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ORGANIZING THE EXPOSITION

New Board Meets Today to Take Up the Work.

RESULT OF THE RECENT ELECTION

But Forty-Nine of the Many Candidates for the Directory Win—Scope of the Great Show Discussed.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Transmississippi Exposition association, held last Tuesday night for the purpose of electing a board of fifty directors, was convened yesterday morning for the purpose of receiving the report of the canvassing board on the result of the election. The report was read, showing the number of votes received by each person voted for, the detailed report being given herewith. The total number of shares of stock voted aggregated 31,492; number of shares, or votes, necessary for election, 15,747. Forty-nine men only received the number of votes necessary to elect, and they were duly declared by President Wattles, as follows:

C. F. Manderson, J. H. Millard, Z. T. Lindsay, T. Kilpatrick, E. E. Bruce, H. A. Thompson, C. M. Wilhelm, Lucian Wells, G. W. Holdrege, E. Rosewater, R. S. Wilcox, J. A. Creighton, W. A. Paxton, sr., W. N. Babcock, John H. Evans, George F. Bidwell, E. Dickinson, A. H. Noyes, Dan Farrell, jr., A. C. Smith, Charles Metz, G. W. Wattles, J. L. Brandies, C. F. Weller, Dudley Smith, I. W. Carpenter, J. E. Markel, T. L. Kimball, F. P. Kirkendall, C. E. Yost, G. M. Hitchcock, Herman Kountze, G. H. Payne, L. H. Korty, J. A. Wakefield, A. L. Reed, J. H. Husale, E. C. Price, Walter Jardine, C. W. Lyman, C. S. Montgomery, Alvin Saunders, J. J. Brown, John A. Johnson, J. L. Webster, F. B. Hibbard, Dr. E. W. Lee, F. Murphy, J. C. Wharton.

The next highest man was W. R. Bennett, but he received only 14,759 votes, almost 1,000 votes less than a majority. C. S. Montgomery, the legal adviser of the old board, gave it as his off-hand opinion that Mr. Bennett would still be a director until January 1 by virtue of the fact that the old board of directors had been elected to serve until that time and that that fact would make him a member of the new board. Mr. Montgomery also said that he was of the opinion that the board had the power to fill the vacancy caused by the failure to elect the fiftieth man.

Acting upon this opinion the meeting of the stockholders was adjourned sine die and the matter will be discussed at the first meeting of the new board, to be held at the Commercial club rooms at 2 p. m. today.

BENNETT WILL NOT SERVE.

Mr. Bennett said he was determined not to serve as a director on the new board, for the reason that his business demanded all of his time and attention. He said he had not given the complication which had arisen any consideration and could not say whether he should resign at once or not, but was firm in his determination to carry out the spirit of his public announcement, although he said he should not do anything that would further complicate matters.

Now that the election of directors is settled, the question that naturally arises is the organization of the board. Several of the directors were seen yesterday morning after the result of the election was declared and all were of the opinion that due deliberation should be given to the question of officers and plan of organization. There are no candidates in the field for any of the elective offices. The only approach to a candidacy for any position has been the move of some of the banks toward the election of a treasurer who will place the funds in certain of the depositories. There are no candidates openly in the field for this position, but some of the banks are quietly pushing men who are favorable to their interests.

For the position of president six men have been mentioned, viz: General C. F. Manderson, ex-Governor Alvin Saunders, Herman Kountze, J. H. Millard, Frank Murphy and the president of the old board, Gurdon W. Wattles. None of these men are candidates for the position, but all are being pushed more or less vigorously by their friends. The consensus of opinion among the directors seems to be in favor of the utmost deliberation in choosing the president, and it is very doubtful if any one will be elected to that position at the meeting this afternoon.

Mr. Wattles gave expression to the thought which seemed to be in the minds of several of the other directors when he said that the president should be a man of wide reputation in order that he might add weight to the exposition. Mr. Wattles said the exposition was a big movement and was important enough to command the best efforts of the best man in the city. He suggested General Manderson as a desirable man for the position, on account of his national reputation and his wide experience in public affairs. Mr. Wattles said he was not a candidate himself and did not desire the position. His private interests, he said, required his attention and he felt as though he had already sacrificed too much of his time in bringing the affair to its present stage. In reply to a direct question as to whether he would decline the position if it was tendered him, Mr. Wattles said he was not prepared to say what he should do under such circumstances; that he was ready to make any reasonable sacrifice in order to promote the best interests of the city, but did not anticipate that there would be any difficulty in inducing a man to accept the position who was better known to the country at large.

PLAN OF WORK.

Inquiry among the directors developed the fact that, with the exception of Mr. Wattles, none of them had given the question of the general plan of work any attention. Mr. Wattles was therefore asked to outline his ideas of the lines along which the work of the exposition should be started.

"I believe that an executive committee should be elected, each member of which should be the head of a bureau having in charge one branch of the work. The number constituting the executive committee and the number of bureaus to be formed would have to be determined by the board. The executive committee should have charge of the entire work, subject, in all matters, to the full board. The most important bureau, and the one which I believe should be first organized, is the bureau of publicity and promotion. Perhaps there should be separate bureaus, one of publicity and one of promotion. The bureau of publicity should at once prepare and distribute over all the western states, and over all the United States and the world, for that matter, literature explaining the plan and the scope of the exposition. It would inform the world what has been done and what we intend to do and pursue a vigorous course of education all over the country.

"The bureau of promotion should devote its attention to the matter of securing appropriations from the various state legislatures in the transmississippi region. It should be prepared to lay before these legislatures full information regarding the exposition, and should prepare bills providing for appropriations and have them introduced and passed by the different legislatures. It should organize in each state, around the vice president for that state, a strong subcommittee to push the work in that state. The bureau should move on congress in much the same manner and look after legislation in the interest of the exposition all over the country and the world.

"Another bureau should be that of exhibits. This bureau should have charge of securing exhibits, both domestic and foreign. It should open correspondence with representatives in other states with a view of securing exhibits from those states, and should see that representatives are sent to the other expositions which are being held.

"The bureau of buildings and grounds is another important department which should be organized at once to take charge of the matter of preparing the general plans of the grounds after the site shall have been chosen by the full board. It should also look after the erection of the buildings after the plans for them have been approved by the full board and should have charge of all details in connection with the arrangement of the grounds.

"The transportation bureau is another important department and there are a number of others which will suggest themselves. There is an immense amount of work to be done and few people appreciate the burden that is bound to fall upon the shoulders of those who shall be chosen to manage the affairs of the exposition."

VETERANS' WELCOME TO CLARKSON

Received Everywhere with the Greatest of Cordiality.

Captain H. E. Palmer and Andrew Traynor of this city returned yesterday morning from the east, where they accompanied Major Clarkson, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, on his visit to some of the large eastern posts. Major Clarkson will return today.

In speaking of their two weeks' trip Captain Palmer said that the enthusiasm and cordiality with which the new commander and his staff were received far exceeded their expectations. "I am afraid that Omaha people do not realize," said Captain Palmer, "the magnitude of the honor which has been conferred upon their fellow citizen. It is no small thing to be commander-in-chief of this organization with its 400,000 members. During our trip through the east Major Clarkson acquitted himself in a manner creditable at once to himself and this state. The receptions that we received at the various cities were surprising. We were met with the greatest enthusiasm everywhere and this was emphasized by the excellent speeches made by Major Clarkson in a dozen large cities. He urged the members of the posts to more patriotism in their post and department work, and among other things declared emphatically in favor of military instruction in the schools. Aside from this we were everywhere questioned in regard to the business situation in Nebraska and enjoyed an excellent opportunity to emphasize the fact that Nebraska is all right.

"The trip was originally the result of an invitation to Major Clarkson from Lafayette post of New York City, and later this was supplemented by other invitations from large Grand Army posts in other eastern cities. The party first stopped at Chicago, where the members were entertained and banqueted at the Great Northern hotel, and then at Washington, where they received another enthusiastic reception. A guard of honor of 100 men with a band escorted the commander from the hotel to the reception hall, where he received a most flattering welcome. Arriving at New York they were magnificently entertained by Lafayette post, where General Sickles made the address of welcome and Rear Admiral Meade and other prominent men participated. In Philadelphia they were handsomely entertained by Meade post and in Brooklyn they were the guests of the local Grand Army posts and of the Montauk and Union League clubs.

"At Philadelphia Major Clarkson accepted an invitation to speak to 1,500 students of Girard college on Thanksgiving day. He delivered a most eloquent address. Much the same program was repeated at Rochester and Buffalo, and at the latter city they received a telegram from President-elect McKinley to stop at Canton on their way back." They called on Major McKinley Wednesday, who himself came to the door to welcome them. They were shown into the library, where they met Mark Hanna and were most cordially entertained during their call. During the afternoon Major McKinley accepted an invitation to be present at the national encampment at Buffalo during the last week in August.

BUSINESS IN THE FEDERAL COURT.

Several Cases Disposed of Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday was a busy day in the federal court, both Judges McHugh and Shiras completing the hearing of two hotly contested cases and in addition several criminal cases were disposed of.

Before Judge McHugh the case of Watkins, receiver, against Waidner was concluded, resulting in a verdict for $3,200 and interest against the defendant, the total of the verdict amounting to $3,960. It was a suit brought by the receiver of the First National bank of Ponca to recover in behalf of the creditors of the broken bank an assessment on stock holdings. The defense was that Mrs. Waidner had sold the stock to Frank Dorsey, but the prosecution held that the sale was not valid.

The case of Luthera L. Egbert, wife of Augustus Egbert, deceased, to recover on two life insurance policies held by her husband, was given to the jury. The suits were against the Fidelity and Casualty company and the Connecticut Mutual, both being tried in one action, the issues being the same. The defense was that the policies were void on account of the defendant having committed suicide, which allegation the plaintiff denied.

The jurymen not on this case were excused until Monday morning.

James Young, convicted of robbing the post office at Clarks, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at hard labor. He will be kept in jail here until after the retrial of Daily, who is alleged to have been implicated in the robbery, but concerning whom the jury disagreed.

Francis M. Rich, Alf Page and Fred Cyon were arraigned on the charge of furnishing liquor to Indians belonging on the Omaha reservation in Thurston county. They pleaded not guilty to selling liquor to the government wards, but guilty to having purchased it with money given them by the Indians and then giving the Indians the liquor. They were sentenced to pay a fine of $1 each and to each of them serve thirty days in jail.

Judge Shiras left last night for his home in Dubuque, where he opens court Monday.

ORGANIZATION OF NEXT COUNCIL.

Presidential Candidates Continue to Keep in the Background.

In the press of exposition matters and the effort to satisfy the municipal corporations, the question of the councilmanic presidency seems to have been left to shift for itself. No caucuses have been held and apparently the situation is unchanged. Now there is a good deal of speculation as to the effect which the recent deals in municipal contracts will have on the organization of the new council. The proceedings of the last regular meeting leave no doubt in the minds of outsiders that the corporations can organize the council as heretofore if they want to. But as all the various candidates for the presidency were equally enthusiastic in supporting the wishes of the corporations there is nothing to indicate whom they will choose to support. If they have given any hint of their intentions, it has been very closely guarded, for even the members of the council claim to be entirely in the dark in regard to the preference of the corporation managers.

In the Board of Education the only development is the material increase in the number of candidates and a resultant complication of the situation. At the start Edwards was the only aspirant in sight, but now he has plenty of company. Johnson, Davidson and Gratton are all in the race, and each is confident of success. The result will probably be a combination between the man who is apparently the strongest as the time for the organization approaches.

Drug Store Gets Him Into Trouble.

Henry Hornberger was tried in the criminal court on the charge of conducting a drug store without having a certificate as a pharmacist or without having a registered pharmacist in charge. The president and secretary of the State Board of Pharmacy testified in the case and the jury returned a verdict finding Hornberger guilty. Hornberger was released on bonds. The penalty for violation of the law on this subject is from $10 to $100 fine or from ten to ninety days in jail.

ALL ALONE WHEN SHE DIED

Fireman Ormsby Starts an Investigation with Startling Results.

DECEASED NOT SEEN FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Body of Mrs. John Ring Found in Her Cottage, Everything Indicating that She Met Death Several Days Ago.

Mrs. John Ring, whose age must have been close to 60 years, was yesterday morning found dead in her bed at her residence, 4025 Charles street. From the condition of the body death must have occurred several days ago.

Mrs. Ring was of rather an unsocial turn of character. She had been living alone in her cottage since the death of her husband, John Ring, who died as a result of injuries he received in a bicycle collision at Fifteenth and Davenport streets on October 6. The circumstances of the latter case are still familiar to newspaper readers. Ring was riding his bicycle, and after turning the corner ran into a delivery wagon. His chest was crushed, and as a result of the injuries he died a few hours later.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Ring was still more unsocial. Practically the only intimate acquaintances she had in the portion of the town in which she resided consisted of the members of the family of Fireman J. J. Ormsby. It was Ormsby who discovered the body yesterday morning.

Mrs. Ring was in the habit of visiting the Ormsby household at Fortieth and Hamilton streets almost daily. The Ormsbys have seen nothing of her since last Monday morning. Her house was closed and was apparently deserted. Fearing that something might have happened to the old woman, Ormsby yesterday morning determined upon an investigation. Forcing a window he effected entrance. Upon getting into Mrs. Ring's bedroom on the second floor he found her body on the bed. He at once notified the police of his discovery and they in turn reported the case to Corner Burket. The body was removed to the morgue. An inquest over the remains will in all probability be held today, although the time has not been set. In the meantime an only son, John Ring of Hooper, is expected to arrive in the city. He was informed by telegraph of his mother's death.

It is not believed that the woman committed suicide. On the other hand it is thought that she came to a natural death from a sudden attack of some illness, most probably a hemorrhage. When the body was found it was lying face downward upon the bed. The pillow beneath the face was saturated with blood. The entire body was in advanced stage of decomposition.

When the Ormsbys saw the woman last Monday morning she complained to them of having a bad cold. From this it is judged that when she retired Monday night she had a hemorrhage of the lungs. Out of weakness she was unable to call for assistance and consequently died that night. The only cause that can be assigned for suicide is grief over her husband's death. The woman owned the cottage in which she lived and was in very comfortable circumstances.

CHANGE IN SIDEWALK PLANS.

Brick to Be Substituted in Some Instances for Wood.

The sidewalk specifications for next year were discussed at considerable length at the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works yesterday afternoon. The specifications for permanent walks will remain the same as this year and the chairman was ordered to advertise for bids for their construction. The specifications for wooden walks were amended to provide that the boards shall be laid lengthwise instead of across the walk as heretofore. This is the method in use in eastern cities and the members believe that if it is adopted here and the stringers laid in the ground a good deal of the $6,000 to $7,000 a year that is now expended for the repair of wooden walks will be saved.

On motion of Sewer Commissioner Winspear the city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and profiles of a sidewalk district, which is to include Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets and the intersecting unpaved streets between Cuming and Lake streets. The idea is to park these streets and lay four-foot brick walks instead of six-foot wooden ones. The cost is practically the same and it is thought the brick will be far more ornamental and durable. The engineer is also instructed to move the curbs to make a clear roadway thirty feet wide and points will be indicated where trees may be planted by the property owners. As soon as the plans are made and finally settled on the council will be asked to pass an ordinance carrying the plans of the board into effect.

The city engineer was also instructed to prepare plans for repaving Sixteenth street from the viaduct to Vinton street.

CASE OF GROWNUP DEPRAVITY.

Prosecution Against a Number of Men to Be Instituted.

A most revolting case of grownup depravity, if the story is true, has been called to the attention of County Attorney Baldrige and the police officials. If it is found upon investigation that the facts are as stated it is proposed to file complaints against a number of men, charging debauchery.

The story was told by Vernie Madson, a 12-year-old girl who lives with her father at 603 North Sixteenth street. She told the county attorney that within the past few weeks a number of men have debauched her. The names of the men are now in the possession of the county attorney and the police. The girl's statement was substantiated by an examination that the city physician made of her condition.

The case was called to the attention of the authorities by some of the neighbors, who became cognizant of the condition of affairs. They say further that the girl is very "tough" despite her youthfulness, and should be placed under control.

JANITOR SCORES THE FIRST POINT.

Committee Rules Against Allen of the Dodge School.

The long-standing trouble between the principal and the janitor of the Dodge school very nearly resulted in a collision the other day.

It seems that the janitor of the Dodge school and Prof. Allen have not thrown away any great amount of brotherly love for some time, and when Allen demanded that the janitor should stay around Saturdays and keep the building warm so that he, Allen, could use it as an office, the janitor rebelled. Rumor has it that the janitor told Allan to seek a certain other locality where it would be warm enough for him, but that is denied by the principal. Anyhow, the matter was appealed to the committee on heating and ventilation, and the committee ruled in favor of the janitor. Members decided that if the janitor was willing to keep the building warm on Saturdays he could do so, but the principal had no right to require it. And now Allen's friends on the board are after the janitor, and there may be more to follow.

Mrs. Long Seeking a Divorce.

A petition was filed in the district court yesterday morning by Mrs. Clara Long, praying for a divorce from her husband, N. A. Long.

According to the petition the couple were married at Grand Island September 6, 1890. One child, a girl of 5 years, is the fruit of the union.

OCCUPIES AN EDITORIAL CHAIR.

Rev. Dr. Thain, Formerly of Omaha, to Guide the Chicago Advance.

Rev. A. R. Thain, D.D., has been made editor of the Chicago Advance, the leading Congregational paper in the northwest, and which has a wide circulation and influence throughout the nation. Dr. Thain will be remembered by all except the more recent comers to Omaha, having been pastor of Plymouth Congregational church here.

Dr. Thain has had a long and successful career in the ministry, taking his first pastoral charge early in the 70s, and has from the first taken high rank as a thinker and pulpit orator in his denomination. He is a native of Scotland, though his memories of his native land are only those of childhood, having come to this country with his parents when only 4 years of age. The family settled in Lake county, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. His father was a farmer, and with the open air life a naturally strong frame and vigorous constitution was built up, and as a man he was as robust physically as mentally. From his parents he inherited all of those sturdy, self-reliant qualities which are characteristic of the Scotch race.

He enlisted in the Ninety-sixth Illinois infantry and saw three years of service during the civil war under Grant and Sherman. After the close of that struggle he entered mercantile life, but with his strong literary taste and religious bent this did not prove satisfactory, and he started to prepare himself for the ministry. He entered the Chicago Theological seminary, and during the vacation between his junior and senior years he did his first real work in the ministry. He was assigned to the temporary pastorate of a struggling Congregational church at Agency, a small town in southeastern Iowa. His work here was prophetic of the success which was to be his in his chosen calling. He built up a large congregation, which parted with him with regret when the time came for him to return to school.

On completing his studies his first real pastorate was at Turner Junction, Ill. Thence he went to Dundee, Ill., and from there to First Church of Christ, Galesburg. That was in 1877, and he preached to that charge for twelve years. While there he was active in the work of Knox college, a Congregational school, and his work, both in the pastorate, in the school and among the students, brought him prominently before the church world.

In 1889 he accepted a call to Plymouth Congregational church in this city and remained its pastor until the spring of 1894, when he removed to Tabor, Ia. His present home is at Tabor, Ia., where there is a Congregational school, and will from that point contribute to the columns of the Advance until February, when he will remove to Chicago.

NOT INCLINED TO TALK MUCH.

Representative of Union Pacific Bondholders in the City.

J. D. H. Santilhano of London, representative of Blake, Boissevain & Co., one of the largest holders of the securities of the Union Pacific and the companies that now and formerly acted with that corporation is in the city. When seen yesterday at the Millard, Mr. Santilhano stated he was not in a position to say anything of interest concerning the affairs of the company.

"Our interests are at present all in the hands of the reorganization committee, and as to what the committee is doing or proposes doing I am not prepared to speak." He added, "The Short Line is at present engaging the attention of the committee, and as to what has been done you are as well posted as I am. What the future action of the committee will be, I am not prepared to state.

"My visit here is simply a casual one. I was passing through on my way from St. Paul to Kansas City and simply stopped off for a few days to learn something of the physical condition of the property and of the business, present and prospective."

Mr. Santilhano spent considerable time yesterday in consultation with Receivers Clark and Mink, but what was done is not known, as none of the parties cared to discuss the matters considered.

Detectives Strike a Trail.

The detectives of the Rock Island railroad are working upon a robbery which occurred on the road a few days ago. A few miles out of Omaha a car loaded with shoes was broken into and a large quantity of the footwear was carried off. Thursday the police of this city received information that a couple of tramps were trying to dispose of new shoes at Pacific Junction. It was thought possible that these were a portion of the stolen property. The Rock Island was notified and a detective has been sent to Pacific Junction to investigate.

Railway Notes and Personals.

C. A. Goodnow of Chicago and J. F. Gibson of Marion, Ind., are in the city.

S. A. Bent, traveling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, of Chicago, is in the city.

E. H. George, traveling agent of the Lehigh & Wabash Dispatch, of Chicago, arrived yesterday morning.

General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific returned Thursday evening from a trip through Colorado. Mr. Dickinson was accompanied on this excursion by C. E. Tripp, proprietor of the Auditorium hotel, Chicago; J. E. French and H. H. Devereaux, Cleveland capitalists.

MUST ANSWER IN DISTRICT COURT.

Lillie Williams Charged with Robbing a Man from Iowa.

Lillie Williams, who is charged with robbing Frank Searcey of Blanchard, Ia., of $15 has been bound over to the district court to answer to the charge of larceny from the person. The evidence against her was conclusive. Edna Ewing, one of her companions, alleges that she not only saw the theft committed by the Williams woman, but that the latter also tried to induce her to take the money in order that it might not be found on her person if she was arrested. In view of the importance of this evidence the Ewing woman was held as a witness in the sum of $200.

A portion of the stolen money was recovered from a male friend of the accused, to whom she had given it for safe-keeping. It is alleged that she gave $5 of the amount to Floyd Van Winkle, who, however, denies that he got it. Van Winkle has been arrested on the charge of being a suspicious character and a vagrant, but the police threaten to prosecute him on the charge of receiving solen property if he does not turn over the $5.

Others have found health, vigor and vitality in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it surely has power to help you also. Why not try it?

LINDE'S CHILDREN TAKEN AWAY.

Humane Society Acts in Behalf of the Little Ones.

Thursday afternoon County Judge Baxter took from George Linde, the ex-policeman, his boy and girl, and appointed as their guardian Father John Williams. The application for the appointment of a guardian was made by the half-sister of the children, who desired that she herself be chosen, but Linde made such objections that the preacher was selected.

The ground upon which the request was made was cruelty. It was alleged that Linde frequently maltreated his son and that on account of this abuse his son finally ran away from home. It was charged that the daughter was also whipped. Linde at present resides at 5102 North Seventeenth street with his third wife.

The Nebraska Humane society was the real instigator of the action. The society has already found a home for the girl, and intends to place the boy with some reputable family.

An Extended Popularity. Brown's Bronchial Troches have for many years been the most popular article in use for relieveing Coughs and Throat troubles.

ELLIOTT SAYS NOT GUILTY

Arraigned on the Charge of Killing Gay Hutsonpiller.

REMANDED TO JAIL PENDING HIS TRIAL

Four Counts in the Indictment, All Charging Murder in the First Degree — Two Also Allege Robbery.

Charles H. Elliott, the man charged with the murder of Gay Hutsonpiller, was arraigned before Judge Baker yesterday morning and entered pleas of "not guilty" to each of the four counts in the information filed against him. Elliott was brought into court as soon as court opened, when but few people except the regular jury panel were about. He did not show any sign of nervousness and replied to the questions of the county attorney in a low but clear voice.

He was charged with murder in the first degree by striking Hutsonpiller on the head once with a coupling pin. The second count charged murder in the first degree by striking Hutsonpiller once with a coupling pin. It also charged robbery. The third count charged murder in the first degree by striking Hutsonpiller over the head several times with a coupling pin and by choking and beating him. The fourth count charged murder in the first degree by striking his victim over the head several times with a coupling pin and by choking him. Robbery was also charged.

After his plea had been entered Elliott was returned to jail.

BATTLESHIP TEXAS IS WORTHLESS.

Will Have to Be Rebuilt Before She Can Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The World this morning says: The battleship Texas, which has been undergoing repairs for two weeks, was floated off the timber dry dock early yesterday morning. The ship is unfit for service, and will in all probability be put out of commission in the near future and undergo extensive alterations.

Besides the weakness of the bulk heads, the watertight compartments and the hydraulic apparatus that work the 12-inch guns, the big turrets are found to have been so faultily constructed that the guns can only be loaded from two positions. Should the turrets become jammed the guns would be useless. Many other defects have also been discovered.

EXCITING CHASE AFTER A THIEF.

Purse Snatcher and Policemen Use Their Revolvers Freely.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—During an exciting chase after a thief on West Madison street last evening, in which three police officers and a crowd of citizens took part, many pistol shots were fired and three men were wounded. They are: John McConachie, street car conductor, shot through the right hand; Policeman Henry Connell, shot in right leg; Adolph Thorsen, hit in back by spent bullet.

The thief was a young fellow named Henry Rogers, who had snatched a pocketbook from a woman. He was pursued by a large crowd, and used his revolver freely. He was captured after a desperate fight by Police Officer Riley.

BIGGEST VENISON HAUL ON RECORD.

State Game Warden Confiscates Thirty Tons of Deer Meat.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 4.—The state game warden last night seized and declared confiscated to the state of Minnesota thirty tons of venison, claimed as being illegally shipped out of the state, via the Milwaukee road. It was tagged to persons in Boston, New York and Chicago.

The fines for the alleged illegal transportation of the game will reach somewhere in the neighborhood of $40,000 to $50,000. Venison is now selling at 18 cents a pound and it will be an easy matter for the state to dispose of the 60,000 pounds confiscated for $10,800. This is said to be the largest seizure ever made at one time in the United States.

GOLD CONTRACTS STILL HOLD GOOD.

Legislature of Georgia Votes Down a Populist Measure.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 4.—The state senate yesterday by a vote of 21 to 15, rejected a bill introduced by Senator Culver, to declare null and void all obligations and contracts which may be made payable in any specified character of money, whether the same be coin or otherwise. So far as the general assembly is concerned, therefore, gold contracts may still be made in Georgia.

Line Through Crow Nest Pass.

SPOKANE, Dec. 4.—The two ministers of the Canadian government have arrived here in a special car. They are A. G. Blair, minister of railways and canals, and L. I. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries. With them is Lieutenant Colonel Domville, a member of Parliament. The object of this trip is admitted by Mr. Blair to be an inquiry into the feasibility and desirability of extending government aid to the proposed Crow Nest Pass railroad, which is under contemplation by the Canadian Pacific. His party will spend several days in the mining camps and will then return to Spokane and continue to the Pacific.

Entire City is Icebound.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 4.—The city of Columbia and the section of country seventy-five miles south and west of here is icebound. The streets present a picture of desolation. Thousands of beautiful shade trees are split, broken and prostrated, while hundreds of telegraph, telephone and electric light and car poles are down with wires in an interminable tangle. The losses to the various companies in this city alone will aggregate $20,000.

License to Commit Murder.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 4.—Representative Pits, one of the foremost lawyers in the assembly, has introduced a bill which in effect will license a man to kill the despoiler of his female relative. It is urged that the law punishing such homicide is a dead letter on the statute books and that the proposed law would enable the juries of Alabama to cease ignoring the written law in order to meet the ends of justice.

Admits "X" Rays in Evidence.

DENVER, Dec. 4.—Judge Le Fever has given a decision in the district court admitting Roentgen ray photographs as secondary evidence that may be shown to the jury in illustrating the testimony of experts. The decision was given in the trial of the suit of James Smith against Dr. W. W. Grant for alleged malpractice in his treatment of a fractured hip.

Official Vote in Oregon.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 4.—The official canvass of the vote of Oregon in the late presidential election shows that 97,746 votes were cast, divided as follows: McKinley, 48,711; Bryan, 46,739; Palmer, 979; Levering, 919; McKinley's plurality, 1,972.

Indians Will Have a Delegate.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 4.—Indian Agent W. D. Wisdom has issued a certificate of election to George E. Nelson, gold democrat of Muskogee, to represent the Indian territory in the Fifty-fourth congress.

DISCUSS ONLY RATE QUESTIONS.

Omaha Jobbers Back from the St. Louis Meeting.

John S. Brady of the McCord-Brady company and Charles H. Pickens of the Paxton, Gallagher company returned Thursday from St. Louis, where they were in conference with wholesale grocers from six states, Nebraska, Missouri, Kentucky, Iowa, Illinois and Kansas. It was understood that the delegates were backed by the state association which they represented.

The principal matters that came up for consideration were in regard to the equalization of freight rates upon commodities of staple character. It is alleged that the existing tariffs are to the advantage of eastern firms over those in the states represented, upon goods that are shipped from southern points, particularly. It was reported after the meeting that the members intended to take steps to force transportation companies to equalize the rates in some fashion, but Mr. Brady, yesterday morning stated that no action had been taken. It is thought, however, that the meeting will have some effect upon the railroad companies and it is not at all impossible that the various state associations may take some action in the matter, which may possibly be concerted as a result of the meetings.

Mr. Brady said that one of the matters of interest to jobbers in this section of the country was the rate on sugar between New Orleans and points in the territory represented in the conference. "It is held," he said, "that the prevailing rates upon this commodity are greatly to the advantage of eastern jobbers. It is intended to demand from the railroads that the rates be adjusted. The matter was left in the hands of a committee.

"In connection with this matter there is a little fight on between the jobbers of this city and Kansas City. In the past the rate on sugar from New Orleans to Kansas City has been 27 cents, while to Omaha it has been 30 cents. This difference of 3 cents was deemed an unjust discrimination, as Kansas City jobbers deal in the same territory as those of this city. The matter was never brought up before the Interstate Commerce commission, as the jobbers and the railroads believed that it could be settled between themselves. It is said that the agitation resulted in the determination on the part of the railroads to raise the rate to Kansas City to Omaha's rate, 30 cents, but this rate has not gone into effect because of the fight made by Kansas City jobbers.

"After the meeting a rumor was prevalent to the effect that a combine had been entered into by the representatives in session which was to remain permanent. This is not true. The meeting was simply a conference of the wholesale grocers to discuss the discrimination in rates, the purpose being to bring the railroad companies to time in the matter of equalizing rates, this being necessary at intervals.

"The conference has been worked up during the past three years, ever since the banquet of wholesale grocers in St. Louis in 1893. It was then proposed to bring the state associations into closer touch with each other. Correspondence on the subject was entered into, resulting in the recent meeting. The session lasted but one day."

Their Stories Differ Somewhat.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Henry Graham, on a charge of larceny as bailee. The complainant is Mrs. Lulu Frampton, who alleges that Graham stole from her a diamond pin, valued at $60. According to her story, Graham pawned the pin for $5, and when she gave him the money with which to redeem it, he also kept that. Graham says that the woman gave him the pin in satisfaction for a loan of $5. He states that she wished the pin returned to her again and began the prosecution upon his refusal to do so.

Herron Will Contest Dismissed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—The supreme court yesterday, in the case of William A. Harrison, for the heirs, against Ambrose P. Stanton, executor of the will of John Herron, affirmed the action of the lower court in dismissing the suit brought to contest Herron's will. The will gave the bulk of an estate, valued at $200,000, to the art association of this city, with small bequests to charities and to intimate friends. The contest alleged unsound mind of Mr. Herron. The art association will receive nearly $200,000.

Competitor Prisoners Are Well.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A Havana dispatch to the World says: Fitzhugh Lee, jr., son of the consul general, saw the Competitor crew and Correspondent Melton yesterday. General Zarrich, the governor of Cabanas castle, courteously had the imprisoned Americans brought without the walls under military escort and they talked half an hour with the consular representative, who reports that all save Melton are well, and as cheerful as could be expected under the circumstances.

Buy an Immense Ranch.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 4.—Announcement is made here of a land deal involving 460,000 acres in Hall, Briscoe and Donley counties, Texas, on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande railway. The purchasers are Snider & Zimmerman, Kansas City men, who are prominent on the Live Stock exchange, and the deal is said to represent about half a million dollars.

Expect but Little Legislation.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 4.—Congressman Marriot Brossius, who is a member of the committee on banking and currency, left for Washington today. Previous to his departure he said that in his judgment there would be absolutely nothing accomplished in the way of currency, tariff or any other important legislation outside of the appropriations.

All on Account of a Bad Flue.

HILL CITY, Kan., Dec. 4.—Fire, originating from a defective flue, destroyed the general merchandise store of E. E. Green, the notion store of Charles Tillotson and a large two-story stone building owned by the Pioneer Savings and Loan association of Minneapolis, Minn. The loss is not stated. The property was uninsured.

Forgot to Return the Change.

Samuel Atherton is to be arrested on a warrant which charges him with larceny as bailee. The witness against him is Tom Foley, the saloon keeper, who alleges that he sent Atherton with a $10 bill for change several weeks ago and that he never came back. Atherton left the city and returned recently.

Girl Must Stay Chained Up.

DENVER, Dec. 4.—After the investigation of the case of Pawnbroker Solomon's insane daughter, County Commissioner Wheeler has decided that no action was required, as the parents are amply able to care for the young woman, and she is receiving better treatment than could be given her elsewhere.

Suit Against an Investment Company.

WICHITA, Dec. 4.—The Anglo-American Land, Mortgage and Agency company, an English corporation owning a large amount of Lombard securities, has entered suit in this county against the Lombard Investment company of Kansas, seeking to recover judgment for about $200,000.

Ten Business Houses Burned.

LIGONIER, Pa., Dec. 4.—Fire broke out in M. Clifford & Son's store in Van Near block last night at 12 o'clock, and before assistance arrived the entire block was swept from the face of the earth and $50,000 worth of property went up in smoke, and ten business firms were cleaned out.

Killed in a Game of Foot Ball.

MEXICO, Mo., Dec. 4.—Moses P. Allen, a bright young son of H. K. Allen, is dead of stomach trouble, which began by his being seriously hurt while playing foot ball some time since.

SETBACK FOR CONTESTANTS

Witness Schlegel Springs a Surprise on Would-Be Legislators.

BROUGHT A HANDFUL OF REQUESTS

Were All Signed by the Popocratic Chairman Agreeing to Pay for Naturalization Papers—Could Find No Others.

The body which is hearing the contests brought by the popocrats for the seats in the senate and house, won by the republicans in the recent election, continued its proceedings in the Jacksonian club rooms yesterday afternoon. Nothing material was accomplished during a three-hours' session except furnishing a three-ring circus for the amusement of the few spectators who happened in. The contestants put Alex Schlegel, file clerk in the office of the clerk of the district court, on the stand, and two or three questions propounded to Schlagel constituted the extent of the proceedings as far as taking of evidence was concerned. The remaining time was occupied by a general dispute between the notaries and attorneys, which at one time threatened to call for police intervention.

The first admission that was obtained from Schlagel rather threw the attorneys for the contestants into confusion. He had been called for the purpose of obtaining a lot of requests alleged to have been filed with the clerk of the court by John Lewis, chairman of the republican county central committee, asking that first papers be furnished to various foreign voters. Schlagel brought ninety-one of these documents and the contestants were in high feather until it developed that every one of them was signed by Ed Howell, chairman, and J. Platti, secretary of the popocratic committee. Then the other side took occasion to make a few satirical remarks and Attorney Thomas, for the contestants waxed wroth. He tried to get an admission from the witnesses that there were other and similar notices in the office, but Schlagel declared that he had brought all he could find. Then Thomas asked the court to send him back with instructions to return with the notices signed by Lewis. This was granted by the two popocratic notaries, but the notaries selected by the contestees ruled that as Schlegel had testified that he had brought all the notices that he could find, the court could no more compel him to go out and get documents that he could not get than it could order him to go out and get the Kohinoor diamond.

As two members of the court told the witness to do one thing and the other two another, he was plainly in a quandary, which Attorney Smith settled by telling him to go and never to return unless he brought the notices with him. Schlegel started to go and took a book which he had brought with him. The attorneys for the contestees demanded that the book should be left, but Smith declared that it had not been offered in evidence, and told Schlegel to take it with him. Thomas tried to get the book, and Smith snatched it away and handed it back to Schlegel, again telling him to take it away. Thomas appealed to the court, and the court again divided. Two of them sided with Thomas and the other two with Smith. Everyone was talking at once and getting personal when Schlegel settled the controversy by taking his book and going home. Then Thomas wanted him fined for contempt of court in taking the book away when one of the notaries had ordered him to remain. The subject was argued over several times with variations, and by the time that someone happened to ask what it was all for the afternoon had nearly gone.

Then the attorneys for the contestants declared that they would not introduce any more evidence until they had secured the attendance of Albyn Frank, who had been several times subpoenaed, but had refused to come. An attachment was issued for Frank, and a constable sent to serve it. A recess was then taken, and the lawyers and court sat around and told stories until 5 o'clock. But neither Frank nor the constable appeared, and an adjournment was taken until 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The contestant has now been in session for two days, and the only thing accomplished has been the introduction in evidence of the certificates of nomination and the abstract of the votes cast at the election.

ENGINEERS DISCUSS BOILERS.

Annual Meeting of the American Society at New York is Ended.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The concluding session of the seventeenth annual convention of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was held today. Among the papers read were the following: "The Efficiency of the Boiler Grate," by William Wallace Christie of New York; "Efficiency of Boiler Heating Surface," by R. S. Hale of Boston; "Steam Engine Governors," by Frank B. Ball of Plainfield, N. J.; "Aluminum Bronze Seamless Tubing," by Leonard Waldo of Bridgeport, Conn.

After the transaction of some routine business, President Fitz announced the close of the meeting, and congratulated the meeting of the society on the entertaining and instructive program that had marked the various sessions.

Fiendish Murderer is Hanged.

M'LEANSBORO, Ill., Dec. 4.—Fred Behme, who killed his wife and baby boy Easter Sunday last, was hanged today at 12:30 p. m. His death was almost instantaneous. The crime for which Behme died today was the most fiendish ever committed in southern Illinois. After braining his wife with an axe, he took his 3-year-old boy to the barn, put a halter around his neck, and hung him to a rafter. The weight of the child being insufficient to strangle, the murderer pushed down the boy by the shoulders until the child's tongue protruded from the mouth and the eyes were forced from the sockets.

Supposed Murder Was an Accident.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 4.—The mystery of the killing of Thomas Joy last Monday has been explained by a confession from James Welton, a park policeman. He confessed to the coroner that he and Joy met together at Muldoon's saloon on the sidewalk, and that both had been drinking. They became involved in a scuffle over a revolver, when it was accidentally discharged. This confession removes suspicion from Muldoon and Farrell, who have been arrested, charged with murder. They are, however, still held.

Two Men Arrested for a Robbery.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—A number of arrests have been made in connection with the robbery of the Home brewery office yesterday, but nothing tangible can be found against any of the suspects. William Kastner, aged 20, one of those arrested, is said to answer the description given of one of the highwaymen, but beyond that the police have no evidence against him. Another suspect is William H. Cole, who ran when he saw the police. He was captured and told conflicting stories. Both are being held.

Southern Organizer for Mr. Gompers.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Dec. 4.—Fred Estes, editor of the Evening Call of this city, has been appointed by President Gompers as southern organizer for the American Federation of labor, and will enter upon his duties at once, traveling with Hon. Robert T. Howard of Fall River, Mass.

Theater Destroyed by Fire.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Dec. 4.—The Columbia, Muscatine's principal theater, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $30,000.

The unparallelled and unapproachable Charity Circus at the Coliseum December 8, 9 and 10. Low rate excursions from all points within 75 miles of Omaha.