AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict of Suicide in Randall Frazier Case.

STREET SQUATTERS CANNOT GET TITLE

Police Officers on Sharp Lookout for Bank Robbers—Last Smallpox Patient Leaves Hospital—Magic City Gossip.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon over the remains of Randall Frazier, and the jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of suicide. Arrangements are being made with Undertaker Brewer for the removal of the remains to Wayne, Neb., for interment. Frazier, it appears from the testimony, had been despondent for some time and lack of funds to meet running expenses worried him greatly. On the afternoon of the affair Frazier called at his barber shop and secured possession of his cup and brush, saying that he was going away. He then stepped into a saloon and paid a bill amounting to 35 cents and stated there that he was going away. Several other little accounts were settled and then Frazier purchased a bottle of carbolic acid and went home and drank the contents of the vial.

Years ago the deceased was one of the best known cattle men in the state and was considered well fixed. Through speculation he lost the money he had made and saved. Aside from insurances in a couple of lodges, he left his family practically without funds. Frazier was a member of the Woodmen and the Workmen at Wayne, Neb., and it is at the request of the members of these lodges that the remains will be sent to Wayne for interment.

There was little testimony of importance introduced at the inquest, as the coroner from the start understood that death had been caused by the taking of carbolic acid.

Cannot Secure Title.

City Attorney Murdock has declared that he proposes to go after squatters at once, or at least as soon as the weather will permit of squatters moving without injury to the health of families. A statement was made in The Bee a day or two ago to the effect that those living on streets or alleys for a period of ten years or more would acquire title to the ground. This was the law the former city attorneys worked under, but it now appears that by an act of the legislature of two years ago title cannot be acquired on any dedicated street or alley by squatters. Such title may be acquired by the consent of the mayor and city council, but not by adverse possession. This places the matter in an entirely different light and the only thing that can be done now will be to go ahead and demand leases from those who now occupy city property. An effort will be made to have the engineer and the city attorney go over this matter together in order that the matter may be straightened out, with the least expense possible to the city.

Looking for Suspects.

The South Omaha police are on the lookout for bank robbers just now. It has been rumored in police circles that the gang operating in this vicinity is making a harbor of South Omaha and that when a trick is turned they make a run for cover here. Chief Briggs is having a special watch kept and all suspicious characters are being put through an examination. There seems to be no fear of any of the South Omaha banks being robbed, as the system of protection appears to be perfect, but the chief has detailed special officers to look out for suspicious characters here.

No Smallpox Here.

Yesterday Dr. Sapp, the city physician, discharged the third patient at the Emergency hospital and now the city is free from smallpox. The isolation of the three cases reported here so far this winter has, it is stated, tended to decrease the number of cases. Every effort is being made by the health department to prevent the sending of cases from other points to this city. While last year at this time the city had several hundred cases, the number has fallen so low this year that hardly any comment is made. So far the city has been enabled to get along with only a light expenditure as compared with one year and two years ago.

School Addition Completed.

At noon yesterday the two-room addition to the Albright school was completed, and the work was turned over by the contractors to the school district. It is understood that on Monday these rooms will be occupied by pupils. While these two rooms will help out the southeastern part of the city, there is still a demand for additional room. The proposed additional room in the Brown park district will not have to be rented now, but more room is still needed in the locality south of Q street.

Railroad Officials Visit.

Superintendent Baxter of the Union Pacific and a party of officials visited South Omaha yesterday afternoon. The party came down from Omaha in a private car, and looked over the stock yards and some of the packing plants. The visit of the Union Pacific officials here revived the story of the construction of a viaduct across the tracks, but it was stated by those who are in a position to know that there was nothing of the kind in contemplation, just at this time at least.

Need Crosswalk.

For a long time the members of the First Presbyterian church have been petitioning for a new cross walk at Twenty-fifth and J streets. The wash of the hill and the travel north and south soon wears out a walk, and now a new one is badly needed. The last walk was laid there when Dr. Enson was mayor, and it is so far gone that those attending church can hardly find it, especially if the temperature happens to be above the freezing point. It is stated by those who claim to know that the cost of a new walk will be slight, and as there is lumber on hand now it will be but the work of an hour or two to put in a new walk, and thus help out those who attend this church.

Magic City Gossip.

Special revival services will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday.

John Flynn is back from Lincoln, where he spent some weeks at the sanitarium, taking baths for rheumatism.

Jerry Fitzgerald was on the streets yesterday for the first time since his accident. He still carries one arm in a sling.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kohansky, Twenty-fourth and F streets, is rapidly recovering from a severe illness.

Rev. James Wise will speak at the Young Men's Christian association on Sunday afternoon. Miss Jessie Carpenter will sing.

Some of the members of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian association will go to Lincoln today to visit the places of interest.

There will be a game of basket ball at the local Young Men's Christian association rooms this evening between Omaha and South Omaha teams.

The entertainment given by the postal clerks at Odd Fellows' hall last night was largely attended. There was an excellent program rendered and then came an oyster supper.

While the pavement on Twenty-fourth street is in a bad condition, there does not seem to be any help for it at the present time, as no money is in sight for cleaning or for making needed repairs.

RAMBO WANTS "LITTLE" GIRL

She is Eleven Years Old and Weighs Less Than Six Hundred Pounds.

The very many warm and trusting friends of I. W. Miner, in Omaha and elsewhere, will find it exceedingly difficult to countenance the charge of Joseph Rambo of Council Bluffs that Mr. Miner has "kidnaped" Mr. Rambo's daughter.

In the first place "Ike" is a prominent Elk, a well-known and respected citizen and entirely too old to attempt such capers. In the second place, Mr. Rambo's daughter happens to be "the Missouri fat girl," aged 11, weight 531, who was featured on the Ak-Sar-Ben midway last fall, and the process of kidnaping would be almost as difficult as the process of conjecturing what the deuce any man would want to try it for. In conclusion, it might be remarked further that the spectacle of the kind-hearted and none-too-stalwart Mr. Miner, gallavanting over distant states with a girl whose identification would be as easy as the identification of the Mormon tabernacle, and whose charms can scarcely be either material or evanescent, is a picture quite beyond the conception of the most imaginative.

Mr. Rambo, who is a very small man, called upon Chief Donahoe yesterday afternoon, and said he "had another Pat Crowe case," adding that Mr. Miner had kidnaped his daughter.

The chief queried the man, and learned that Mr. Miner and W. F. Gerke had entered into a contract with him last September, by the terms of which the girl was to tour for exhibition purposes, the father to receive a "rental" of $5 per day. Gerke states that he has since gone before a notary and withdrawn from the contract.

The last time the father heard from the girl and Mr. Miner, he told the chief, was about three weeks ago, when they were showing in a tent at an Alabama resort. Because he has not received any remittance since, nor heard further from them he concludes the showman has kidnaped the show.

Chief Donahoe told Mr. Rambo that as he is resident in Council Bluffs and the contract was made there, the case should be handled on that side of the river, but advised him to write the chief of police at the town last heard from and get the exhibit located if possible; then take letters of identification and go collect his daughter and bring her home.

FRATERNITY MEN ORGANIZE

Omaha Members of Delta Tau Delta Form Alumni Association.

The Omaha Alumni Association of Delta Tau Delta was organized last night. The members of the fraternity in the city met at a dinner at the Millard hotel and elected officers after the dinner had been served. The association starts out with very bright prospects, as there are thirty-five members in the city, and it is the ultimate intention to include the 200 members of the fraternity that live in the state in the organization.

The officers elected were: W. S. Summers, president; R. H. Manley, secretary; B. K. King, corresponding secretary, and Clyde L. Babcock, treasurer. George L. Fisher was elected as delegate to the western division conference to be held in Chicago February 20-21, with Hugh A. Myers as alternate. The association expects to have about ten members in attendance at the convention, which is the first that they will have ever attended as members of the association.

BUILDING COMPANY APPEARS

Denies that Trustee of W. R. Bennett Company is Entitled to Realty.

The Bennett Building company, J. E. Baum and C. W. Rainey have filed a return to the petition in the case brought by E. E. Hastings, trustee of the W. R. Bennett company, in which he seeks to obtain title to the building in which the mercantile company is located.

In each case the respondents deny the jurisdiction of the court, setting up the claim that the building company and the mercantile company are distinct corporations and that the bankruptcy of the mercantile company does not bring the building company into court; that the title of the building company is perfect and antedates by many months the proceedings in bankruptcy.

The response of Baum and Rainey recite the contract between the building company and Baum, by which he is to be given certain stock in case he affects a compromise with the creditors.

Stole a Dummy.

Mickey Crail of Red Oak, Ia., has evidently been a student of the Happy Hooligan pictures but has not applied the moral thereof to himself. Last night he allowed his impetuous kleptomaniacal nature to lead him into stealing a dummy which stood in front of Sunger's pawn shop, 416 North Sixteenth street. He did not want the dummy, but an overcoat which was chained on it. Carrying the dummy and trying to look as though he didn't know it, Crail had gone two blocks, when he met Officer Lesch and was arrested.

Vesta Chapter's Ball.

The dance of Vesta chapter No. 6, Order of the Eastern Star, in Masonic temple last night was a thoroughly enjoyable function, at which about fifty couples danced until a late hour to the music of Dimmick's orchestra. The dance program consisted of waltzes and two-steps, with the exception of a five-step and the lancers. Punch and light refreshments were served at a booth in the corner of the hall. A committee consisting of John D. Howe, L. H. Bradley, Luna M. Powell and Mrs. D. D. Moore were responsible for the arrangements. Misses Nellie Schonlau, Cora Jack, Rose Wheeler and Maud Weeks and Mesdames G. S. Powell, Ida F. Brown, D. C. Ayer and F. A. Walker received the guests and had charge of the floor. Ed L. Bradley acted as master of ceremonies.

Crusade Against Cigarette Dealers.

It has been reported several times during the last few days that the anti-cigarette laws are being willfully violated by certain dealers in this city, who persist in selling tobacco to minors even after a warning has been given them not to do so. The public school truant officer has been securing evidence against such dealers and will ask for twelve warrants today and Monday. He began yesterday by securing a warrant for the arrest of William Stein, who is charged with having sold tobacco to minors from his store, Fortieth and Hamilton streets.

Strike Breaker Robbed.

Fred Wellen, a Union Pacific shopman, claims to be the loser of $40 which he says was taken from under his pillow in the shops hotel yesterday. He accuses Tom Hope, a negro, who has been employed to make up the beds in the hotel, and who quit work yesterday afternoon. Wellen put his roll under his pillow at night and forgot to remove it in the morning. When he remembered it in the evening it was gone.

Held for Investigation.

Louise Cohen, a negress, living at 1115 Capitol avenue, is held by the police for investigation. Bert McDonald accuses her of taking $5 from him in Levi's saloon at Eleventh street and Capitol avenue.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to:

Name and Address.	Age.
William O. McKeighan, Portsmouth, Ia.	22
Grace E. Mershon, Eldorado, Kan.	19
Antony Karner, South Omaha	22
Karola Marek, South Omaha	18

Strikes at Their Root.

Many dangerous diseases begin in impure blood. Electric Bitters purifies the blood and cures or no pay. Only 50c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

Uncle Sam Presides at the Bottling

Thus guaranteeing the absolute purity and genuineness of every bottle of

W. H. McBrayer's Cedar Brook Whiskey

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Every bottle sealed by the United States government and stamped with its age and date of bottling.

FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

THE ILLUSTRATED BEE

HOME FOLKS YOU LIKE ARE the ones The Illustrated Bee is after. Its coming number will be full of faces that are familiar to you or to your neighbor, at least. This paper is required to publish each week a certain amount of matter of a general nature, but it has never lost sight of its immediate clientele, and the home folks always have the preference. Carefully written magazine articles, well illustrated from pictures made from photographs by expert engravers and perfectly printed by expert pressmen, give the paper its tone in a general way, but equally well prepared, beautifully illustrated and perfectly printed local articles is what has endeared it to its "home circle."

CHESTER I. LONG, the newly elected senator of the United States from Kansas, is a western man in every respect, and is already well known to the west for his achievements, not the least of which was to defeat Jerry Simpson for congress twice. A splendid picture of Mr. Long is used for a frontispiece and a short biographical sketch accompanies it in the coming number of The Illustrated Bee.

COUNCIL BLUFFS PUBLIC LIBRARY has recently been the recipient of a $70,000 donation from Andrew Carnegie for the purpose of providing a home for the institution. In a well written article the story of the library is told, and accompanying it are excellent portraits of a number of Council Bluffs people who have been prominently connected with the library work in that city.

BASKET BALL AS A WINTER GAME FOR ATHLETES is the topic of a discussion of the new sport from the standpoint of a follower and ardent admirer of the game. It is illustrated from photographs of different teams and flashlight pictures taken by a staff photographer during the progress of a game at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

AMERICAN GOODS IN THE NETHERLANDS is the title of the weekly letter from Mr. Frank G. Carpenter, in which he tells how the Yankees have followed the Dutch in their conquest of Holland. Mr. Carpenter gives some interesting account of the American industrial invasion of the land made sacred by William the Silent. It is illustrated from photographs taken in Holland.

UNCLE SAM'S ADOPTED CHILDREN is an article on the life of the little ones during the days of detention at Ellis island, New York harbor. Something is told of the youngsters who are to become citizens of the United States in time. They don't differ much from our own boys and girls, and are therefore interesting. Illustrations are from photographs taken at Ellis island.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS who recently met in Omaha were photographed by a staff artist; this is an additional feature of the next number, and there are other home folks who have done something to get their pictures in the paper. Not a department has been omitted, nor has a point been overlooked. If you are not now a subscriber, you should leave your order with your newsdealer today.

THE ILLUSTRATED BEE

EARNINGS OF THE MINERS

Many Are Able to Work Only a Few Days During the Year.

OTHERS MAKE FAIRLY GOOD WAGES

Statement Submitted Showing the Workings of the Benefit Fund and the Sum that Has Been Disbursed.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—With the exception of the presentation of statistics the operators closed their case before the strike commission today, and it is expected the miners will begin calling evidence in rebuttal on Monday. No session will be held tomorrow.

The miners will take up three or four days next week, after which the commission will adjourn to the following Monday. The arguments will consume the greater part of the week beginning February 9. Up to date the commission has heard 429 witnesses.

Reading Discharges Witness.

It developed during the day that a Reading company's miner, who testified before the commission at Scranton, had lost his place in consequence, and the commission exacted a promise that he should be reinstated. This concession was only secured, however, after Judge Gray had expressed the opinion that it was not right to deprive a man of his position for testifying before the commission.

The miner, J. P. Clarke, had been unexpectedly summoned, and went to Scranton without first notifying his foreman. On the third day of his absence the foreman filled his place, and afterward refused to reinstate him.

Adam Boyd of Shenandoah, a division superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Iron and Coal company, was recalled when the commission opened, and on cross-examination said the company would rather let its miners drown than give recognition to the union.

Jacob P. Jones of Pittsville, paymaster of the Reading company, presented a statement showing the annual earning of contract miners at the Reading company's Bear Ridge, Good Springs, Kohinoor, Potts, Draper, Indian Ridge, Preston No. 3, Richardson and Turkey Run collieries.

Presents Wage Statement.

These were selected by the commission from the thirty-seven collieries for the purpose of arranging a wage statement.

The statement showed that twenty-four men who worked an average of 265 shifts during 1901 earned $1,000 and over; twenty-three worked 254 days and over and earned from $900 to $1,000; forty-six worked 249 days and earned $800 to $900; eighty-six worked 244 days and earned $700 to $800; 130 worked 230 days and earned $600 to $700; 188 worked 214 days and earned $500 to $600; 140 worked 180 days and earned $400 to $500; 136 worked 143 days and earned $300 to $400; sixteen worked 103 days and earned $200 to $300 each and 909 who worked an average of twenty-eight days earned less than $200.

Mr. Jones also presented a statement giving the earnings for 1901 of the men paid by the day, week or month and a statement showing the workings of the miners' and laborers' benefit fund from the time it was organized by the late Franklin F. Gowen, in 1877, to date.

When the fund was started the company contributed $20,000, and it had made up all deficits whenever any occurred and also all expenses for clerical work in connection with the fund. Nearly $2,000,000 had been paid out in benefits.

Water Floods When Men Strike.

Patrick F. Brennan of Shamokin, a division superintendent, told of violence committed during the strike at the Henry Clay colliery, near Shamokin.

Prior to the strike of 1900, he said, the market regulated the output of coal, but since then the men had been regulating production.

When the late strike began there were 100 feet of water in the Henry Clay mine as the result of an accident. The men struck and allowed 500 feet of water to accumulate. It would take several months to get some of the levels in condition to work, and six to eight months before the lower level was clear of water.

The engineers at the Henry Clay colliery were working eight hours a day when the strike began, and the firemen were on duty longer. The firemen quit, and the engineers refused to handle so-called "scab" steam and also stopped work.

The remainder of the day was taken up by witnesses called to show wages paid laborers and other workers employed in the coal regions in occupations other than mining. The wages were generally lower than those paid to mine workers.

HACK DRIVERS MUST BE GOOD

At Least to the Extent of Observing the Ordinance Regulating Charges.

The police have begun a crusade against the overcharging hackmen of the city. It has been determined that the ordinance regarding the charges which may be asked by drivers of hacks and omnibuses shall hereafter be obeyed to the letter. City Prosecutor Thomas states that no hackdriver shall charge more than 50 cents for carrying a passenger from one depot to another, nor for any distance from the depot within the two-mile circle.

R. L. Simmons, who drives for the Mack hack line, forgot the ordinance restrictions, charged a passenger in excess of the amount to which he was entitled and when arraigned before Judge Berka yesterday pleaded guilty and was fined $5 and costs. This arrest, the officers state, is the first of several which will be made, as complaints in this direction are becoming too frequent.

For Woman's Eye

The emollient, sanative, antiseptic, cleansing, purifying and beautifying properties of Cuticura Soap render it of priceless value to women.

Millions of women use CUTICURA SOAP, assisted by CUTICURA OINTMENT, for beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp and stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening and soothing red rough and sore hands and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath and nursery. Millions of women use CUTICURA SOAP in baths for annoying irritations, inflammations and chafings, too free or offensive perspiration, in washes for ulcerative weaknesses, and for many sanative, antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves.

Sold throughout the world.

CATARRH ROBS WOMEN OF HEALTH AND BEAUTY

Pe-ru-na Makes Women Healthy and Beautiful.

Many Women Have Catarrh and Don't Know It.

They Call It Stomach Trouble, Female Weakness or General Debility.

Pe-ru-na Cures Catarrh Wherever Located.

There are a great many people who are actually invalids from chronic catarrh of some internal organ who have not the slightest suspicion that they are victims of this universal disease.

This is especially true in cases of chronic catarrh of the organs in the lower part of the abdomen or pelvic organs.

The pelvic organs are especially liable to catarrh, which gives rise to weakening discharges, painful irregularities, backache, bearing-down pains, smarting and throbbing, with a host of other symptoms peculiar to weak persons of both sexes, but occurring much more frequently in women, when it is called female weakness.

There are a multitude of women, especially housewives, and all other women obliged to be on their feet continually, who are wretched beyond description, simply because their strength and vitality is sapped away by catarrhal discharges.

Peruna is such a specific for such cases that when patients have once used it they can never be induced to quit it until they are permanently cured. It begins to relieve the disagreeable symptoms at once. The backache ceases, the trembling knees are strengthened, the appetite restored, digestion made perfect, the dull headache is stopped and the weakening drains are gradually cured. These results certainly follow a course of treatment with Peruna.

Mrs. Nellie McDonald, 216 S. Cherry street, Nashville, Tenn., writes.

"When I first began to take Peruna last spring I was unable to attend to my daily duties. I suffered terribly at the time from menstruation and although I consulted two different physicians I found that they were not able to help me. I caught a severe cold during the winter and it caused inflammation and scant menses and in addition I had griping pains and cramps and dreaded the time.

"One of my good neighbors advised me to try Peruna, telling me how grandly it had helped her. I followed her advice, as I was felling desperately bad and was very anxious to get well. Thanks to Peruna I am now well. Six weeks' faithful use of this medicine cured me. I feel like a new woman. Daily pains and misery are now changed to life and happiness and I thank Peruna for the health I now enjoy." New York City, N. Y., writes:

Mrs. Eva Bartho, 133 East 12th street, New York City, N. Y., writes:

"I suffered for three years with leucorrhea and ulceration of the womb. The doctor advocated an operation which I dreaded very much and strongly objected to go under it. Now I am a changed woman. Peruna cured me; it took nine bottles, but I felt so much improved I kept taking it, as I dreaded an operation so much. I am today in perfect health and have not felt so well for fifteen years."—Mrs. Eva Bartho.

Mrs. Alice J. Bardner, Dauphin, Pa., writes: "I have found a cure in Peruna. I cannot recommend Peruna enough and I also thank you for your kind attention to me. I am as well as could be ever since I began taking Peruna and will recommend it to others. I only weighed ninety-five pounds before taking Peruna; now I weigh one hundred and twenty-five."—Mrs. Alice J. Bordner.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman president of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Otie Davis, Oxidental Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., writes:

"Peruna has been of such great benefit to me to cure a bad cold and catarrhal difficulties that I am very glad to tell how it acted in my case. Before I began taking Peruna my cold was a month old and deep-seated, but in less than a week I felt better, my head was clearer and my throat and lungs not nearly so sore. I therefore kept on taking Peruna for three weeks and then my system was entirely free from the cold and catarrh, I think Peruna a wonderful medicine."—Miss Otie Davis.

Miss Celia Harrington, 303 Second avenue, Detroit, Mich., writes:

"Weakness has filled many months of my life with suffering. Through carelessness I caught a severe cold two years ago which settled in catarrh and seriously interfered with the regular functions of the body and made me nervous and irritable. I began taking Peruna and found in it a faithful helper, as it enriched my blood and invigorated the whole system. I have no pains now and am always well. I heartily recommend Peruna as a reliable medicine."—Miss Celia Harrington.

Ask Your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac. Every Druggist Has Them.

MINERS REPLY TO OWNERS

Say Shot Firing Ordinance is to Be Sought in Coal States.

MITCHELL SUBMITS MEN'S WAGE DEMANDS

Subcommittee Spends All Afternoon Discussing Request, but Comes to No Decision Before Time to Adjourn Arrives.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 30.—The miners' union has replied to the Indiana operators' objection to the shot firing bill. The owners claimed that if the measure passed it would put them on an unequal footing with competitors in other states, and threatened to withdraw from the wage agreement convention if the bill were not dropped. To this the miners replied that similar bills were to be introduced in the Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois legislatures, and after laws had been obtained in those states the miners would move on the legislatures in the twenty other mining states.

The miners claim that this movement is for the purpose of bringing about better ventilation in the mines, and say they will not recede from their stand in Indiana.

Herman Justi, commissioner for the Illinois Coal Operators' association, presented to the convention these resolutions:

Resolved, That the scale committee of this convention be and hereby is instructed that in fixing the scale of mining rates to be paid at the basing points, such rates shall be based alike upon the same system of weighing the coal and the same mining conditions.

Resolved, That the scale committee of this convention be and hereby is instructed to fix the machine mining rates to be paid in the four competitive states, and that they shall be upon the same basis in each of the four states.

The resolutions were referred to the scale committee.

The joint conference was permanently organized by the selection of George W. Traer, Chicago, as permanent chairman and W. B. Wilson as secretary. C. S. Scroggs of Chicago was made assistant secretary. The report of the credentials committee seated 704 delegates.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the demands of the miners. He said the country was passing through a period of unparalleled prosperity, but the miners were not receiving their share of it. He wanted an adjustment of the differential between pick and machine-mined coal and asked that it be fixed at 7 cents flat.

The miners' demands were as follows:

1. Absolute run of mine basis for the entire competitive field.
2. A flat differential of 7 cents per ton between pick and machine-mined coal.
3. An advance of 3½ cents a ton on pick and machine-mined coal.
4. A 30 per cent advance on all inside day labor, based on the Columbus inside day scale agreement, a uniform scale for all outside day labor, with appropriate advance with the mining rates.
5. That drivers and fingers be paid same as track layers and timbermen.

Immediately after these demands had been read Herman Justi, commissioner for the Illinois operators, following the lead of Paul Penna, the Indiana operators' commissioner, submitted a lengthy statement, setting forth the reasons why the Illinois operators were not on an equality with other operators, and claiming that they should not have to agree to the same scale as competitive districts.

The joint scale committee held its first session this afternoon. It consists of sixteen miners and sixteen operators. W. H. Haskins of Pine Run, O., was selected chairman and C. S. Scrogg of Illinois secretary.

A motion was made to adopt the scale submitted by the miners at the joint conference.

Debate on this motion continued the entire afternoon and no decision was reached on any of the points submitted.

WOMAN DIES IN HER SLEEP

When Daughter Awakens She Finds Dead Body of Mother by Her Side.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anna B. Sommer and her daughter, Cecelia, retired in the same bed at 9 o'clock Wednesday night, both in perfect health and good spirits. When Miss Sommer awoke at 7 o'clock yesterday morning she found her mother at her side, cold in death.

The family reside on a farm south of Maryville and not far from Avenue City.

Mrs. Sommer was 77 years of age and her death was probably due to heart trouble. The coroner of Andrew county was called, but did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest. The deceased was one of the best known residents of this section of the state.

Don't Cough All Night.

Restful sleep follows use of Dr. King's New Discovery, the best lung cure in the world. No cure, no pay. 50c, $1.00. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES

"The Fatal Wedding" at the Boyd.

This is the first thriller that has had the temerity to put in an appearance at the Boyd this season save on Sunday night. It had a genuine Sunday night welcome, though, a well-filled gallery being ever ready to applaud the noble speeches with which the lines teem or to gasp at the audacious villainy that is from time to time perpetrated during the working out of the plot, while "down stairs" was sold out. And some of this villainy is audacious even beyond the limits of the professed thriller. From post to wire the situations are mechanical and the action of the play is driven very much as is the chariot race in "Ben Hur," by machinery. It is fudge and buncombe from start to finish. Rosalie de Vaux, who has the part of the persecuted heroine—and she is persecuted for fair in the piece—shows capacity for better things than she is called on to do. Her manner on the stage is natural and her expression has force without rant, a quality exactly opposite that displayed by Mary Condon, who has the Circe part and rants without force. Mary McCabe does a good bit of character work as the warm-hearted Irish woman, so essential to the modern "heart interest" play, and Albert Rocardo is good as a French butler who is also loyal to the suffering. But the star of the cast is little Lillian Rosewood, who plays a very important part in the action of the piece, and is winsome and clever in her work. "The Fatal Wedding" will be repeated at a matinee and evening performance today.

REPEAL OF LUMBER TARIFF

Minnesota Legislature Passes a Resolution Asking Congress to Take Action.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 30.—The house today adopted the senate resolution asking Minnesota senators and congressmen to favor the repeal of the tariff on lumber which is declared to be "contrary to the principle of protection," a continued belief in which is announced in the resolution.

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A delicious Cereal Coffee made of choice California figs and prunes and grain—absolutely free from artificial matter.

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