

MATAFAFA NOT IN FAVOR

Mallito Gains Strength and Draws Adherents from Other Side.

DEPORTED CHIEFS ARE HAVING A PICNIC

Chief Justice Chambers' Authority Recognized, but is Still Thwarted by German-Steveson's Home Sold.

APIA, Samoa, Feb. 22.—(Via San Francisco, March 8.)—Four weeks have elapsed since the last mail dispatch left here for Samoa. The news is a distinct success for the general opinion is that the play will not have a long run.

The provincial government under Matafafa has not been a success. It has estranged the feelings of many of its own supporters by the deportation of the Mallito chiefs and the banishing from Apia of all male Samoan adults who were on Mallito's side. All Mallito's adherents who were not deported have been fined and inoffensive natives—the servants of whites who had been in no way connected with the fighting—have been arrested.

The natives of Tutuila have declared in favor of Tausa and the deported chiefs are having a pleasant picnic at the city. Mallito seems to be gathering strength every day and several of Matafafa's chief adherents have gone over to his side.

There are not much more than one-half the people on Matafafa's side and it is doubtful if more than one-third of the population are his active supporters. Among the British and Americans here it is not seen how the powers can act in any other way than to stand by Tausa as king. It is argued that if they do not they deliberately break the British treaty, and at a slight upon their nominee, the chief justice, and in the case of Great Britain and the United States they go back on their consular representative here, who have acknowledged Tausa as king.

Matafafa and the chiefs know all this and are most anxious to keep their followers reconciled and prevent them from doing anything at present whereby Matafafa's chances of being king may be endangered. Matafafa himself is perfectly sane and sane. German Consul Must Back Down.

The German consul has received a telegram from Germany directing him to recognize the authority of Chief Justice Chambers and to withdraw from the stand he and Dr. Raffel had taken in regard to the supreme court.

The news has discouraged Matafafa and in addition the United States consul has written to the effect, notwithstanding rumors abroad Apia, that the United States has not recognized Matafafa as king and that the consul has nothing on record from his government and is awaiting dispatches.

In addition to these disquieting facts Matafafa has had a little trouble with the British war ship Porpoise.

The Porpoise, after officers had settled down in Apia, sent for a cruise around the group. When it returned Captain Sturdee found that no natives came near his ship and that a taboo had been declared against the vessel. He at once sent a note to the provincial government demanding an apology and a withdrawal of the boycott. Dr. Raffel, an executive head, replied that the boycott was not against the men-of-war, but against the chief justice, who was a kuet on board. Still another note was sent to Captain Sturdee to the effect that he would take decisive action at once and the boycott was removed. Her majesty's ship, Royalist, is now here also.

The chief justice, although now recognized by the German consul under instructions from Germany, is still being thwarted in every possible way by the Germans. Dr. Raffel was cited by the chief justice for contempt, but declined to come to court, and placed himself under the protection of the German consul. He was arrested by the marshal of the court, but on his refusal to go, no attempt was made to force him. The chief justice rested content with having brought the matter to this issue. Bulow was also cited for contempt and disputed the jurisdiction of the court on the same ground as Dr. Raffel. The German consul interposed his protest, but Bulow has nevertheless been summoned to appear in two weeks.

H. Moore, an American, apologized to the court for writing a threatening letter and was purged of contempt. Herr Grossmuhl still remains in the German consulate and will not venture out of the court's reach. The court officers are everybody is anxiously awaiting the decision of the powers and in the meantime it is not thought there will be any further disturbance.

Stevens' Home is Sold. "Valliano" world famed through having been the island home of R. L. Stevens, was sold last night for \$100,000. The purchaser is the late Hansburg. He intends to make his winter home in Samoa, spending the summer in Germany.

The Associated Press correspondent, shortly after the late Senator Stevens' death, had an interview with the noted chief, Matafafa, when asked why he had proclaimed king, said that Mallito Tapute, being dead, the Samoans had a right to elect a new king and he was chosen.

WIDENED FIELD FOR CHARITY

Complexities of the Government of Havana as Seen by Ludlow.

THOUSANDS OF ORPHANS AND WIDOWS

Appeals Especially on Behalf of the Quiet, Suffering Women to See if Women of the States Can not Help the Destitute.

NEW YORK, March 8.—(Special.)—General William Ludlow, governor of Havana, has written a lengthy letter to the Evening Post describing minutely the conditions in the Cuban capital and appealing for assistance for Cuban charities.

General Ludlow refers to the local administration of Havana as a "serious and laborious task." Touching especially on the task of keeping Havana clean, General Ludlow writes that cleaning and sanitation are carried on "under every difficulty of a century's accumulation of evils, a deficiency of material, inadequate personnel and a paucity and uncertainty as to funds which are derived from weekly and monthly requisitions on the variable custom house collections, thus multiplying the uncertainties and vexations of the task."

The destitute, he says, "are found in greater numbers in Havana than in the provinces." "In this department," writes the governor, "which includes the city of Havana and its suburban region west, south and east, between the bays of Regla, Guanabacoa, the destitute drawing rations approximate 20,000, who for the present must be fed or permitted to starve."

"Employment of the able-bodied males on street cleaning, collection of garbage, street repairs, road cleaning and distilling of large buildings and military structures and the like work, has constituted an immense assistance in this respect by enabling the 2,000 or 3,000 employees to feed themselves and those immediately dependent upon them, but there is still a very large residuum, for whom at present occupation cannot be furnished."

Twenty Thousand Idle. "It is one of the distressing features that a general proportion of the destitute are women and children, whose men have died or been killed in the war. About 20,000 or 30,000 more are still aggregated as an army practically idle and dependent upon the country for their maintenance instead of being at work earning their living and supporting their families. It is most important in the average case of the women, to find anything for them to do and this helplessness makes special appeal to sympathy."

The charitable institutions of Havana, General Ludlow declares to be quite inadequate to meet the emergency. He cites as an instance the Casa de Las Vegas (home of the widows), a large structure in the capital, occupied by the widows of Spanish officers. Of this institution General Ludlow says:

"Upon assuming direction of affairs here it was found that the pensions of these women had not been paid for over a year and they had been left behind when the Spanish forces abandoned the island. They are without the means of obtaining food. There are present in the home a total of over 200 of all ages, seventy women, ninety girls and fifty boys, who are almost all entirely destitute, and from a prolonged course of semi-starvation and privation, many of medical and other supplies are deplorably reduced and have much sickness among them. Totally Unable to Help Themselves.

"It can be imagined how this aggregation of a quiet, gentle, suffering and uneducated, and often illiterate, population, many of them well-born, accomplished and educated, totally unable to do anything for themselves, as ignorant as children as to means of support. They profess themselves—and in many cases are—unable to do anything for themselves, and are utterly dependent upon the charity of others. They are practically useless to an employer. They could teach, perhaps, but the schools are not open to them. They are alien to the community in which they are compelled to live, with comparatively few friends, and those few unable to deal effectively for their relief."

To meet the needs of these women General Ludlow suggests that the United States government in the state might take account of the matter and perfect arrangements by which the institution should be otherwise maintained than as a temporary military expedient. There are numerous kindly disposed and charitable people in Havana who are busily engaged in charitable work with the sick and the orphans, but their means are quite inadequate and assistance would be gladly received from the charitable disposed in the United States.

The governor concludes by saying that Mrs. Ludlow, who has taken a strong interest in the matter, would be very glad to receive any communications on the subject or receive contributions of food, clothing or other necessities, as might be forwarded.

GOMEZ WORKING FOR HARMONY. Expects to Disband Troops Regarding Loss of Quarrelsome Elements. HAVANA, March 8.—General Maximo Gomez had a two hours' conference with Governor General Brooke today regarding the details of the payment to the Cuban army of the \$3,000,000 tendered by the United States as a condition of disbandment. He is working in good faith and expects to disband the troops at the end of the month, the consent of the disaffected elements. He is making an excellent impression upon the United States military authorities here and they confidently believe that he will be able to make good his agreement with himself, Porter, President McKinley's representative.

It is said that the distribution of the cash will begin in the course of a fortnight at the latest. Chief of Police Marie Menocal submitted to Major General Ludlow the end of February the police pay rolls for that month. The men have not been paid even yet and as a consequence some are doing duty who do not have money with which to buy food, or are compelled to borrow of friends. The governor complains bitterly.

General Ludlow has not yet sent to General Brooke for approval the February pay rolls, though the reasons for the delay are not ascertainable at his headquarters. Moreover, the fact that the policemen are to receive Spanish gold is an undoubted hardship, especially when it is considered that they were compelled to pay for their uniforms and equipment in American gold and were given to understand that the gold as employees of the military administration they would be paid in American gold.

The payment of odd sums on last month's salaries in Spanish silver on a gold valuation resulted in a heavy loss to the hands of the department rightfully belonging to the men. When they are paid this month Colonel Evans intends to make restitution pro rata. As the police force is effective, the removal of the United States troops from the city parks to the camp across the bay is daily expected.

The United States battleship Indiana entered Havana harbor at 10:30 this morning. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the temperature was 69 degrees.

A Spanish newspaper publishes a story to the effect that a party of armed Cubans is terrorizing the Spaniards at Mayori. It says also that the Cuban army numbered the 6000 Spaniards near Baraguaya and mentions cases of the persecution of Spaniards at Calabazas, province of Santa Clara. In conclusion, the newspaper asks the American government to return to Manila.

REBELS BUTCHER CAPTIVES

Terrific Atrocities Perpetrated in the Interior Provinces of the Chinese Empire.

AMERICAN SHIPS REACH JAMAICA

Gambutes Arrive in Advance of Admittance of American Troops.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 8.—The United States gunboats Annapolis and Vicksburg have arrived here in advance of the other ships of the American squadron.

Preparations are being made by the civil and military authorities for suitably entertaining Rear Admiral Sampson and his officers during their visit to this port. Public sympathy with the United States is evidenced by the general display of American flags throughout the city and on the shipping in port.

ENEMIES DYNAMITE THE ARSENAL. Foul Play Responsible for the Magazine Explosion at Toulon.

TOULON, March 8.—It turns out that the twelve dynamite cartridges found behind the Toulon arsenal yesterday are of foreign manufacture. M. Lockroy, minister of marine, in an interview regarding the explosion of the magazine early Sunday morning, intimates that the experts now have very little doubt that it was dynamite that he thinks it was possibly caused by some clockwork arrangement, provided with a detonator hidden in a powder keg.

CHINA MUST KEEP ITS CONTRACT. British Minister Informs Officials of Government of Peking.

PEKING, March 8.—Sir Claude G. MacDonald, the British minister, has informed the officials of the Chinese foreign office that any attempt to repudiate the railroad contract will be regarded as a breach of faith and will result in the withdrawal of British subsidies and other supplies are deplorably reduced and have much sickness among them.

Inspects the Seal Hunters. ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 8.—Sir Henry McCullum, the governor, today held a formal inspection of 3,000 seal hunters, who are to leave for the icefields in February. It is believed he took this step in the interest of the British government with a view of determining the utility of the men for the colonial naval reserve. He expressed himself as well pleased with their physical appearance.

Submits Boundary to Arbitration. RIO JANEIRO, March 8.—The Brazilian government has accepted the proposal of Great Britain to submit the Guiana boundary dispute to arbitration.

Heavily Fined for Libel. PARIS, March 8.—Francis de Pressensac, foreign editor of the Temps and presensor of the Dreyfusards, was condemned today to pay a fine of 500 francs and damages to the amount of 900 francs for libeling M. Guerin, president of the Anti-Semite league.

Elaine Badly Scourged. PLYMOUTH, March 8.—The steamer Elaine, bound for London, today was scourged by fire. It was first sighted off Brixham, Devonshire, showing the fire signal.

Cruiser Raleigh at Algiers. ALGIERS, March 8.—The United States cruiser Raleigh, on its way home from Tunis, arrived here today and is coaling preparatory to resuming its journey.

Widow Brockett. LEAD, S. D., March 8.—(Special.)—A popular wedding occurred last evening in this city in which John Walsh and Miss Lucy Brockett were the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed at the home of the groom, and a large number of friends was present.

Tarbell-Quinn. AMES, Ia., March 8.—(Special.)—Miss Winnie Quinn of Scranton and George Tarbell of Des Moines were married today. The Methodist parsonage in this city yesterday afternoon.

Stauder-Rodenheim. WEST POINT, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Henry Stauder of Wiener and Miss Bertha Rodenheim were married in this city yesterday by County Judge Krake.

BUSINESS TROUBLES. Has Over Million Liabilities. NEW YORK, March 8.—William Noble, who built the Greenbelle hotel, the Greenbelle apartment house and other well known buildings in this city, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$1,200,100, of which \$810,000 is secured. Mr. Noble's failure, it is said, was due to a venture in the newspaper field. Mr. Noble is owed by the Empire hotel a year or two ago. He was the owner of the Fort William Hotel here at Lake George. The hotel Greenbelle was sold under foreclosure proceedings a year ago to satisfy claims of a second mortgage.

Toledo Furrier Fails. TOLEDO, O., March 8.—Edward M. Harless, formerly a furrier of this city, today filed a petition of voluntary bankruptcy, the petition showing \$50,000 liabilities and \$70 assets.

RECORD OF FALLEN NEBRASKANS

Brief Accounts of Those Killed and Injured in Recent Skirmish.

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LINCOLN, March 8.—(Special.)—The following is the list of casualties of the first Nebraska in the recent skirmish at Manila with what information can be secured at the adjutant general's office:

Killed. ROSCOE YOUNG, single, company B; age 20; enlisted June 28, 1898; residence, Bellwood, Neb.; occupation, with F. M. Young, Bellwood, Neb. GUY C. WALKER, company G; age 20; enlisted May 9, 1898; residence, Geneva, Neb.; occupation, butcher; near relative, F. Walker, Davenport, Iowa.

Wounded. Claude H. Ough, promoted captain company B, formerly first lieutenant company G; single; company B; age 25; enlisted May 9, 1898; residence, Geneva, Neb.; occupation, clerk; near relative, Mrs. E. Ough, Geneva, Neb. Walter J. Huntington; single; company F; age 24; enlisted May 9, 1898; residence, Arapahoe, Neb.; occupation, student; near relative, A. L. Huntington, Arapahoe, Neb. Charles A. Lewis; single; company I; age 25; enlisted June 1, 1898; residence, Lincoln; occupation, farmer; near relative, C. E. Lewis, Ough, Neb. John Trimble; single; company I; age 19; enlisted May 10, 1898; residence, Bennett, Neb.; occupation, farmer; near relative, Thomas Trimble, Phillipsburg, Kan.

Secures a Paving Contract. (Copyright, 1899, by Press Publishing Co.) HAVANA, March 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram)—It is reported here tonight that F. W. Hawley of New York has secured the contract for paving, paring and curbing the streets of Havana. The amount to be paid for the work is about \$7,000,000. The contract was acquired from the heirs of Richard Taylor, who had the contract under the Spaniards. Hawley acts for a syndicate, the principal interest being held by the asphalt company of which General Greene is president.

New York Soldier Killed. GUANAJAY, Province of Pinar del Rio, March 8.—Private John R. Kaine, attached to the hospital corps of the Tenth and Second New York volunteers, was accidentally shot and killed yesterday by Private Louis Sloat of the same corps.

TROOPS SUFFER FROM HEAT. Damp Atmosphere and High Temperature Cause Great Discomfort.

MANILA, March 8.—3:55 p. m.—The temperature today at 3 o'clock was 87 degrees, but the cloudy day was like steam and the troops were greatly inconvenienced on the line in spite of the temporary shade afforded by matting and bamboo wherever feasible. There were few prostrations, however, from the heat.

Our troops today are not compelled to remain in the open country to the same extent as yesterday, when they were engaged in the battle of the Trenches. The soldiers probably will feel the heat less when they are on the move.

THREE NEBRASKANS WOUNDED. Volunteers in Companies F and I Are Badly Injured in Vicinity of San Pedro Macati.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The following cablegram was received from General Otis today: MANILA, March 8.—Adjutant General, Manila, reports casualties March 8 at San Pedro Macati: First Washington. Wounded: Corporal Frank Johnson, company C, high, moderate. Casualties March 9: Wounded: Bucksmith Louis Hebeck, Battery D, leg, slight. First Washington. Wounded: Private Frank L. Rose, company K, chest, slight. Private Stolemon F. Ruffell, company H, thigh, moderate. First Washington. Injured: Private Fred C. Thorrey, company M, foot crushed on March 8. First Nebraska. Wounded: Corporal Walter J. Huntington, company F, slight. Private Charles A. Lewis, company I, hip, severe. Private John Trimble, company I, thigh, severe. Second Oregon. Wounded: Private Harry L. Stanton, company G, leg, moderate. Private Albert A. Elde, company G, abdomen, severe. Hospital Corps. Wounded: Private Cornelius M. Monahan, leg, severe. Casualties March 7: Killed March 7, near San Pedro Macati: PRIVATE FRANK A. LOVEJOY, company C, OTIS.

Walter J. Huntington of company F lives in Arapahoe. Company I is from Bennett. Charles A. Lewis is however, lived in Lincoln. John Trimble was a member of the company when mustered in and lives in Bennett.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—To The Bee: Following additional casualties reported, March 8, near San Pedro Macati: Wounded, First Nebraska, company F, Corporal Walter J. Huntington, chest, severe; Company I, Privates Charles A. Lewis, hip, severe, and John Trimble, thigh, severe.

GEORGE D. MEIKLEJOHN, Assistant Secretary of War. SOLDIERS HOME FROM MANILA. Seven First Nebraskans Among Arrivals on the Steamer Alameda at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—The steamer Alameda brought a large number of convalescent sick and discharged soldiers from Manila. The soldiers who returned are as follows: First Nebraska. Louis Friez. William A. Coon. Ed Schoopp. George W. Wilson. James Anderson. Louis M. Galt. First Colorado. James R. Cooper. G. A. Baker. William Griffith. William Elk. Frank Griffith. Ed D. Lewis. Hadden Steiner. Von Felle Wagner. H. P. Baker.

Engineer Corps. Norman Griffith. William Johnson. C. P. Banyon. H. Westbrock. Herbert H. Haas.

Return to Manila. WASHINGTON, March 8.—The navy department is informed that the Spanish battleship and the monitor Monterey, which have been in dock at Hong Kong, have arrived at Manila.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Members of the city council with the exception of Mr. Meyer were present at the meeting last night. Trainor started the session by offering a resolution pertaining to the north car track on Q street.

He wanted cars to run on this line or else have the tracks taken up. This track was laid last fall and it is stated at the time that the intention was to operate two cars on the line so as to give the Third ward people and the packing house employes better transportation facilities. As far as is known it has been run over the new tracks and Trainor asserted that they were a nuisance. Barrett made the statement that both the Q street and Albricht stub lines were nuisances the way they were operated now. He thought they would be good idea to have a committee wait upon the street car people for the purpose of seeing what can be done toward bettering the suburban service.

Kelly did not like the tenor of Trainor's resolution and suggested to it on the table. After amending the original resolution several times the question came to a vote and all the amendments as well as the original resolution were lost. It is understood that some steps will be taken shortly to have the stub line service improved.

An ordinance amending the fire limit ordinance was introduced and passed under a suspension of the rules. Barrett wanted a curfew placed at the intersection of Fifteenth and Madison streets in order to make the streets at that point passable. Some little discussion followed and it was finally referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

Mayor Clark Carpenter had read the amended milk ordinance through it was amended so that the ordinance should have been reported on by the judiciary committee first and so the clerk's labors went for naught.

The head of reports Clerk Carpenter reported twenty-six births and twenty-eight deaths during the month of February. Inspector Montague reported all the dairies in good condition and tests made of milk showed it to be pure and of good quality. Treasurer Broadwell stated that there was a balance on hand of \$84,227 at the close of business January 31. In Chief Carroll's report he showed that the street lights had been out for 288 hours during February. The Board of Public Works reported that the light company took exception to these figures and asserted that his instruments showed a loss of only 551 hours. He protested against the council deducting any more from his record and asked that the city be held in warranty for the amount of \$1,000. He filed a claim for damages on account of personal injuries alleged to have been received by reason of a defective sidewalk near the corner of Twenty-fourth and Q streets on February 5. At the suggestion of Mayor Ensor a special committee composed of Kelly, Bennett and Trainor was appointed to investigate the claim.

Treasurer Broadwell made a request for an expert to check up on the finance committee. February bills and salaries were allowed and an adjournment was taken until next Monday night.

In Jail for Window Smashing. Patrick McGrogan is in jail charged with malicious destruction of property, the complaint being filed by Tom Ho. The proprietor of the Chinese restaurant on N street. It is alleged in the complaint that McGrogan threw a brick into a plate glass window at the restaurant, destroying a quantity of dishes and causing injury to the police force asserts that McGrogan is the same man who broke windows in the Magic Theater saloon a few weeks ago. After McGrogan had taken his spite out on the Chinaman he ran for his home where he hid in the trunk of the foot of L street. The young man's father called at the jail last night and asked for his arrest, and the policeman had quite a time making McGrogan get out of the trunk. Capt. Allen of the police force asserts that McGrogan is the same man who broke windows in the Magic Theater saloon a few weeks ago. After McGrogan had taken his spite out on the Chinaman he ran for his home where he hid in the trunk of the foot of L street. The young man's father called at the jail last night and asked for his arrest, and the policeman had quite a time making McGrogan get out of the trunk. Capt. Allen of the police force asserts that McGrogan is the same man who broke windows in the Magic Theater saloon a few weeks ago.

Commercial Club's Bright Prospects. The recently organized Commercial club is starting out with bright prospects for a successful career. John Flynn, the president, has never dabbled in politics to any extent and is one of the most substantial men in the city. He is considered just the man for the place, as he is in a position to devote considerable time to the details of organization. A committee composed of A. H. Murbloek, J. S. Walters, C. S. Haddock, W. S. Whitten and M. G. O'Brien has been appointed to draft by-laws and a constitution.

Insurance People Will Unite. Next Monday evening there will be a meeting of all of the fraternal insurance organizations for the purpose of forming a fraternal league. This league will, it is expected, look out for the interests of the different fraternal societies and if necessary issue fraternal insurance orders have agreed to attend this meeting and it is expected that a strong organization will be perfected. Members of two Workmen lodges, two Modern Woodmen lodges, the Royal Arcanum, the Mecebees, the Independent Order of Foresters, the Woodmen of the World and the Royal Highlanders have agreed to become members of the new order and sign applications to fraternal insurance societies will be first considered.

Cosy Council Chamber. The remodeling of the council chamber has been completed and now the big room presents quite a cozy appearance. Matting has been laid on the floor and the numerous chairs have been replaced by the new cluster lights, which add greatly to the appearance of the room. Ventilation has been provided by a large window in the south wall at the east end and this is a great improvement over the old arrangement. In the city treasurer's and city clerk's office matting has been laid in the halls and about the desks and the walls and ceiling have been repainted. Sinks have been placed in the jail and the chief of police, so that now water can be secured in abundance.

Preparer Will Build. Baltimore, Md., March 8.—The South Omaha Brewing association, announced yesterday that he had secured plans for the erection of five new buildings in this city and that work would commence as soon as possible. The estimated cost of these buildings is \$25,000.

A fine two-story brick structure will be erected at the southeast corner of Twenty-fifth and N streets on the site now occupied by the World's Fair saloon. Another two-story brick building will be put up on Hall-street at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Q streets. At the corner of Thirty-ninth and Q streets a two-story frame building will be built and a structure of the same pattern will be erected at the corner of Thirty-third and W streets. Last year Mr. Jetter bought \$70,000 worth of property in and about this city and he intends spending about as much this year in improvements.

Magie City Gossip. The Third Ward Republican club will meet at Evans' hall tonight. Miss Anna Riley has gone to Chicago to look after business matters. The Seneff club will give a dancing and card party at Masonic hall this evening. Graduates employed at Armour's were using grammar yesterday to loosen up the frozen ground.

The vacant lot at the corner of Twenty-seventh and E streets has been sold to C. W. Timmer. There will be only one day of registration for the spring election and that will be on April 1. Mrs. James Hayes, Twenty-fourth and N streets, about recovered from her recent severe illness. Coroner Swanson will hold an inquest Friday over the remains of Joseph McClellan, a well known business man in the Burlington yards a few days ago. A jury was impaneled at the time, but on account of the inability of the coroner to visit South Omaha the holding of the inquest has been delayed.

It was reported on the streets yesterday afternoon that former Mayor Ed Johnston was having on business matters. A candidate for member of the city council this spring. In times past Johnston has been prominent in politics here, but for the last few months he has lived in Omaha and it was not expected that he would try to break into local politics again.

Church People at a Feast. The women of Unity church served dinner in the parlors of the church Wednesday evening for members of the congregation. Covers were laid for 150 and at the conclusion the following toasts were responded to: "The Scotch and the Puritans," Thomas Kilpatrick; "Religion and Politics," ex-Governor Cronson; "The Future Church," John D. Howe; "The Ladies—Our Hostesses," J. H. Blunt; "The Women's Club and the Church," Mrs. Draper Smith; "From the Pews," W. H. Hanchett; "Making Both Ends Meet," J. Sackett; "The Backslider," C. R. Sherman; "The Deeper Unity," Mrs. C. C. Behlen; "The Religious Banquet," J. J. Boucher; "The Ideal Congregation," Benjamin McClellan; "Unity Club," C. S. Lobingier.

TORTURE A PRIEST HORRIBLY

Ichango Cannibals Cut Off Pieces of Flesh from Living Body and Eat Them and Drink Blood.

SHIP YARDS AND STEAM PUMPS

Plans of Two New Large Combinations Are Practically Arranged for Controlling Business.

CLEVELAND, O., March 8.—The promoters of the shipyard combine have, it is stated, secured an agreement on nearly every shipyard on the Great Lakes.

The owners of the plants selling out to the trust have agreed to take 50 per cent of the amount to be paid for their plants in stock. The Cleveland Shipbuilding company, however, has declined to accept the price offered for its plant. The promoters of the combine say that they will eventually reach an agreement with the latter concern by which it will be brought in. It is understood that the intention to close down a number of smaller shipyards permanently as soon as the new company is organized. The large plants will be enlarged.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Within a short time the International Steam Pump company will be organized and the laws of New Jersey, with a capital of \$2,500,000, divided into \$1,250,000 a per cent cumulative preferred stock and \$1,250,000 common stock. The new company will acquire the control of the business of the late Laidlaw-Dunn-Steam Pump company, with works at Cincinnati; assets, \$500,000. Snow Steam Pump works, with works at Buffalo; assets, \$700,000.

OLD-TIME WHEELMEN MEET. Riders of the "Good Old Ordinary" Form an Organization to Promote Good Fellowship.

Riders of the "good old ordinary" in the Omaha bicycle world feel impelled by the pleasant recollections of good old times to form an association which shall tend to preserve former friendships and keep their memories green.

For the purpose a company, composed of Messrs. George Fullman, W. L. Morris, Oscar Eckhardt, J. E. Eberwiler, Len Liversee, Ed Lytle, M. O. Dixon, W. D. Townsend, H. E. Fredericks, Lou Fleischer, Tom Mickel and E. L. Potter, met last night around a well spread board at the Her Grand.

In order to obviate the inevitable misfortune attendant on the unlucky thirteen a Bee man was impressed into service and the pleasures of the feast were proceeded with under the genial supervision of the president, Mr. Liversee, who filled the chair. The club has arranged for monthly social gatherings of this nature and the members look forward with pleasure to the opening of the season when bicycle runs will be the order of the day.

The date of the next meeting is fixed for April 6.

METHODISTS IN DISTRICT CONFERENCE. The Maryland district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, composed of the Methodist preachers, class leaders, exhortors and Epworth league presidents of this part of the state, convened at Clearmont last night for a four days' meeting. This evening's session was delivered by Rev. J. K. Hicks of Grand City. The meeting is in charge of Rev. O. S. Middleton, presiding elder.

Tragedy Narrowly Averted. LEXINGTON, March 8.—Colonel Jack Chinn publicly attacked ex-State Senator Charles Bronson today. A tragedy was narrowly averted by both being placed under bond. While both are prominent politicians the trouble was caused by a suit brought by Bronson against Chinn and not factional difference.

LOCAL BREVITIES. The police last night confiscated two slot machines at Fieley's saloon on Douglas street. B. Nagarkar has returned from Lincoln, where he delivered a lecture. His subject was "The Death of Mr. Tom G. Franks of Peoria, Ill. Mr. Franks was a member of the executive board of the Royal Neighbors. He died of this city, who is also a member of the executive board, has gone to Peoria to attend the funeral.

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