles and left for Ashland. Bitter feeling has existed for several months at Kaukauna over the American Protective association and the town is torn up socially and in busi-ness by the events of last night.

McNamara Arrested. Kansas City, Jan. 18 .- A subpoena has been issued for J. V. McNamara, the ex-Catholic priest, to whose lecture last Tuesday night the riot at Turner hall was largely due. J. F. Mullins, whose arrest McNamara caused in the hall the The annual election of officers resulted as night of the lecture, because he was said to have called the ex-priest a liar, caused the subposta to be issued. McNamara was arrested late tonight on another charge, that of slandering the directress of a local convent. The papers were made out by Prosecuting Attorney Brown. Justice Latshaw remainee at the jail until a late bour, so that McNamara might be bailed out by his friends, but up to a late hour he was still locked up in a cell.

McNamara was found in the house of a relative on Woodland avenue. The officers were told the ex-priest was not in, but they sisted on searching the premises, and they found him secreted in a closet in the garret. the door of which had to be broken in McNamaras refused to give up the key. CRIME IN HIGH PLACES! It is not strange that some people do wrong through ignorance, others from a failure to investigate as to the right or wrong of a matter. But it is strange, that individuals and firms, who are fully aware of the rights of others, will persist in perpetrating frauds upon them.

High-toned, wealthy manufreturing firms will offer and sell to retail merchants, articles which they know to be infringements on the rights of proprietors, and imitations of well known goods. We want to sound a note of warning to the retailers to beware of such imitations and simulations of "CARTER'S LIT-TLE LIVER PILLS." When they are offered to you, refuse them; you do not want to do wrong, and you don't want to lay yourself liable to a lawsuit. Bon Franklin said "Honesty is the best policy"; it is just as true that "Honesty is the best principle."

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