STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting Awakens Interest in the Work of the Organization.

REPORT OF SECRETARY CALDWELL READ

Association of Nebraska Pioneers Devotes Some Time to Reminiscences—Doings of a Day at the State House.

LINCOLN, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The meeting of the State Historical society, which closed here tonight, has served to awaken public interest in the work that is being conducted by that organization. Much was accomplished during the last year in the way of collecting valuable information concerning the early history of Nebraska, and at the meeting tonight plans were laid for carrying on the work on a still more extensive scale. An increased appropriation by the last legislature enabled the society to enlarge its work, but it has been found insufficient to meet all the demands made for publishing historical information and the expenses of maintaining the society rooms, its library and collections in the manner desired.

In conjunction with the Historical society the Association of Nebraska Pioneers met today and discussed the proposition to consolidate the two organizations. While the object of both is practically the same, it was decided for many reasons to keep the associations distinct from each other. All who are interested in the history of Nebraska are eligible to membership in the Historical society, but only those who settled in Nebraska prior to March 1, 1867, are admitted to membership in the Association of Pioneers, of which there are now about 600 members. The former is a permanent organization and will probably enjoy a rapid growth, while the latter will in the course of time become extinct. The consolidation of the two organizations would necessitate amending the constitutions of both and such action, if attempted, would meet with the decided opposition of the pioneers, who do not desire to lose their identity in an organization whose membership is open to all citizens of the state.

Reminiscences.

The program of the Historical society tonight consisted of reminiscenses of the old overland freighting period. Papers were read by Eugene Munn of University Place, William Fulton of Kansas City, R. M. Rolfe of Nebraska City and Thomas J. Majors of Peru. Concerning the transportation rates charged during the freighting period Mr. Rolfe said:

"The freighting business increased largely in volume every year from 1862 to 1866. According to a census taken for the year 1865 there were employed in the movement of goods, grain and other stores westward from Nebraska City 7,365 wagons, 7,231 mules, 50,712 oxen and 8,385 men, transporting 31,445,428 pounds of freight.

"The customary rate of cattle freight to any point where two trips could be made during the season was $1 per 100 pounds for each 100 miles; sometimes a little more or less, owing to circumstances. Winter rates to Denver were from 10 cents to 12 cents per pound. Salt Lake freight was hauled almost entirely with cattle, as cattle, wagons and the whole paraphernalia of the train had to be sold to the Mormons and California cattle-dealers on arrival at destination.

"The established rate to Salt Lake was 25 cents per pound, although Russell, Majors & Waddell hauled the government freight in large quantities at about 20 cents per pound. Rates to other points were based upon the prices paid to Denver and Salt Lake."

Secretary's Report.

The report of Secretary H. W. Caldwell was read as follows:

"The year which now ends has been by far the most important of any to the Historical society. In the first place the last legislature increased our appropriation from $3,500 to $5,000, thus enabling the society to extend to some extent its work. However, the society, even yet, has less than half the income of any society of any state in the northwest. It seems to me that some way should be found to awaken the legislature to a fuller realization of the value of the work the society has to do and even now is doing. In the second place the amount of valuable material gathered and the number of books received is greater than ever before. The outlook for continued growth is exceedingly good, but the amount of work that ought to be done, compared with the means at command to do it, is so great that the outlook is not so rosy as one might wish.

"The society has published since our last meeting a very valuable volume, consisting of an account of the Wyandotte Indians and the diary of William Walker, the first provisional governor of the unorganized territory of Nebraska. The editing was done by Mr. W. C. Connelly of Beatrice. This volume has been very favorably reviewed by the eastern press and has attracted no small amount of attention. There is now in the hands of the society valuable papers which will soon be published of our proceedings.

"A contract has been let for the publication of a volume of "Biographical Sketches of Nebraska Men," by ex-Senator T. W. Tipton. The manuscript is being revised and prepared for the printer as rapidly as possible and the volume will be issued within at least a few months. Publication of these two volumes will exhaust the funds of the society available for this purpose, leaving unpublished material for at least two more volumes.

"During the year an effort has been made to secure the donation to the society of every paper published in the state. It has been so far successful as to have over 500 papers come regularly to the society. These papers are filed and bound with a cheap binding from time to time. During the last few weeks 712 newspaper files have been arranged and the contract will soon be let for binding them. These, added to those already bound, will make some 1,500 volumes of the leading papers of the state accessible. Already they are used by citizens of the state for many purposes. Fifty or a hundred years from now these volumes will be of the greatest value to the historian of this state and this great northwest.

Growth of the Library.

"In this connection I desire to call your attention to the growth of the library of the society. There are now on the shelves 12,800 volumes; 3,037 of these are bound and 9,763 are pamphlets. While these numbers do not compare with Wisconsin's 200,000 volumes they make a fair beginning and when it is remembered that at least 12,000 out of the 12,800 have been donated or gained by exchange it may be felt that our work is good. Had we even $1,000 a year to invest instead of scarcely $100 the library could be developed much more rapidly.

"One department of the library has been set aside for Nebraska books and material for Nebraska history. May I not urge every member of the society and through them every citizen of the state to help gather Nebraskana. We ought to have in our collection every book and pamphlet published in and about Nebraska. A complete record should here be found of the social, political, industrial and religious history of Nebraska.

"In addition to the library, the museum and collection of curios has developed more during the last year than ever before. The society was fortunate enough to secure five of the exposition cases at a nominal price, so that our collections can now be showed to better advantage than ever before. Those members who have not visited the rooms lately may be surprised to learn that we are about to outgrow the space allotted to us in the library building and that it will soon be necessary for us to begin a campaign for enlarged quarters. I am not sure but the time has come when the society should appoint a committee to look into the future housing of the society.

"I am going to recommend that a new committee be appointed to take charge of the museum and the collection of material illustrative of early Nebraska history and of Indian life. Thus far the society has almost nothing concerning the Indians of Nebraska and now is the time to undertake the collection of their remains.

Preservation of Records.

"Again I wish to call your attention to the apparent indifference that seems to exist in Nebraska concerning the preservation of its records and archives. To illustrate: The entire proceedings of the constitutional convention of 1875 seem to have disappeared or to have been destroyed by the janitors in cleaning house. The problem is, how can the people be interested in our work; especially, how can the attention of the people be called to the necessity of forwarding to us the material necessary to preserve the history of the state and territory?

"Lastly, I wish to call your attention to the fact that we shall have to change our plan of disposing of our publications. The membership of the society is becoming so large that to supply each one free with a copy soon exhausts our number. I suggest that new members be given only the current volume and that all back numbers be furnished only at cost, or a little above. Some of the volumes are already almost exhausted, so that a new edition in a very few years will have to be published. Should not this fund be provided by selling the present output? This matter may perhaps be disposed of best by referring it to the executive committee for action. In conclusion I would then recommend:

"First—That action should be soon taken looking to secure more room.

"Second—That means be considered to arouse increased interest.

"Third—That a committee on museum be appointed.

"Fourth—That the question of the disposal of our own publications be taken into consideration.

"Fifth—That every means be used to secure all the material that bears upon the history of Nebraska.

All officers of the Historial society were re-elected with the exception of Second Vice President Lambertson of this city, C. S. Lobingier of Omaha being selected in his place. The society appointed a special committee to act with a similar committee from the Pioneers in making arrangements for a joint banquet to be held in January, 1901. Another important action was the instruction of the executive committee to use its best means with the next legislature with a view to securing an appropriation for a building for the society.

Horticulturists Meet.

The State Horticultural society held morning and afternoon sessions at the State university today and papers on horticultural subjects were read as follows:

"Propagating Cherry," G. H. Titus, Nehama; "Character and Preparation of Land for Cherry," J. P. Dunlap, Dwight; "Varieties Best Adapted to Nebraska," W. R. Harris, Tecumseh; "Planting and Cultivation," E. F. Stephens, Crete; "Description and Classification," A. J. Brown, Geneva; "Gathering and Marketing," H. Shumacher, York; "Insect Enemies of the Plum and Cherry," Prof. L. Bruner; Paper, Prof. C. E. Bessey, Lincoln; "Plants Suitable for the Farm Home," J. H. Hadkinson, Omaha; "Bulbs," L. C. Chapin, Lincoln; "Peonaes," C. S. Harrison, York; "Care of House Plants," L. Henderson, Omaha; "Propagation of the Plum," G. A. Marshall, Arlington.

Orders have been issued by the adjutant general, discharging Jackson C. Hitchman, Henry H. Genau and Gaius H. Wallace of Company G, Omaha, on their own application, and Samuel H. Codden of the same company, without honor.

The State Board of Transportation this morning awarded the contract for refitting the boilers at the Grand Island Soldiers' and Sailors' home to L. W. Pomerane & Company of this city. The contract price for the work is $1,900.

The Princeton Creamery company of Princeton incorporated with the secretary of state today with a capital stock of $1,600.

The officers of the educational council of the State Teachers' association have appointed a committee on school legislation, consisting of State Superintendent Jackson, Lincoln; Superintendent C. G. Pearse, Omaha; Dr. J. A. Beattie, Peru; Prof. H. B. Ward, Lincoln; Rev. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln; Superintendent C. W. Crum, Madison.

John O. Yeiser of Omaha has permission to file a case in the supreme court calculated to compel the city clerk of Omaha to submit the initiative and referendum proposition to the voters of Omaha at the next municipal election. If granted, he will ask for a writ of mandamus and the case will come up for hearing before the supreme court on January 23.

ADVANTAGES OF BEATRICE

Mayor Jackson Tells of the Inducements the City Offers to Manufacturers.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Mayor H. W. L. Jackson, in talking to The Bee regarding the prospects of Beatrice for the new year and the inducements offered for the investment of capital, said:

"The city of Beatrice offers exceptional advantages for the investment of capital at the present time. Favorably located in the heart of the agricultural region of southeastern Nebraska; with competing lines of railroads sufficiently ample for the distribution of manufactured products, the finest water power in the state and an intelligent and progressive class of citizens offering encouragement to every legitimate enterprise, Beatrice stands ready to welcome every new industry that promises permanent success.

"No point in the state is more favorably located for the manufacture of agricultural implements than this. The local mill manufacturing company has demonstrated what can be done in the manufacturing line. From a modest beginning this enterprise has grown to be the largest in the west, employing daily from 200 to 240 men and distributing its products in all the states as far west as the Pacific. The making of starch and of other cereal products can be done as profitably here as anywhere, as we are in the midst of the raw material. Any of these enterprises will be encouraged by our people."

Mutual Fire Association Meets.

SEWARD, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The fourth annual meeting of the Mutual Protective Fire Association of Nebraska was held here. The reports of the secretary and treasurer show that the number of policies in force January 1, 1899, was 951 and the policies now in force number 1,375. The number of members is 1,091, representing $1,061,582.30 in insurance. Officers were reelected for the year. They are: President, John Kribbeler; vice president, John Zimmerer; secretary, W. S. Dupin; treasurer, J. F. Goehner; directors, H. C. Atwood, I. L. Dermond, J. T. Potter. A resolution was adopted that the salaries should not exceed $125 a month for this year.

Company B is Reorganized.

FULLERTON, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Company B has been reorganized and ex-Lieutenant Joseph A. Storch was elected captain, Sheriff Mat Leach, first lieutenant and ex-Sergeant Will Augustus second lieutenant.

RACING CIRCUIT IS FORMED

Nebraska Speed Association Organized at a Meeting at Hastings.

THREE-DAY RACING MEETS TO BE HELD

Twelve Towns Included and Permanent Officers Named—Dates and Purses to Be Decided Upon at a Later Date.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Speed association was organized at a meeting here and a state racing circuit arranged. Horsemen from these towns were present: Fremont, York, McCool, Kearney, Orleans, Indianola, Geneva, Hubbell, Superior, Osceola, Clay Center and Hastings.

W. P. McCleary of Hastings was made chairman and A. H. Farrens secretary. A committee on program was appointed, consisting of Ronian of Fremont, Means of Orleans and Mines of Hastings. By vote the committee was instructed to arrange for three days' racing at each place. The committee on program brought in this report for racing, trotting and running races, which was adopted:

First day: 2:35 pacing race, 2:25 trot, half-mile and repeat.

Second day: 2:18 pacing race, 2:45 trot, 2:30 trot and three-quarter-mile and repeat running race.

Third day: 2:12 pace, 2:19 trot, 2:23 pace and half-mile dash running race.

All harness races are to be best three out of five.

The temporary organization was made permanent.

It was agreed that the executive committee be composed of the president and secretary and one member from each town in the circuit. President McCreary appointed Fields of Fremont, Smith of Kearney, Theams of Orleans, Rodgers of Geneva, Owens of Hubbell, Snyder of Osceola, Smith of McCool, McLeod of Minden, Mines of Hastings and Bradshaw of Superior. It was also agreed that five members should constitute a quorum. The committee was given full power to act in all cases.

The executive committee will later decide upon dates and purses.

National Bank Elections.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The three national banks of the city elected these officers for the year:

First National—Thomas Wolfe, president; George Schweser, vice president; F. E. Schaaf, cashier.

City National—B. O. Perkins, president; Arthur Wyatt, vice president; E. Williams, cashier; C. O. Crosthwaite, assistant cashier.

Central Nebraska National—I. E. Doty, president; John Kleshman, vice president; M. E. Bauer, cashier; E. J. Dworak, assistant cashier.

After the election the officers, directors and stockholders held the annual banquet. This has been the most successful business year since the organization of either of the banks. The deposits are 25 per cent greater than one year ago.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—At its annual election last evening the directors of the Bank of Cass County named these officers for the year: Charles C. Parmele, president; B. S. Ramsey, vice president; J. M. Patterson, cashier; T. M. Patterson, assistant cashier. A cash dividend of 10 per cent was declared.

CRETE, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the stockholders and officers of the First National bank was held yesterday. H. S. Fuller, as vice president, and L. H. Dennison, director, retiring as officers of the institution. The new director and officers are: President, John L. Tidball; vice president, G. M. Murphy; cashier, C. W. Wickbach; assistant cashier, Vincent Spirk; new directors, G. M. Murphy, Gus Myer and Albert L. Johnson, manager of Crete mills.

Treasurer Maurer is Acquitted.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The impeachment proceedings brought against George Maurer, treasurer of Gage county, which have been before the Board of Supervisors for two weeks, came to an end today. The board acquitted Maurer of all charges and ordered the case dismissed and costs assessed against the complainant. The charges in general were malfeasance in office. The close of the trial was marked by a warm tilt between the opposing attorneys, Colby and Dorsey, for the prosecution, and R. W. Sabin, for the defense.

Poultry Show at Red Cloud.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The first annual exhibition of the Interstate Poultry association opened this morning. The officers have worked hard to make this initial exhibit a success and the result is beyond their expectations. Over 500 birds are entered, comprising a large number of varieties.

Premiums offered will aggregate $300, of which $200 is cash. Exhibitors are here from all parts of the South Platte country and a large number from Kansas. L. P. Harris of Palmyra is judge.

Boer Sympathy Meeting to Be Held.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Fifty men have signed a petition calling a meeting for Thursday evening, January 18. The meeting is to be held in response to the appeal of the Holland society of New York, which asks for sympathy and contributions for the wives and orphans of Boer and Orange Free State soldiers. These committees have been named. Speaking, E. A. Gilbert, lieutenant governor; T. E. Sedgwick and M. C. Frank; finance, J. M. Bell, D. C. Corcoran; resolutions, S. H. Sedgwick, C. F. Gilbert and J. B. Conway.

District Court Dates.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The court calender, as issued by Judges Letton and Stull for the First district, during the coming year announces the holding of sessions in the different counties as follows: Johnson county, March 12, May 21, September 17; Richardson, January 29, May 7, October 8; Pawnee, April 2, June 11, November 26; Nemaha, February 26, June 4, November 12; Jefferson, January 29, May 7, November 12; Gage, March 5, May 14, September 17.

Miss Phillips to Help Rev. Hodgetts.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Special revival services have been held for the last week at Trinity Methodist Episcopal church and are progressing finely. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Hodgetts, has so far been alone in the work, with the exception of what help the neighboring pastors have been able to give him. He is in the very near future to be assisted by the noted evangelist, Miss Mae Phillips.

Company Must Move Its Wires.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Telephone company was not successful in the injunction suit brought at its own behalf to restrain it from removing its poles and wires from Main street to the alleys, in compliance with an ordinance passed by the city council. Three men had their names withdrawn from the petition before the day set for trial by Judge Ramsey in the district court.

Wants $10,000 for a Leg.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Broder Hanson has sued the Fremont Brewing company for $10,000. He says a large tank in the brewery fell over and injured his leg. He says he paid out $350 for nursing and medical attendance.

Hastings Man Among Manila Dead.

HASTINGS, Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Arthur J. Edgerton, whose name appeared in this morning's Bee in the list of dead at Manila, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Edgerton of Hastings. Arthur Edgerton enlisted in the Thirty-second regiment last September, together with about twelve other Hastings young men and he was considered one of the strongest and bravest in his company. His death was caused by dysentery.

Two Farm Mortgage Records.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Jefferson county mortgage record for December shows: Filed, twenty-six; amount, $35,804; released, thirty-two, $31,289.90; city—filed, 4, $1,460; released, seven, $2,598; chattel—filed, ninety-two, $43,076.87; released, 110, $32,037.80.

The last six months' record shows a reduction in farm mortgages from $198,315.73 to $184,517.53 and in city mortgages from $27,226.35 to $25,608.80.

SEWARD, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Seward county's mortgage record for the month of December: Farm mortgages filed, thirty-three, $43,710; released, forty-six, $32,231.25. City mortgages filed, five, $1,648.75; released, four, $1,332. Chattel mortgages filed, eighty-eight, $26,543.72; released, forty-seven, $8,184.56.

Governor Poynter at Ord.

ORD, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Governor W. A. Poynter was in Ord last evening in the interest of the American Order of Protection, the new fraternal organization recently formed. He is supreme commander. An open meeting was held at the court house early in the evening. The governor delivered an address. Later there was a banquet at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' hall.

Cadets at the Normal School.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Three companies of cadets have recently been organized at the Fremont Normal school, each company numbering fifty. Arrangements are being made to secure guns for the companies and also suitable uniforms. Lieutenant A. M. Lang, late of the First South Dakota volunteers, is in charge of the drill work.

Agricultural Society Officers.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Butler County Agricultural society at its annual meeting yesterday elected these officers for the year: President, C. W. Derby; vice president, W. M. Bunting; secretary, E. G. Hall, treasurer, C. W. Bennison. The society will hold its annual fair the first week in September.

To Go to Cuba with Recruits.

FORT CROOK, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—In compliance with orders from the adjutant general's office, Sergeants John A. Gallagher and J. M. Troutman of the Tenth infantry, departed today for Governor's Island, N. Y. At that place they will be placed in charge of a detachment of recruits and proceed to Matanzas, Cuba.

Supervisors Organize.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Board of Supervisors of Clay county held its first meeting yesterday and organized by electing J. H. Richert as chairman. The present janitor was retained for the court house. The board stands two republicans and five fusionists.

Probably Fatally Hurt by a Fall.

DECATUR, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Frank Holmes was thrown from his buggy yesterday evening and sustained serious injuries. One of his arms was broken in three places. His recovery is doubtful.

DEATH RECORD.

Old Settler Drops Dead.

DES MOINES, Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Former Supervisor E. M. Adams, aged 88, one of the first men to settle in Johnson county, was found dead in the stable of his farm in Cedar township. Early in the afternoon he had gone out to his cattle yard and, not returning within a reasonable time, search was made and his body found behind the watering trough. He built the first sawmill erected in Johnson county.

Historic Civil War Character.

NEW YORK, Jan 10.—Colonel A. D. Hope died at his home at Roselle, N. J., today after a lingering illness. Colonel Hope, who was 83 years old, had charge of the first train to carry troops during the Civil war to Washington.

FIRE RECORD.

Tramps May Have Fired a Church.

BRIGGS, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The North Side Methodist Episcopal church was destroyed by fire yesterday. It is supposed to have been set on fire by tramps sleeping in the building.

Denver Machine Shops.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 10.—The foundry and machine shops of the F. M. Davis Iron Works company were totally destroyed by fire this evening. The loss is about $150,000.

Child Buried Without a Permit.

A small boy entered the city jail late Wednesday afternoon and "tipped off" a story to the police that was filled with interesting possibilities. He said he lived near the corner of Tenth and Bancroft and that while he was playing near there with other boys Tuesday evening they saw a man approach the corner of a vacant lot in the vicinity and bury a pine box that looked suspiciously like a coffin. He told the incident to his mother the next day and she sent him to the station with the information. Detectives Heelan and Johnson were loaded into a wagon along with spades and a bevy of newspaper reporters and instructed to ferret out the mystery. A mound of fresh earth was found in a vacant lot near the corner of Tenth and Bancroft, as designated by the boy, and the two detectives uncovered a rough pine coffin that was buried a few feet below the surface. It contained the body of a male infant about 6 months old. Coroner Swanson was notified at once by telephone and took charge of the remains.

The property where the infant was buried was found to belong to the Rescue Home tract, which is under the control of N. J. Smith. Smith said that he knew the body had been buried there and had given his permission. He had not the slightest idea, he said, that he was acting contrary to a city ordinance. The child belonged to Frank Tremain, 2708 South Thirteenth street, and being too poor to pay any expenses of a funeral he made its grave in the corner of the ten-acre Rescue Home lot. Two prominent physicians of the city attended the infant during its illness. Smith was taken to the police station and arrested on the charge of "removing a corpse for burial within the corporate limits of the city of Omaha without a permit from the Board of Health."

Omaha Veteran Firemen.

The yearly meeting of the Omaha Veteran Firemen's association was held Wednesday night in Chief Redell's office in the city hall. John Baumer, second vice president, presided. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the association to be in a flourishing condition. There are now forty-eight active members. Since the founding of the association in 1887 twenty members have died. An invitation was read from the Veteran Firemen's association of Louisville, Ky., asking them to attend the opening of the new hall in that city during June. It was accepted unanimously. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, John Baumer; first vice president, James Donnelly, jr.; second vice president, Charles Gruenig; secretary, F. H. Koesters; treasurer, Julius Treitschke. The next meeting will be held the second Wednesday in April.

Small Fire.

Fire started in the two-story frame residence of J. J. Cortelyou, 1911 Davenport street, at 3 o'clock this morning. The building and furniture were badly damaged by smoke and fire. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective chimney in the basement.

Alabama Judge Assassinated.

FLORENCE, Ala., Jan. 10.—Judge W. B. McClure, judge of the probate court of Lauderdale county, was shot by an unknown assassin some time last night. Today his body was found in the street, the rain beating on the upturned face. The body had been riddled with buckshot.

Bryan Busy at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 10.—W. J. Bryan put in a busy day in this city today preparatory to the mass meeting and banquet tonight. He arrived at 8 o'clock, held an informal reception at his hotel after breakfast, at 11 o'clock, met the state democratic committee to talk over the campaign in Minnesota and immediately thereafter conferred with the county chairman. At 1 o'clock he attended a reception at the Commercial club and at 3 o'clock conferred with representative gold democrats interested in anti-trustism and anti-imperialism, with a view to reconciling them to the party.

MOLINEUX DID NOT BUY IT

Clerk Who Sold Holder Sent to Cornish Testifies in Mrs. Adams Murder Trial.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—In the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Adams, the most important witness was Miss Emma E. Miller, a clerk in Hartdegan's store in Newark, N. J. She testified that on December 21, 1898, she sold a silver holder to a man. She identified the holder sent to Cornish, which contained a bottle of poison, as the one she sold on December 21. The direct examination of Miss Miller was brief and she was turned over to Mr. Weeks, counsel for the defendant. Mr. Weeks at once put the witness and the defendant face to face, asking:

"Miss Miller, did Mr. Molineux buy the silver bottle-holder from you?" Molineux stood up and the witness looked at him intently for a moment, then she replied:

"No, sir, he did not buy the bottle-holder of me."

"Are you sure?"

"Positive," answered the witness firmly.

On re-direct examination Miss Miller described her previous meeting with Molineux when she pronounced him not the purchaser of the bottle-holder.

SMOKE STRANGLES FIREMEN

About Forty Overcome, but All Are Rescued Before Seriously Injured.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—During a fire which today burned a five-story building occupied by bowling alleys and a gymnasium at 308 and 310 West Fifth-ninth street three engine company crews who responded to the first alarm were with few exceptions overcome by the smoke, though nearly all of the men returned to work. Many had to be dragged out of the smoking apartments.

Charles Metzel of engine 23 breathed flames and was the most seriously affected.

Altogether about forty men were overcome by the dense smoke from the pine boards of the bowling alley.

Later the flames broke out again. The firemen, who were endeavoring to locate the fire were overcome so quickly that soon the sidewalks were filled with unconscious men, over whom physicians were working.

Fifteen who failed to revive were sent to hospitals.

The fire made rapid headway and the smoke was dense. Six feet of water had collected in the cellar and there was a rumor that one fireman had been overcome and drowned.

PACKING HOUSE STATISTICS

Much More Liberal Marketing of Hogs is Noted for the Past Week.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The Price Current says: Hogs have been mrketed in much more liberal numbers the last week. Western packings are 570,000, compared with 425,000 the preceding week and 570,000 a year ago. From November 1 the total is 5,185,000, against 6,290,000 last year. Prominent places compare as follows:

City.	1900.	1899.
Chicago	1,725,000	2,170,000
Kansas City	550,000	770,000
Omaha	445,000	520,000
St. Louis	370,000	475,000
Indianapolis	234,000	322,000
Milwaukee	223,000	295,000
Cincinnati	165,000	270,000
St. Joseph	281,000	285,000
Ottumwa	169,000	181,000
Cedar Rapids	78,000	128,000
Sioux City	129,000	105,000
St. Paul	90,000	95,000
Nebraska City	57,000	64,000

"I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my health and life. It cured me of lung trouble following grippe." Thousands owe their lives to the prompt action of this never failing remedy. It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate relief.

Homesick Americans in Cuba.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A sad story of a large number of distressed and homesick Americans who became interested in a settlement at La Gloria, in the province of Puerto Principe, was told today by Robert Hall, a St. Joseph (Mo.) business man, who arrived on the steamer Olinda from Cuba. He dwelt upon the little employment obtainable and said that many were suffering for lack of the ordinary necessities of life. Many have not the means to purchase passage back to the United States.

Arrest Confederate Money Dealer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—On the unusual charge of dealing in confederate states money, F. M. Davis, who conducts a general mail order business in Monroe street, has been arrested by government officers and held to the federal grand jury by United States Commissioner Humphrey. If an indictment results the case will be made a test in the United States district court and if a conviction is returned all persons dealing in confederate money, even as curios, will be liable to prosecution.

Another Advance in Wages.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 10.—The bimonthly examination of reports of bar iron sales for November and December was completed this afternoon by the officials of the Amalgamated association and resulted in an advance of 25 cents per ton for puddling, making the rate $5.75. The wages of finishers are also increased. This is an advance of nearly 44 per cent since April, 1899, and makes the highest wages paid iron workers since the boom of 1879-80.

Monument Over Nelson Kneass.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Jan. 10.—The Nelson-Kneass Monument association, organized in Chillicothe, has for its object the erection of a monument over the grave of Nelson Kneass, who wrote the music for "Ben Bolt." His body is buried in the Chillicothe cemetery. Kneass died here in 1879 and the slab which marked his grave has been clipped away by relic hunters until nothing remains of it.

Historic Hartford Starts on Cruise.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The Hartford, Admiral Farragut's historic flagship, sailed this afternoon on a cruise to New York in charge of Commander Hawley. The old war ship has a complement of 540 men on board. The Hartford will first call at San Diego and then proceed to Valparaiso and Montevideo and from there it will proceed to New York.

Banker Pleads Guilty.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—In the criminal branch of the United States circuit court Louis E. Goldsmith, assistant cashier of the Port Jervis National bank, accused of having embezzled funds of the bank to the amount of $54,000 and of having falsified the books of the institution, pleaded guilty and was remanded until Friday for sentence.

Allow Goats and Sheep to Graze.

DENVER, Jan. 10.—A special to the Republican from Santa Fe, N. M., says: Forest Superintendent W. H. Buntain announced that the secretary of the interior, upon the request of Land Commissioner Hinger Hermann, Governor Otero and many petitioners, had decided to allow goats and sheep to graze on the Gila forest reserve for the present.

Tugs Get Out of the Ice.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Jan. 10.—The tugs Anna, Augur and Bos of the local fishing fleet, which were in a perilous position in the ice off this port all last night, reached the harbor safely. Their crews suffered greatly from exposure and had nothing to eat for twenty-four hours.

Bryan at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 10.—This evening W. J. Bryan, Mayor Gray, Governor Lind and others addressed a large crowd at the exposition building. At the conclusion of the speeches a banquet was held at the West hotel, at which between 500 and 600 were present.

ROBERTS IS AT CAPE

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Kruger sent word to the Boer headquarters asking why Ladysmith had not been attacked, and that the reply was: 'We should lose too many men.'

"His answer to this excuse was the suggestion that the Free Staters might be put in the forefront. This hint was taken and the attack delivered.

"President Kruger's advice was so good that the Free Staters behaved better than the Transvaalers have done. At all events they managed to seize a hill. Later in the day the Transvaalers retired before General White's counter attack, amid the jeers of the Free Staters, who actually stuck to their position until they were bayonetted in the ditch. After this affair it is almost certain that the allies will quarrel.

"A heavy gun mounted on Umbulwana hill has been firing since daybreak. Evidently the siege of Ladysmith is still maintained."

DO NOT RECOGNIZE HOLLIS

Boers Pursue the Same Course as They Did with Consul Macrum.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: The State department has no information indicating that Consul Hollis at Pretoria is receiving from the Boer government any more recognition as representative of British interests than was vouchsafed to Consul Macrum before he abandoned his post. No dispatches on the subject have been received from him, nor has the British government made formal complaint that it is not receiving the intelligence it desired from Mr. Hollis regarding the names and condition of prisoners confined at Pretoria, but in the absence of definite knowledge the State department officials are disposed to believe that President Kruger does not intend to permit the United States consul to represent any other interests than those of a strictly American commercial character.

Whether there will be any modification of this attitude when Consul Hay reaches his post at Pretoria about the last of this month is problematical, but in the meantime no question of the Boers' conduct of the affair is likely to come to an issue.

That the treatment accorded to the efforts of the United States representative, who is presumed to maintain his strict neutrality, causes chagrin to this government is undeniable. The good offices exercised in behalf of the Prussians at Paris by Minister Washburne and for the French at Berlin by Minister Bancroft were above the suspicion of either belligerent, and what they accomplished was of inestimable value to the civilized world.

When China and Japan fought each welcomed the assumption of responsibility in the other's territory by American diplomatic and consular officials and in the recent war with Spain the impartial devotion shown by British officials on both sides mitigated many of the horrors of conflict, especially at Santiago de Cuba. It is possible that the long residence of Consul Hollis in British Africa may be at the bottom of the Boer attitude. He lived for some time in Capetown, where his father was consul, and in the last ten years has held consular positions at Durban, Mozambique and Lourenzo Marquez.

NO REPORT ON CASUALTIES

Curious Dispatch from Buller—Gives Boer Losses at Ladysmith—No Mention of British.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The War office announces that the list of British casualties at Ladysmith last Saturday has not yet been received.

The following dispatch, dated at Frere camp January 10, noon, has been received from General Buller:

"A Transvaal telegram gives the enemy's loss at Ladysmith on Saturday as four killed and fifteen wounded and this after, as is admitted, they had endured a withering fire from six masked batteries and been defeated at all points.

"Natives here assert that the Boer loss in one commando alone was 150 killed and wagonloads of wounded. The heaviest loss is said to have been among the Free Staters, who were forced by the Transvaalers into the most dangerous places."

This curious dispatch is all the War office has issued tonight. It makes not the slightest mention of the position or doings of the British forces. It may be interpreted to mean that Ladysmith is safe, but it is more likely intended to prepare the British public for a terrible list of casualties.

Boer Successes Cause Enthusiasm.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Monday, says:

"The Boer successes have been followed by a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm and Boer sympathy in the western part of the colonies. Reports from Paarl say the whole district is made hideous at night by bands of young men parading in the villages and singing the Transvaal volksleid, while the children are everywhere practicing the national songs of the republics. The following are specimens of statements believed by the western Dutch:

"Buller and Rhodes are prisoners" and "2,000 Boers secretly sailed and captured Capetown."

Cruiser Ordered to Durban.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 10.—The minister of marine, J. C. Jansen, has instructed the commander of the Dutch cruiser Friesland, now at Lourenzo Marquez, to proceed to Durban and take on board the Dutch ambulance intended for the Transavaal and the stores sent out for the Friesland itself, which form part of the cargo of the Herzog.

CLEVELAND STREET CAR RIOT

Mob Resents Injury to a Farmer and is Held at Bay with Revolvers.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 10.—A Broadway street car of the Big Consolidated company today struck Edward Addis, a farmer, dragging him for sixty feet. He was badly injured. A crowd of several hundred people quickly gathered. Threats were made of lynching the crew and a number of men attempted to drag the conductor and motorman from the car.

With the aid of crews of other cars, which had come up, the crowd was held at bay with revolvers. Meantime a riot call was turned in and a patrol wagon full of policemen was dispatched to the scene. When the police arrived the motorman of the Broadway car had succeeded in running his car away from the crowd.

Finnish Junta Active.

CALUMET, Mich., Jan. 10.—The Finnish junta, which is agitating for American aid in restraining the czar from oppressing Finland, has headquarters here. Its members estimate that as many as 55,000 Fins will immigrate this year and that practically all of them will come to the northwest.

Rod Men Demand a Raise.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 10.—The rod mill workers employed by the American Steel company in this city have demanded an increase in wages of 12½ per cent and say that unless their demands are conceded by next Monday they will go out. Several thousand mill workers would be affected.

Lumbermen Discuss Prices.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 10.—White pine lumbermen from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota met here this afternoon to discuss the various elements that go to determine prices. Notes were compared as to the demand in various sections, stocks on hand and the probable cut. While no formal or binding agreement was made as to prices the conference reached an understanding.

Three Skaters Drowned.

BAYSVILLE, Ont., Jan. 10.—While skating on the Lake of Bays Thomas Brown, jr., aged 19, Margaret Brown, 21, and Jan Brown, 17, children of Thomas Brown, ran into an opening in the ice near Black Point and were all drowned. The bodies of the two girls have been recovered.

Const Contributes Ten Thousand.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Major General Shafter has sent to Adjutant General Corbin a draft for $9,494, the contributions to the Lawson fund from the people of this coast. There are sufficient sums reported on its way to General Shafter to make the final total $10,121.

Former Postmaster General Ill.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 10.—William F. Wilson, formerly postmaster general, passed through Kansas City today en route to Arizona, where he will spend the winter in the hope of finding relief from pulmonary troubles.

New York Banks Consolidate.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The National Bank of Commerce and the National Union bank of New York City are to consolidate. The new bank will have a capital of $10,000,000 and its president will be Joseph C. Hendrix.

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