to pay him this sum at the rate of $41.66 a month in advance. Thomas was authorized also to take entire charge of Barton Bros.' shipments from New York and to adjust all "claims for damages."

GRAFT IN COAL DEAL

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ward the purchase of the land?"

"I stood to lose and had it been necessary would have paid my share."

Senator Cockrell here interrupted, saying: "It seems to me to be an easy matter for you to say you went into a speculative deal; that none of you paid any cash and that the corporation was responsible for the purchase price. I don't see the necessity of beating about the bush."

"As a matter of fact," said Chairman Knapp, "you took the risk but didn't lose anything?"

"I was an investor," replied the witness, "and was treated the same as other investors."

Some Productive Deals.

Concerning the Huron Coal company Mr. Patton said he thought he had 500 shares, but was not certain, which he acquired in the same manner as his holdings in the Atlantic Crushed Coke company. He was asked if he ever held stock in the Columbia Coal company. He said he had at its organization, but it became a selling company instead of an operating company and he sold his stock to a Greensburg, Pa., banking company.

"What bank took it?"

"The Cassatt bank."

In the Greenwich company Mr. Patton said he had 1,000 shares. He said he was obligated by note to the amount of $20,000 for the purchase of the land. The money was guaranteed by Mr. Huff's bank at Greensburg. Witness said he got the money back through the sale of the bonds.

Concerning the Cochran Coal company, Mr. Patton said there were 3,000 or 4,000 shares of undeveloped coal land and "some of our people" suggested to Thomas Cochran the desirability of developing it.

Asked what he meant by "some of our people," witness said bankers and brokers and others who might be interested in the development of the land. Mr. Patton said he was obligated to the amount of $15,000 in the organization of this company; Thomas Cochran going on his note. He acquired 500 shares in the company, but paid no interest on the note.

Other Officers Knew Facts.

The examination of Mr. Patton developed the fact that he held stock in a dozen coal companies, 6,140 shares of which, with a par value of $307,000, he had acquired without payment. In addition he owned 700 shares which he had paid for.

"How do you explain the fact, Mr. Patton," queried Mr. Glasgow, "that you acquired principally through George F. Huff such an enormous amount of stock?"

Mr. Patton said he was born in western Pennsylvania and had been a lifelong friend of Colonel Huff.

"Friendship," he said, "goes a good ways. These stocks were not given me for any favors I might be able to do the companies."

"Were your superior officers aware that you owned this stock?" asked Mr. Glasgow.

"I think Mr. Roberts and Mr. Thompson were."

"And Mr. Cassatt?"

"I judge so; it was generally known."

A. W. Gibbs, general superintendent of motive power at Altoona, followed Mr. Patton.

He said he owned no stock and was in no way interested in any coal company.

Company to Investigate.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad company a committee was appointed to investigate the allegations recently made before the Interstate Commerce commission that certain officials of the Pennsylvania railroad hold stocks in several coal companies.

SLABAUGH IS WITH CORNISH

Approves His Decision that County Judge May Retain All Marriage Fees.

County Attorney Slabaugh has given an opinion to the county commissioners, holding with Judge Cornish of Lancaster county that the county judge need not report fees collected by him for performing marriage ceremonies. The opinion in effect is that these fees belong to the county judge and not to the county.

The opinion of the county attorney is based on Judge Cornish's decision in the district court of Lancaster county in a case wherein the county commissioners sought to collect marriage fees from County Judge Waters. Judge Cornish decided in favor of the county judge. The case was not carried to the supreme court.

County Attorney Slabaugh said as far as he was concerned no test case would be brought in this county, as he was satisfied with the opinion of Judge Cornish. He said he would bring such a case if the commissioners wanted him to. Deputy County Attorney Shotwell had previously given an opinion to the commissioners to the effect the fees for performing marriage ceremonies belong to the county and should be reported by the county judge the same as other fees. The fees amount to about $60 a month on an average.

County Judge Leslie is not satisfied to accept as final the opinion of the county attorney that he is not required to report the marriage fees to the county and will demand that a test case be brought which will result in a decision by the supreme court. While the county attorney's opinion is in his favor, he declares he will not be satisfied until a final opinion is had from the supreme court. The opinion of Judge Cornish, as understood here, is to the effect the county judge has no right to accept a fee at all.

"I think it is only fair to the commissioners, the taxpayers and the county judge's office that we have an adjudication of this matter by the supreme court," said Judge Leslie yesterday afternoon. "As it is now I am uncertain as to how I should proceed. If I accept a fee for marrying a couple someone may charge me with wrongfully accepting money. If I do not I may be held responsible for the fee and be required to pay it out of my own pocket. If the matter is not settled now, after I go out of office someone may bring it up against me.

"I think I am entitled to a decision of the supreme court and if there is no other way I will start proceedings myself or have them started to determine the matter."

"From what I know of the opinions of the commissioners," said County Auditor Robert Smith, "I do not think they will let the matter drop, but will insist on a decision from the supreme court. I do not think the matter will be settled this side of the supreme court."

SEVERAL HUNDRED NASBYS

Large Attendance at the Nebraska Postmasters' Convention Expected in Omaha.

The first session of the third annual convention of the Nebraska Association of Postmasters in Omaha June 12, 13 and 14 will be held June 12 at 1 p. m. in the postoffice building in one of the United States court rooms. F. H. Hitchcock, first assistant postmaster general, will be present to address the meeting. A reception will be given the visiting postmasters by President H. E. Palmer of the association, assisted by his entire force at the postoffice building, Tuesday evening, June 12. Wednesday the postmasters will be tendered a theater party and entertained as the special guests of Victor Rosewater, president of The Bee Publishing company, Thursday G. M. Hitchcock of the World-Herald Publishing company will entertain the visitors at the Commercial club and the Commercial club will provide an automobile ride about the city. An interesting program is provided for the business sessions, and it is expected 700 postmasters will be in the city on that occasion. The headquarters of the association will be at the Millard hotel during the session. The railroads have given a rate of one fare plus 50 cents for the round trip, except from nearby points, where a fare and one-third makes a less rate. Tickets will be sold June 11, 12 and 13, tickets to be limited to continuous passage in each direction, good returning up to and including June 16.

$18.60 to New Haven, Conn., and Return,

Plus $1.00, from Chicago, via Nickel Plate Road, June 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th; also via New York City at excursion rates. Return limit June 30th, by arranging for extension. Nickel Plate office, room 298, 113 Adams street, Chicago.

FAVORS AMERICAN GOODS

Senate Committee Reports Resolution Governing Purchase of Material for Panama Canal.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The senate committee on finance today favorably reported a resolution directing that materials for the Panama canal shall be of domestic product and manufacture, unless the president deems the bids for the same exorbitant.

Indian Prince Sees Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The senate numbered among its spectators today a prince of India in the person of the Maharajah or Gaikwar of Beroda, who occupied a seat in the gallery assigned to senators and their families. The prince was accompanied by his wife.

Williams' Resolution Goes Over.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Under a party vote the house committee on ways and means today refused to take up for consideration or to lay on the table the Williams resolution reducing to 100 per cent all tariff schedules in excess of that rate.

After Alleged Anarchists.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—As the result of the investigation by the immigration authorities in Baltimore and other places several alleged leaders of Italian anarchists will be shortly taken into custody.

SOLDIERS ARE IN MUTINY

Russians Refuse to Take Ball Cartridges on Campaign Against Peasants.

CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRATS LOSE HOPE

Spokesman of Party Says He Fears the Czar is Playing Into the Hands of Revolutionists.

KURSK, Russia, May 23.—The soldiers of the Obayu regiment here who were to be dispatched into the country districts in anticipation of agrarian troubles have refused to take ball cartridges with them.

Democrats Are Losing Hope.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—Prof. Milukoff, the spokesman of the constitutional democrats, according to a thoughtful article published by him in the Rech today, is rather despondent over the prospect of staying the tide of revolution in the country. He bases his pessimism upon the conviction that the government will not yield a full constitutional regime, with which he says is still possible, to calm the passions of the people. He regards Premier Goremykin and his cabinet as mere puppets, doing the bidding of the powerful influences at court, and believes that Emperor Nicholas is destined to throw away the opportunity as Louis XVI did of transferring the country to a peaceful, parliamentary regime.

This the professor considers to be the government's last chance and that a refusal to do so will cut the ground from under the constitutional democrats and strengthen the revolutionary elements which are preaching that Parliamentarism is an illusion, and make anarchy and a bloody revolution inevitable. Nevertheless the constitutional democrats will persevere in their attempt to place the country on a solid, constitutional basis, and if they fail and disaster follows the responsibility will not be upon their shoulders.

Laws to be Proposed.

The central committee of the constitutional democrats has completed the drafts of the laws to be introduced in Parliament, including universal suffrage, irrespective of sex and equal rights for all citizens; laws guaranteeing immunity of the person and inviolability of domicile without due process of law, providing the guarantee of habeas corpus and specifically excluding all exceptions.

While no party at court favors a complete surrender to the demands of the lower House of Parliament, the Trepoff cabal, which secretly favors a dissolution of Parliament, is not strong enough for the moment to seriously urge such a course. The emperor continues well disposed and is supported not only by many nobles at the court, but by other big landed proprietors throughout the country who now seem fully convinced that unless the peasants can be measureably satisfied by a compromise on the land question a revolt of the peasants against the nobles will be aroused which will ruin the latter, as the peasants will forcibly seize their property to the accompaniment of horrors and excesses.

The provincial papers are filled with advertisements of estates for sale inserted by property owners who, despairing of saving their property, are ready to accept what they can get and flee from the country.

Count Solsky has been relieved of the presidency of the council of the empire, or upper house of Parliament, at his own request and on account of ill health.

NO LEGAL BAR TO UNION

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money for sectarian purposes. J. D. Moffatt, chairman of the committee on bills and overtures, explained that the precedent was for the assembly to keep hand off of questions of civil legislation. The request of the committee that negative action be taken was upheld by a small majority. The committee offered no explanation for recommending the adoption of the memorial on polygamy, which was unanimously adopted.

An effort was made to continue the discussion of the book of forms today, but after debate further consideration of the subject was put off until late this afternoon.

As to Foreign Missions.

The assembly received and endorsed the recommendations of the board of foreign missions, which included the following:

Re-election to membership of John Fox, D. D., of New York; W. R. Richards, D. D., of New York; Cleland B. McAfee of Parkville, Mo.; Charles R. James of Minneapolis, W. E. Stevenson of Chicago and Charles R. Erdman, D. D., to succeed Robert Booth, deceased.

That the board send secretary to South America.

That appropriations for 1907 be increased.

That Christmas and Easter collections in all churches each year go to foreign missions.

The recommendations of Dr. Arthur J. Brown of New York, member of the board, calling for more liberal treatment of Chinese in America, were adopted.

Colored commissioners to the assembly today put forth the claim that missionary boards draw the color line in selecting missionaries to foreign fields. The assembly adopted a resolution instructing the board to consider only fitness and incompetency to enter into the selection of missionaries in the future.

Publication and Sabbath School Work.

The committee on Sabbath school work made the following report:

The Sabbath school missionaries of this board labored during the year in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Texas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and for seven months in the island of Cuba.

The board has had at work 127 Sabbath school missionaries and twenty-four colporteurs, laboring within the bounds of thirty synods and presbyteries. They have organized 715 new Sabbath schools and revived 317, a total of 1,032, into which have been gathered 3,461 officers and teachers and 33,022 scholars, making a total membership of 36,483.

Our missionaries have also cared for and nurtured 2,581 Sabbath schools which they had organized in previous years. The membership of these schools is 99,315.

The total sales of Bibles, Testaments, books, tracts, etc., by our colporteurs among foreigners amounted to $1,873.

During the past year our contributions from churches, Sabbath schools and individuals showed an increase of $4,963 over the contributions of the previous year.

There have been published during the year 2,100,655 copies of books and tracts, and 48,406,327 copies of periodicals, which, together with 9,400 copies of the annual report for the year ending March 31, 1905, make an aggregate of 50,515,382 publications for the year.

The sales for the year in books and tracts, including our own publications and those of other houses, were $292,025, and of periodicals, $373,907.

The capital at the begining of the year, according to the balance sheet of the last report, was $293,400. The net profits of the year were $26,962.

PEACE ON THE WESTERN TURF

Rhinock and Cella Get Together on Plan of Operating Tracks.

CINCINNATI, O., May 23.—Peace has been practically restored on the western turf, according to a story published here today. Congressman Joseph L. Rhinock, representing the American Turf association, and Louis Cella, the main supporter of the Western Jockey club, signed a compact which ends the fight. With C. A. Tilles, Harvey Myers and Judge Bond of St. Louis as witnesses Rhinock and Cella signed the peace compact last Saturday. It calls for no clash of interests wherever they are concerned. This means that there will be no clash between Louisville and Douglas park and between City park and the Crescent City Jockey club in New Orleans next winter. The dates will be so arranged that both tracks will race alternately. The Douglas park meeting will probably follow that at Latonia.

The outlaw is also wiped out and horsemen can race at either track. Latonia's meeting will be run independently of the American and Western Jockey clubs. No one will be barred except those who have been suspended or ruled off by either organization. It will not be long before a new organization will be formed to control racing in the west.

The American Turf association came into existence through the refusal of the Western Jockey club to grant City park racing dates. Mr. Corrigan and Congressman Rhinock were behind City park and the American Turf association was organized to fight the Western Jockey club. It has been a long fight and in consequence racing in Illinois and Missouri has been discontinued.

GOLF PLAY AT METROPOLITAN

Jerome D. Travers Makes New Record for Links in Qualifying Round.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Out of the seventy-six players who entered for the eighth annual championship of the Metropolitan Golf association which began today on the St. Andrews club's links sixty-three turned in cards in the qualifying round of thirty-six holes, medal play. The first thirty-two qualified with scores of 174 and under, to continue at match play for the championship title, and the others are divided into two divisions for minor prizes.

The sensation of the day was the splendid scores made by Jerome D. Travers of Montclair, N. J. The amateur record for the course of 5,816 yards was seventy-three, made by Archie Reid, a member of the St. Andrews club. Young Travers made the morning round in seventy-two and duplicated this score in the afternoon. This established a new amateur and also a new competitive score for the links.

Walter J. Travis, who formerly held the Metropolitan title as well as the national honor, went around in seventy-seven in the morning, but he also made a seventy-two in the second round. Findlay S. Douglas, a former champion, did eighty-two and seventy-five.

Tennis Cup for Women.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Miss May Sutton of Pasadena, Cal., sailed today on the Oceanic to defend her holding of the English lawn tennis championship. It was revealed previous to her departure that one of the results of her trip to the English courts would be the offering of an international challenge cup for women similar to that offered in 1900 by D. F. Davis of St. Louis for men. Miss Sutton will endeavor to induce some of the foremost players of England among the women to visit the United States and participate in the tournament. It was said that either Mrs. Barger Wallace or Mrs. John Jacob Astor was to be the donor of the cup.

Two Armour Teams Play.

Armour's Stars and Armour's Pennants will play today at Duffy's park at 6 p. m. A good game is expected.

Stars.	Positions.	Pennants.
Williams	First	Davis
McMahon	Second	Derrick
Spetsken	Short	Collier
Shanahan	Third	Carson
English	Center	Hydcek
Driscoll	Left	Shanahan
Gurness	Right	Paxton
Bohner	Catch	Smith
Donahue	Pitch	Hinkle

Sportsmen at Bloomington.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 23.—The annual tournament of the Illinois State Sportsmans' association opened today for three days of trap and target shooting. There are a hundred entries from five states.

Racing Arguments at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 23.—Arguments in the injunction case of the Douglas Park Jockey club against the State Racing commission to prevent the latter from interfering with its proposed meet in Louisville were heard today in the federal court.

Sporting Brevities.

Boston has now made a record of games lost. Nothing like having some sort of a record.

After all, aren't the rest of the Western league managers a little to blame for putting up with Cantillon and his tool, O'Neil?

Preister was sent in to pitch after Wicker had lost the game to New York. Jack showed he ought to have been in from the start.

One of two things seems certain in the National and American leagues, either the pitchers are poorer or the batters better this year, for it is a fact that some tall slugging is being generally done.

New York Americans Tuesday defeated the Chicago White Sox, 8 to 2, in New York, while New York National defeated Chicago Nationals, 8 to 2, in Chicago. But it was high time the Giants were winning.

Boston Americans have won just six games out of thirty and Boston Nationals have won twice that number out of thirty-three. Collins' team is last and his neighbors next to last. St. Louis is getting half a chance.

In Monday's game Stone made three hits, in Tuesday's two—more hits than some of the team will make for weeks. If Schipke deserves commiseration for being with the Des Moines hoodlums, what does Stone deserve for his predicament?

Poor old Rube Waddell; he is in bad luck again. He was riding in a carriage that collided with a wagon and got a crippled thumb on his left wing. But what could he expect, riding in a carriage that was to collide with a wagon?

The suspension by O'Neil of Doyle is a mere sop which no intelligent fan in Omaha or on the circuit will fail to understand. O'Neil has thus insulted the intelligence of decent people by his presumption upon their ignorance. Could there be a plainer demonstration of O'Neil's absolute subserviency to the domination of Cantillon?

Think of a base ball organization in which Hoggie is one of the tamest in the bunch. When reports came to Omaha of Doyle and Hoggie assaulting Manager Carney in the hotel at Sioux City, Hoggie was roasted on all sides for his manners, but when seen with the rest of that bunch on the diamond Tuesday it was apparent that he was clearly outclassed and really looked like a gentleman beside the rest.

The crowd gathered around Keefe at Vinton ball park after the game Tuesday and it was thought some might do him bodily harm. They refrained, however, from touching the poor weakling, while the coward who caused the trouble was surrounding himself by a dozen ball players with bats for protection, besides three police officers whom Chief Donahue had sent over lest the fair name of Omaha should be smirched by having even such a man as Cantillon assaulted while visiting in the city.

It was somewhat pitiful to see Keefe, the incompetent, have to stand and take the abuse he did at the hands of Cantillon and the Des Moines hoodlums. All he could do was to pull his watch and threaten to call the game unless they went to their places, knowing full well he didn't dare it. His action is somewhat explained by his statement that he is acting under positive orders not to fine players. On a close decision he would glance at the Des Moines bench, and there his gaze would meet Cantillon, standing and waving his arms like a madman, with his face white with rage.

American Bonds in France.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Local bankers with Paris connections reported today that the Pennsylvania Railroad company has closed negotiations for the sale of from $25,000,000 to $50,000,000 of bonds at Paris. The bonds doubtless will be listed on the Paris Bourse. Bankers here regard the transaction as an event of the first importance and the beginning of a general demand, not only in France, but throughout Europe, for high-grade American securities.

OUTPUT OF PACKING HOUSES

Considerable Increase in Marketing of Hogs Compared with Previous Week.

CINCINNATI, May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Price Current says: There has been considerable increase in the marketing of hogs, the western packing showing a total of 520,000 compared with 425,000 the preceding week and 465,000 for the corresponding week last year. Since March 1 the total is 5,405,000, against 5,065,000 a year ago. Prominent places compare as follows:

	1906.	1905.
Chicago	1,140,000	1,220,000
Kansas City	745,000	670,000
South Omaha	570,000	485,000
St. Louis	400,000	383,000
St. Joseph	417,000	390,000
Indianapolis	222,000	175,000
Milwaukee	178,000	120,000
Cincinnati	129,000	132,000
Ottumwa	101,000	87,000
Cedar Rapids	108,000	92,000
Sioux City	214,000	205,000
St. Paul	206,000	216,000
Cleveland	140,000	126,000

Declamatory Contest.

ARAPAHOE, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The fourth annual contest for cash prizes offered by Prof. A. D. Alleman in declaiming, has been an introductory to the commencement exercises of the schools, was held tonight in the opera house. Inez Quier was awarded first prize, Elsie Lewis second and Henrietta Preice third. The contestants for declamatory honors, all of whom were good, were assisted in entertaining the large audience by a pleasing musical program. Tomorrow night the senior class entertains.

Ellis Held for Forgery.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—W. B. Ellis, alias W. B. Wilson, alias W. B. Elbert, wanted in Omaha, Denver, St. Louis and other points, at his preliminary hearing today in the county court on the charge of forgery, was held to the district court in bonds of $1,000. He failed to furnish bail and was remanded to the county jail. Ellis claims to be a resident of Garnett, Kan. He appears to have operated successfully for the last year in the principal cities throughout the west.

Iowa Man Killed by Horse.

IOWA CITY, Ia., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Sharbon was killed by the kick of a horse near Tiffin last night.

Child Kills His Sister.

PITTSBURG, May 23.—Catherine Clutter, aged 4 years, was shot and killed at Homestead today by her 6-year-old brother, who used an old revolver which they found and which was not known to be loaded.

Earthquake in Ohio.

CLEVELAND, May 23.—A slight earthquake shock was recorded here today. No damage.