LINCOLN REFORM MOVEMENT

First Methodist Church Takes Active Steps in City Campaign.

MAYOR AND OTHERS JOIN IN THE PLAN

Concerted Effort Urged Against the Ring Rule that is Said to Prevail—Scheme to Control the Primaries.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—A reform movement in the Lincoln municipal campaign has been started by the First Methodist church. In the newspapers and at the conclusion of the morning service, Rev. Fletcher L. Wharton, pastor, announced that the evening service today would be devoted to a discussion of city politics, and tonight the church auditorium was crowded to its capacity, over 2,000 people being present. After the sermon by the pastor, brief addresses were made by Mayor Winnett, J. E. Miller, Dr. F. S. Stein and others, all advocating a concerted effort against the ring rule said to prevail in parts of the city government.

The pastor urged the holding of mass meetings in every ward, and the nomination, by petition if necessary, of men who can be trusted to discharge public duties faithfully. Reference was made to the too close relation said to exist between the corporations and members of the city council.

No sensational charges against any official were made, but the talks were plainly to the point that the element which now appears uppermost in the city control should be fought to a finish from the primaries to the election. The chief complaint was against the operations of the so-called ward politicians, and many, if not a majority, of the members of the city council.

NEW POSTMASTERS IN CHARGE

Colonel Edgar Takes Hold at Beatrice and R. W. Montgomery at Alliance.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Colonel Edgar assumed his official duties as postmaster this afternoon. When interviewed he said: "Time has wrought such development and improvement in the postal service that I find my experience of twenty years ago of little avail. I shall make few changes, if any, in the working force. This office stands in the front rank as one of the model offices of the country, much of which is due to the efficiency of the clerical force as now organized. I shall aim to keep the office up to its present standard by living up to the laws myself and requiring all employes to do likewise."

ALLIANCE, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—R. W. Montgomery, the newly-appointed postmaster in this city, took possession of the office last evening, J. S. Paradis retiring. Mr. Montgomery, who has been claim agent for the Burlington here for a number of years, resigned that position a few days ago in order to accept the new appointment. Miss Daisy Montgomery has been appointed deputy and Miss Anna Wills assistant.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Frank Fleming of this city received an appointment yesterday from the government as mail clerk on the run between this place and Denver at $1,200 a year. Mr. Fleming took the civil service examination a year ago and received a grade of 97 per cent.

REJOICING IN BOYD COUNTY

Settlers Now Have Opportunity to Perfect Entry to Lands Under Homestead Laws.

SPENCER, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—News of the action of the State Board of Public Lands and Funds in the matter of relinquishing the rights of the state to lands settled upon prior to the government survey by homesteaders on the abandoned Fort Randall military reservation in Boyd county was received throughout this county with satisfaction, as it gives to these settlers a chance to perfect entry to the lands under the homestead laws of the United States, which they have been trying to do for several years. The state had title to only part of the lands, but their preference right to all of the lands made it impossible for the settlers to make entry until the record was cleared at Washington.

The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad are hurrying matters as fast as possible in the extension of their road to this place. The village has taken a vigorous start in the way of new buildings and new businesses. There are four new lumber yards, two new stores under way and many other improvements were begun within the last thirty days.

CLERGYMAN UNDER ARREST

Rev. Amos P. Messler, Formerly of Humboldt, Accused of Embezzlement.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Many Humboldt people were surprised to hear the first of the week of the arrest of Rev. Amos P. Messler of Marion, Ind., on a charge of embezzlement, preferred by his brother, Israel Messler, a farmer living near Huntington, Ind. Rev. Messler was a resident of this place last year, having left in the fall for Marion, his former home, after spending an unprofitable year on a farm near this city. Rev. Messler was a Seventh-Day Adventist minister, and was apparently possessed of considerable wealth, as he came here a little over a year ago and bought a fine farm, paying a good price therefor, and then spent much more in stocking the same. Within a few months, however, he suddenly sold the place and hastily took his departure. Shortly thereafter an officer appeared on the scene with a warrant charging embezzlement, it being claimed that he was handling money for his brother and was short $7,000. Search has since been going on and only last week was the fugitive located in Indianapolis. At the time of his arrest he turned over a large sum of money.

Mrs. William Curtis, Wood River.

WOOD RIVER, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. William Curtis, one of the oldest residents of this city, died at 1 o'clock this afternoon after a long illness. She was born in Morrison, Ill., came to Wood River with her husband twenty years ago and has since made this her home. She leaves a husband and two daughters.

Impersonates Miss Anthony.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—A crowded house assembled last night at the parlors of Mrs. M. A. Cotton, the occasion being the celebration of the 82d birthday anniversary of Miss Susan B. Anthony by the Women's Suffrage association of this place. Miss Anthony was impersonated by Miss Gertrude Norris, who gave a recitation of a retrospective nature, prepared for her by M. H. Marble. Laura A. Greggs of Omaha spoke on the subject of suffrage.

The Non-Irritating Cathartic

Easy to take, easy to operate—

Hood's Pills

GROOM HELD FOR ABDUCTION

Leon C. Bouck Arrested on Complaint of His Young Bride's Father.

EMERSON, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Leon C. Bouck, aged 22, and Miss Pearl Harper, aged 15, eloped to Sioux City Wednesday and were married by a justice of the peace. J. W. Hooper, father of the bride, had a warrant sworn out, charging the groom with abduction. The young couple were apprehended in South Sioux City Friday and Bouck spent the second night of his honeymoon in jail at Dakota City. Yesterday morning the elopers were brought back to Emerson, the bride taken to the home of her parents and the groom before a justice of the peace and held for a hearing next Friday under $500 bonds, which he furnished.

Commercial Club at Table Rock.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Thirty business men of Table Rock assembled at the State bank last night to arrange to meet the Kansas City Commercial club, which is to arrive here Monday morning at 10 o'clock and remain here half an hour, on a junketing tour west. Hon. C. H. Norris was chosen president and F. H. Taylor secretary, and a reception committee of ten was appointed to show courtesy to the club.

Rev. M. B. Jefferson Resigns.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The Fremont bowling team beat the Nationals of Omaha last evening by 171 pins. Deitz did the best work for the Fremont team. Score: Fremont, 2,520; Nationals, 2,351.

Fremonts Beat Nationals.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Rev. M. B. Jefferson, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, has tendered his resignation to the vestry and it will be accepted.

MAIL TRIBUTE TO RAILWAYS

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wanton destruction. The government offered the owner of these trees $125,000, conditioned on the approval of congress, but he flatly refused to accept, demanding that congress pay whatever the trees would scale or, if not that, then a sentimental value, which the Department of Agriculture has thought was a "hold up" proposition.

There is a bill pending in congress to condemn the acreage above mentioned for national park purposes, but as the bill has had a rocky road to travel Representative Lacey conceived the idea of taxing all manufactured articles from these big trees in order that it might put a stop to the vandalism contemplated in their cutting.

The trees, according to the most scientific experts, are 6,000 years old, and they exist only in ten isolated groves on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada mountains and nowhere else in the world.

Desecration of Lumbermen.

Lumbering is rapidly sweeping them off and according to the latest reports forty mills and logging companies are now at work wholly or in part upon big tree timber. The big trees are unique in the world, the grandest, the largest, the oldest, the most majestically graceful of trees, and if it were not enough to be all this they are among the scarcest of known tree species, having the extreme scientific value of being the best living representatives of a former geological age. According to scientists it is a tree which has come down to us through the vicissitudes of many centuries, solely because of these superb qualifications. Its bark is often two feet thick and almost non-combustible. The latest specimens felled are still sound at the heart and fungus is an enemy unknown to it. Yet, with all these means of maintenance, the big trees have apparently not increased their range since the glacial epoch.

Congressman Lacey is an enthusiast for their protection and he proposed to make it warm for the owners of big trees who, impregnated with the commercialism of the age, are determined to realize upon their investments by felling trees and converting the lumber into staves and posts. He concedes their right to do this, but believes that the government should come forward and save the big trees from the blight of the axman.

"Vandalism," said Congressman Lacey, "is rampant; old ideals are being destroyed; landmarks full of history are giving way to towering structures or torn down to meet the advancing spirit of the century. But the trees should be saved. There are some people in the world who would take the bones of their grandmothers and grind them up and sell them for snuff."

WOMAN LECTURER ARRESTED

Is Accused of Disorderly Conduct and Handling Foul Literature.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 16.—Margaret L. Sheppard was arrested this afternoon on two warrants at the Odd Fellows' temple, where she was about to lecture. One warrant charged disorderly conduct and the other the selling and distribution of obscene literature.

The woman was taken to the police station and gave bond for her appearance in police court tomorrow. The warrants were sworn out by representatives of two local Catholic orders. Her lecture announced for tonight was cancelled, but she declared her intention to remain in the city and fight the charges.

PLUMBERS TO RAISE PRICES

Masters from Omaha and Elsewhere Prepare for Action at Missouri Convention.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Men prominent in the plumbing business in Omaha, Chicago and other cities of the west will attend the state convention of the Master Plumbers' association of Missouri here Tuesday, in the hope of influencing uniform action on a schedule of prices, which are on the whole to be advanced, and to secure legislation providing for state inspectors with large powers to enforce advanced sanitary principles.

GETS NEAREST SOUTH POLE

Charles E. Borchgrevink Within Eight Hundred Miles of Explorers' Coveted Goal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Charles E. Borchgrevink, the Antarctic explorer, arrived in New York today on the steamship Etruria. Tonight he told in an interview of how, in 1899, he and a party of scientists had reached the 78th degree, 50th minute, south latitude, about 800 miles from the south pole, and the most extreme southern point that any map has ever reached.

MINING IN THE BLACK HILLS

Active Preparations to Develop Mere South Dakota Properties.

HUGE REDWOOD TIMBERS IN DEMAND

Impervious to Decay, They Are Wanted for Woodwork of Smelting Plants of Several Companies Around Deadwood.

LEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The Homestake Mining company has purchased of the Galena Mining and Smelting company a quantity of redwood timbers and will use them in the construction of the new 600-ton cyanide plant at Gayville. There are several carloads of the timbers, which were brought from Washington several years ago by the Union Hill company when Francis C. Grable's enterprises were in the ascendancy, and were intended for the smelter projected by the Union Hill company at Galena. The Union Hill company was succeeded by the Galena Mining and Smelting company after the smelter project had been abandoned. Some of the timbers are of enormous dimensions, one of them being hauled away from Galena recently by the Homestake that made a big load for a narrow gauge flatcar, and protruded beyond the car at each end. It is a species of cedar, and is almost absolutely impervious to decay, hence its value for mill building.

Cutting Timber Near Galena.

George L. Griggs and James Secoy of Galena are cutting timber on the property of the Galena Mining and Smelting company near Galena and furnishing mine timbers and lumber to the Clover Leaf Gold Mining company at Rubaix and ties to the Burlington railroad. They are employing a large number of men, their payroll amounting to $3,000 a month. The timber is hauled out of the region by teams at present, but as soon as the Burlington can complete its line into the district the contractors will have better transportation facilities. The rails have been laid, but owing to the frost in the ground the trackbed has not been surfaced and it is not considered safe to run trains.

George Bachman, who has been working the Monarch mine under lease for several years, has increased his working force. Mr. Bachman has been working the property in a small way heretofore, as the ore was found in narrow pipes, and it was impossible for more than one or two men to work at a time. Much of this ore ran as high as $90 a ton and was shipped in sacks to the Deadwood smelter. There has lately been a widening of the ore stringers and the grade continued excellent. The ground belongs to the Golden Reward, and is on the divide between Spruce and Two-Bit gulches, three miles from Deadwood.

Going Deeper in Mother Earth.

The Globe Mining company, whose property is situated adjoining the townsite of Lead on the west, has drifted 100 feet through the slates from its main tunnel. The slates are highly mineralized and there is a great deal of ledge matter exposed, but it is considered too near the surface, and the company intends to open up the property at greater depth.

The University Gold Mining company is working in a large body of pyritic ore a few miles north of Custer. The ore was recently discovered in the main tunnel, and is being followed in a winze. The vein is wider than the tunnel and goes down at an angle of about forty-five degrees. It is a quartz, heavily impregnated with pyrites of iron, and the sulphur is so strong that its odor is almost offensive while the miners are working their drills in the material. Assays have been made, giving returns of $4.50 in gold and 50 cents silver. It is a good concentrating proposition, and can be easily reduced from eight to one.

Eastern Men Elected Officers.

The National Smelting company held its annual meeting and election of officers at the principal office in Boston, Mass., last week, at which the following officers were chosen: John E. Parry, president; H. L. Worcester, vice president; Gustave Goepper, treasurer; H. H. Muggley, general manager; C. S. Jameson, assistant manager; Charles E. Pierce, secretary; Theodore Knutzen, superintendent. The officers are all of Boston. Mr. Muggley, Mr. Jameson and Mr. Knutzen, general manager, assistant manager and superintendent, make their headquarters at Rapid City. The company is making good headway with the erection of the new 500-ton smelter at Rapid City, and will have it ready to blow in by the 1st of April.

The new Corliss engine for the Spearfish company's cyanide plant on Johnson gulch has arrived and is in position. The tanks at the new plant have been in position several weeks and are being connected. The plant expects to make its first run February 22. The engine was the last of the machinery to arrive. It is of 125 horse-power.

Plant Pumps Water One-Half Mile.

The cyanide plant of the Deadwood-Standard Gold Mining company was closed down for a few days recently while the pump house was being rebuilt. It caught fire in some unaccountable way and was entirely destroyed. It was necessary to replace it before starting the mill again. The company pumps its water half a mile. It is taken out of Calamity gulch and elevated about 250 feet to get it to the top of the divide. From there it is carried to the plant by gravitation in four-inch pipe laid four feet below the surface of the ground. The plant is running ten hours a day and treating 125 tons of ore. The company has decided not to put a day shift on until spring.

BLACK HILLS TO MAKE EXHIBIT

Mining Counties Likely to Send Independent Display to St. Louis Exposition.

DEADWOOD, S .D., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—It is probable that the Black Hills counties will act independently of the rest of the state in presenting an exhibit of the resources of this region at the St. Louis exposition. There does not seem to be much hope of legislative aid, although sixty members of the state legislative have written to the secretary of the Black Hills Mining Men's association expressing themselves in favor of an extra session to take action on the matter of a state exhibit. Ninety members of the legislature have been heard from out of 130. They range from $20,000 to $1,000,000 in their estimates of what would be an adequate appropriation.

The Black Hills people feel that they were ignored at the meeting of the business men of the state recently held at Huron. They therefore propose to have a strictly Black Hills exhibit at the St. Louis fair, and a committee has been appointed by the Black Hills Mining Men's association to communicate with James P. Day, secretary of the department of mines and metallurgy of the St. Louis exposition, relative to space. Mr. Day has already written to the Black Hills association, volunteering to send a commissioner here to confer with the association's officers. If possible the Black Hills exhibit will be paid for by county appropriations. Otherwise it will be met by individual subscriptions.

Changes in Deadwood High School.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The Deadwood school board has engaged Miss Leigh Payne of Adrian, Minn., to fill the vacancy in the Deadwood High school caused by the death of Miss Kate Taubman a few weeks ago. Miss Payne will take the classes that were taught by Miss Taubman, Miss Anne Johnston having been promoted to succeed Miss Taubman as assistant principal.

State Organizer for Merchants.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—At the annual convention in this city last month of the South Dakota Retail Merchants' association it was decided to employ a state organizer, whose duties it should be to organize the merchants of the various cities and towns of South Dakota into local associations, which should be auxiliary to the state organization. The merchants of Sioux Falls some weeks ago organized such an association and the result already has been so beneficial that the state association decided to organize similar associations throughout the state. J. B. Wolgemuth of Mitchell has just been appointed state organizer and will at once begin the work of organizing the merchants of the various cities and towns.

Brave Battle Against Fever.

HURON, S. D., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—On the twenty-eighth day of the fever Attorney General Ryle is still bravely battling, with the odds against him. During the day the temperature was more favorable and the heart was responding to treatment. The condition is yet critical, as it is impossible to forecast what will result when there is a fall in temperature to normal. The general was conscious yesterday and reasonably hopeful. Today he took some stimulant and liquid nourishment. Constant treatment is required to brace up the heart and the physician is practically in attendance night and day.

Burlington Commercial Agents.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The Burlington has made a change in commercial agents at Deadwood, H. L. Lewis of Atchison, Kan., succeeding J. L. Bentley. Mr. Bently and Mr. Lewis have simply changed places, and Mr. Bentley will take up the work of commercial agent at Atchison in a week or ten days, or as soon as he can make the move. Mr. Bentley has been commercial agent for the Burlington at Deadwood nearly ten years.

Fargo Signs for Deed.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Charles G. Fargo has signed the deed conveying to the Elkhorn railroad a piece of real estate in Deadwood, after spending three days in the Lawrence county jail for contempt of court. The contempt lay in his refusal to make the conveyance in compliance with an order of the court. He was given the alternative of signing the deed or paying a fine of $500, to be committed to jail until the payment of the fine. Upon his finally signing the transfer the court remitted the fine and Mr. Fargo was given his liberty.

Elected Major of Pythians.

LEAD, S. D., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—J. A. Beck of Leal has been elected to succeed Edward McDonald of Deadwood as major commanding the Second battalion, Second regiment, Uniform rank, Knights of Pythias of South Dakota.

SMOOTH SAILING FOR PRINCE

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valley and on the inside of the circle was a row of white tulips. It was quite large and was bound with broad white silk ribbons, the streamers of which were trimmed with gold and bore the monogram of the kaiser and the imperial crest. The wreath was delivered at Hohenzollern at 11 o'clock and a few minutes later Admiral Von Baudissin, in full uniform, accompanied by his aide, Captain Von Der Austen, left for the Goelet home on Fifth avenue. The wreath was left at the residence and later carried to Woodlawn cemetery and placed on the tomb by two members of the Goelet family without any ceremony.

Reception Plans Arranged.

While the admiral was away from Hohenzollern Captain Von Hollenstein and Lieutenant Von Steikler were entertained at the German clubhouse in Hoboken.

The united German societies for the reception of Prince Henry met today. The plan of program and the order of march as decided on at Friday night's meeting was adopted. It was also decided to present to Prince Henry a beautiful silver album, hand painted, with the picture of the prince on the cover. The album will contain the autographs of all the committee men and of the presidents of all the organizations composing the united German societies. This is in addition to the engrossed address inclosed in a silver casket which the societies will present to the prince. The committee decided that the parade would take place on the evening of February 26.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Admiral von Baudissin and several members of his staff were the guests of Carl Benz, the German consul at this port. Lieutenant Rubenburg said tonight that the admiral intends leaving for Philadelphia at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning via the Pennsylvania railroad. He will visit relatives and expects to remain in Philadelphia until Tuesday.

NIAGARA FALLS, Feb. 16.—The six officers from Hohenzollern, the German emperor's yacht, who arrived here last night, spent today seeing the sights of the falls and vicinity. This afternoon the party went over the state reservation, including the islands, and then made the trip through the gorge. After dinner the officers accompanied the officers of the Niagara Falls Power company to the big plant. All the power developing apparatus were examined with great interest.

At 6 o'clock the special car that brought the party started for New York. The Germans of this city met today to consider plans for greeting Prince Henry when he comes here. A letter from the German ambassador at Washington was received saying that probably an opportunity would be given the people to manifest their pleasure at the visit.

Write Arrives at Cavite.

MANILA, Feb. 16.—The transport Wright, which sank in fifteen feet of water recently by striking an uncharted rock at the entrance of San Jacinto harbor, and which was successfully raised this month, has arrived at Cavite in tow of the gunboat Wompatuck. Wright has six holes in its bottom, which have been temporarily patched. It will be drydocked immediately.

A COFFEE SWORD.

The Old Things Would "Bob Up."

Coffee puts its sword into people first one place and then another. You may depend upon it, if you are a coffee drinker, and have ailments in some of the organs of the body, that coffee is doing its work. You may prove whether it is or not by leaving off for ten days or two weeks, although it often takes from nine months to two years to recover from its effects.

Mr. J. W. Ashby, Mt. Airy, N. C., says: "I was a coffee drinker for 25 years. About three years ago I suffered greatly with pains in the region of my heart and the pit of my stomach. These pains appeared about the same time each day.

"I wondered if coffee might not be the fault so began the test of leaving off coffee. The pains ceased, but when I began to use coffee again the same old pains would "bob up.' I have now been using Postum for some time in place of coffee and am entirely cured of the old neuralgia of the stomach and heart. Respectfully."

ONE HUNDRED ARRESTS MADE

Prison Population Increases as Result of Street Riots.

TROUBLES BELIEVED TO BE AT AN END

Battles Between Strikers and Officials Classed as Gravest Occuring in Austria in Many Years.

TRIESTE, Austria, Feb. 16.—As a result of the strikes martial law has been proclaimed here. Altogether 100 arrests have been made. In some of the trades it is expected work will be resumed tomorrow.

A cold, blustering wind was blowing and it was snowing hard at the funeral tonight of the victims of the encounters between the strikers and the troops. Extraordinary manifestations of mourning were witnessed. A military escort accompanied the funeral cortege and the cemetery was guarded by troops. There were no disorders and the troubles are believed to be ended.

VIENNA, Feb. 16.—The riots at Trieste are the gravest which have occurred in Austria in many years. The original strike is supposed to have been an outcome of socialistic or anarchistic agitations. During Friday's riots twelve persons were killed and twenty-five wounded, while on Saturday four persons met death, including the police commissioner, who was killed by a revolver shot. Some of the reports of the occurrence say that over 100 persons were wounded. There is little doubt that the troops were over-hasty.

Reichsrath Censures Government.

Dr. Von Koerber, the imperial premier, explained to the Reichsrath Saturday that the officer commanding the troops was struck by a stone and fell unconscious and that the officer next in rank ordered his men to fire and that the latter were so excited they fired recklessly, with the result that a girl sitting in a second-story window and a postal clerk sitting in his office were both shot dead.

The Reichsrath unanimously voted a practical censure on the government for permitting the troops to fire on the mob. The municipal council of Trieste has adopted a similar resolution and has decided to provide for the families of the victims at public cost. It is not unlikely that the municipal council of Trieste will be dissolved for defiance of the government.

Permitted to Suspend Law.

A cabinet council, hurriedly called Saturday night, obtained the sanction of Emperor Francis Joseph and obtained permission to suspend civil law at Trieste and many villages in the vicinity, while two battalions of troops were drafted into Trieste. What, however, had a greater effect in quieting the city was the announcement Saturday of the arbitration tribunal in favor of the strikers. An official standing on the balcony of the town hall had read the decision aloud and groups of strikers had paraded the streets with white flags to spread the decision that quiet was restored.

It is said that on Friday, after the troops had fired on the rioters, the mob, composed mostly of Italians, became infuriated and dragged the bleeding corpses of their comrades before the soldiers, whom they assailed with terrible imprecations as murderers and assassins. The proclamation of martial law provides for a summary trial before a special court, empowered to carry out a sentence of death within twenty-four hours.

GIVES PLAN OF BIG COMBINE

President of Metropolitan Street Railway Company, New York, Says Theory is Simple.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—President H. H. Vreeland of the Metropolitan Street Railway company gave out a statement tonight of the plan by which the Metropolitan Securities company is to assume control of the property. It read, in part, as follows:

The transaction into which we are proposing to enter is simple enough when accurately stated. The new company will raise $30,000,000 and will at once spend $52,000,000 by paying it into the Metropolitan treasury, thereby acquiring, first, a lease of the Metropolitan properties, and, second, its floating assets, bonds, stocks, claims, etc. When the floating debts of the Metropolitan have been paid there have been available fully $13,000,000 for Metropolitan improvements, which, added to the $7,000,000 available for Third avenue improvements, makes $20,000,000 which will go into the property to enhance the value of the lease.

We did not need to go into this arrangement for the purpose of obtaining such capital as may be immediately required. The work to be done and soon to be done for the development of New York's transportation facilities is, if possible, greater than anything that has yet been done. We are making the strongest alliance possible in the way of individual and financial strength to carry on our work. We pay for this by sharing the possibilities of the future with them to the extent of one-fifth of the profits that may be realized. This is something more than a plan to obtain the capital now needed, which we might just as easily have obtained from ourselves directly as by taking stock in the new company. It looks into the future and places us in readiness to make the best uses of its opportunities.

COASTERS ARE BADLY HURT

Party of Men and Women Collide with Stone at Bottom of Hill.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 16.—A party of seven men and women coasting down Main street hill tonight lost control of their sled and dashed into a stone abutment of the Erie railroad bridge at the bottom of the hill. They all received injuries and Patrick Falon's skull was fractured. He was taken to a hospital. The physicians say he may die.

The others hurt were: Patrick McGinty, nose broken; Robert Gall, leg broken, side hurt; Thomas Chambers, internal injuries; Delia Sweeley, arms sprained, head hurt; D. McGreever, Erie, Pa., face cut; Miss Campbell, internal injuries.

CONVICTED FOR THIRD TIME

Old Soldier Found Guilty of Murder in the First Degree.

SANDUSKY, O., Feb. 16.—David Winget was today convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Fred Blancke, a well-to-do vintner. This was his third trial. He was twice convicted and sentenced to be electrocuted. The jury recommended mercy and Winget will be sentenced to life imprisonment. He is a veteran of the civil war and strenuous efforts have been made on this account to save him from the chair.

WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH

Dies in Her Home Despite Efforts of Husband to Save Her.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Virginia Suret, aged 50, was burned to death this evening in the apartments in which she and her husband lived. Her apron caught fire at the kitchen stove.

Mr. Suret and Police Officer Blessing, the latter a boarder with the family, were severely burned in trying to extinguish the flames which enveloped Mrs. Suret. There is some hope of Mr. Suret's recovery.

FIERCE FIGHT WITH CONVICTS

Officer is Assaulted and Young Man Killed by Desperate Negroes.

SUMPTERVILLE, Fla., Feb. 16.—Henry Wilson and Julius Goodwin, notorious negro outlaws, made a savage attack on Deputy Sheriff Lane today as he was leading them into their cells from the corridor. The officer was knocked to the floor and seriously wounded. The men then ran through the jailer's residence and were attacked by Mrs. Lane, who was rushing to the assistance of the officer with a rifle in her hands. The negroes attacked her and wrenched the weapon from her. The woman's screams attracted a great crowd and the negroes, barricading themselves behind their victim, began using the weapons on all who entered the house. George Stafford, a young white man, was dangerously wounded in the head with a club and Willie Porter, another white man, was badly wounded in a clinch fight.

In a few minutes news of the battle at the sheriff's house spread through the town and places of business were closed and scores of people ran to the scene. The negroes had rushed upstairs and barricaded themselves from the throng below. Lee Graham, one of the most prominent young men in the town, with gun in hand, attempted to reach the second floor and was shot dead on the steps. In the excitement following the murder the men escaped through the back way, and though several shots were fired at them in the pursuit, managed to get away. Both of them are believed to be seriously wounded.

SCHLEY SENDS HIS REGRETS

Expresses Cordial Sentiment for Heroic Comrades in the Maine Disaster.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—The first annual memorial service here for those who lost their lives on the battleship Maine in Havana harbor was held in Faneuil hall this evening under the direction of the League of the Spanish Veterans.

Two survivors of the disaster, Sergeant Frank Thompson and Seaman Morins, occupied places of honor upon the platform. There were in attendance representatives of many patriotic societies and the exercises were impressive. Letters of regret at inability to be present were received from a number of prominent persons, including Admiral Schley, who said:

"While I will be absent in the flesh, I shall be with my comrades in spirit in honoring the memories of our heroic dead. Peace be to their immortal ashes."

CAYUSES FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Western Broncbos Are to Be Shipped by Agents of British Government.

SALE LAKE CITY, Feb. 16.—Three thousand western horses known as cayuses gathered from the ranges of the intermountain states, are to be shipped to South Africa for use in the British army. The animals were purchased by agents of the British army, who had been scouring the country for weeks and have been concentrated in corrals in this city and Grand Junction, Colo.

LARGE FUND FOR IRISHMEN

Five Thousand Dollars Already Collected for the Redmond-Devlin Cause.

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