

BANKERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Magnificent Banquet Marks Close of Meeting.

STREET CAR RIDE TAKEN

Members Will Leave for Home This Morning.

At the sixth session of the convention yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year of the Kansas Bankers' association: J. B. Adams, of El Dorado, president; C. L. Brokaw, of Kansas City, Kan., vice president; W. W. Bowman, of Concordia, secretary; C. F. Henson, of Paola, treasurer; W. C. Hendrick, of group 1, of Kansas City, Kan., vice president; W. S. Falls, of group 2, of Garnett, vice president; J. W. Marley, of group 3, of Oswego, vice president; S. W. Pierce, of group 4, of Junction City, vice president; F. S. Larabee, of group 5, of Stafford, vice president; E. B. Wimer, of group 6, of Wellington, vice president.

Banquet Last Night. The bankers and the city of Wichita did themselves an honor by giving to the visiting bankers and their ladies, and as a crowning feature, a splendid banquet at the Masonic temple last night. The Kansas Bankers' association meeting was closed by this royal feast, which was attended by nearly 40 people, and a finer banquet has never been given in this city. As was remarked by one of the visitors who attended the national association banquet given in the Palace hotel at San Francisco, "This is the equal, if not a greater, banquet than the one at San Francisco," and this was about the decision of everyone present.

Three hundred and fifty plates were furnished by the ladies of the St. Paul Methodist church and much deserved praise is due them for the perfect manner in which they handled the affair. The menu was full of good things and the diners did not fail to get the entire benefit of the delicious food. John A. Moore, of this city, headed the line of visitors and placed them at their various stations at the tables. After the visitors were seated the local bankers and their ladies came in and filled up the remaining space. The room was elegantly decorated with burning flags and a magnificent display of electric lights. The flags, banners and emblems of the various nations were hanging from every part of the ceiling and the grand old staves and stripes came in and filled up the remaining space. A more kindly display has never been made before in the history of the city or even of the state. The visitors, one and all, looked in surprise and their responses to the toastmaster were sparkling with references and praises to these decorations.

In addition to these grandeur, Mrs. Bamberg's talented orchestra furnished music that was lively and sweet. They were above the audience and as the strains of the instruments came down to the ears of the attentive crowd, which sat in a pleased attitude, abating the rich sound of many chords and filled up the room to the players as a sign of their satisfaction. That feature of the banquet was, beyond doubt, one of the attractions of the affair, and one that was enjoyed very much by everyone.

Father Thien was toastmaster, and a better selection for that responsible position, especially on such an occasion, could not have been made. After the health-producing foods had been relished and partaken of by all, Father Thien, with his eyes shining with wit and his face glittering with smiles, opened the toasts with an array of humorous remarks that drew the highly pleasing and created a great deal of laughter.

He introduced the first speaker, in the person of Mr. Moses, of Grand Bend, whose subject was "The Bank Director." Mr. Moses took up the business side of the topic and then went into and dwelt awhile in jokes. Mr. Moses proved that he is very much of a non-prohibiting speaker and, when he concluded, he received many loud applause.

Mr. Swinney, of Kansas City, was next called on and he talked on the "American Bankers' Association." His talk was short, but to the point, and also favored of the humorous.

Mr. Jones, of New York, followed with a brilliant speech on general topics. He drew many bouquets at Wichita and Kansas and spoke wonderfully pleasing of the banquet which he had enjoyed and which had been so graciously tendered him and the other visiting bankers by the bankers of this city. He paid them a compliment that was lofty and eloquent.

Mr. Neal, of Kansas City, was the next to respond to the toastmaster and he did so in a becoming style. Judge Henry C. Sloss, of Wichita, then took up the oratorical standard and carried it to the heights of perfection and rhetorical excellence. Judge Sloss delivered a first-class speech in every respect and was continuously cheered on quitting the floor.

The most classical as well as humorous address of the program was the response to the toastmaster by Dr. Jarvis of Clay Center. Dr. Jarvis has the appearance of John C. Calhoun and possesses the entertaining talents of that venerable statesman also. He recited several comical political selections of the negro dialect that was genuinely funny. His main topic was "Keep Away from the Rocks."

Next to respond was Dr. C. S. Sargent. He said in part: "This is the thirty-second speech you have listened to in the last two days. Your capacity is something enormous. I hardly supposed I should be called upon, after speaking with Judge Sloss at the Commercial club Monday, for he told me that he would talk four hours, if he had not been a lawyer. I should have thought he meant what he said." His address was philosophical, as well as humorous, all the way through and produced a great deal of laughter.



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successful plunger, Mr. Jones, of Kansas City. His remarks were brief and concise. He had been asked by Father Thien to explain how he felt after having explored the vaults of Wall street and triumphed in the sale of the Philippine bond issue, but he modestly refrained from this explanation. Mr. Jones is a deep thinker and his short address was demonstrative of this fact.

Between each of those interesting addresses Toastmaster Thien spoke frequently, humorously and ideally. Messrs. McCarty, of Chicago; Paton, of New York; Denton, of Grenola, and McDonald, of Chanute, each made a few remarks, which were entertaining and spicy. Mr. McDonald's speech was the last response, but was not the least in importance. His was an address rich with humor.

The banquet was concluded at about 11 o'clock and the merry 300 or more of people left the temple feeling absolutely satisfied that they had been royally entertained. The last signs and the closing work of the bankers' association was ended with handshakings and fond good-byes.

Morning Session. The fifth session of the Kansas Bankers' association convened in the council chamber at 9 o'clock yesterday forenoon and the program was continued from the preceding day. The following addresses were listened to: "Our Silent Partners," by C. Q. Chandler, of Medicine Lodge; "The Present Status of Cattle Paper in the Light of History," by O. H. L. Denton, of Oberlin; "Recent Decisions in Banking Law," by T. S. Paton, of New York; "Hands Off Everything Doubtful," by W. W. Bowman, of Concordia; "Bank Forgers and Forgeries," by J. W. Marsley, of Oswego; "The Country Banker," by J. T. Denton, of Grenola.

Afternoon Session. The sixth session was held in the afternoon and the following addresses and branch banks, by W. C. Robinson, of Winfield, and "The Outlook," by P. I. Bonebrake, of Topeka. Following this the reports of the committees were heard and the officers elected.

By courtesy of the Wichita bankers the visitors and their ladies were given a street car ride over the city last evening, just before the banquet opened, at 6 o'clock.

The bankers will depart for their homes on this morning's trains.

BODY BURIED HERE.

Gustav Hoffman Laid to Rest in Catholic Cemetery. Gustav Hoffman, aged 21 years, who died Wednesday night at the St. Francis hospital, was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at this place yesterday afternoon at 2:30. Mr. Hoffman's home was near Deadybo. He was a patient at the St. Francis hospital for about one week.

BABIES IN NEW YORK PRISONS.

In passing sentence upon Mrs. Alva Pettit, taken to Auburn Prison last week, convicted of misleading young and innocent girls, Judge Newburger publicly announced that he would have given the woman the full extent of the law—five years—if it had not been for the five-month-old baby she carried into the court in her arms. It was the happy little face at the guilty mother's breast that induced the judge to show leniency. He was a woman of the law, nor more than two and one-half years, and her innocent babe was sent there with her.

The child is 17 months old. If its mother were to die, the little one will be one month more than two years old before it leaves prison. The prosecuting authorities say there are damaging circumstances connected with the case that make the chances of leniency on the part of the prison authorities very remote. If the maximum term is imposed Baby Pettit will be almost 3 years old before she and her mother are released from prison, unless the prison physician says the child must be taken away after she has passed her second year. Until the expiration of that time the state law can not separate mother and child. Under the city law, for a penitentiary offense, the age limit is one year, although a child is seldom taken from its mother until after it is 18 months old.

According to Lord Brougham, a famous English philosopher who gave a good deal of attention to the early influences of childhood and the prison problem, a child learns more of the material world, of its own powers, of its own mind and character, between the ages of 18 and 20 months than it does during all the rest of its life.

There is in New York a large proportion of children whose babyhood is always associated with the Tombs, the penitentiary, the workhouse, or some place of temporary confinement in one of the borough prisons. The baby life of the Tombs is as much a matter of daily routine as its continuous procession of thieves and thugs. Scarcely a day passes but Matron O'Brien has not two or more of them to take care of. But the baby Pettit is the first one. In Mrs. O'Brien's recollection, to be sent directly from there to a state prison—Cincinnati Tribune.

NEWS FROM ALL THE RAILROADS

Santa Fe Announces Changes in Schedule.

TIME CARD NOT FINISHED

Items of Interest About Different Employes.

The Santa Fe officials who are working on the new time card at Topeka did not finish their work yesterday. However, some of the more important changes which will be made were given out. They will go into effect June 1. They are as follows: The Colorado flyer is to be put on for the summer season under the name of trains Nos. 9 and 10. No. 9 will leave Kansas City in the evening, passing through Topeka at about 8:30 and arriving at Denver in the morning. No. 10 will leave Denver in the evening and pass through Topeka at about 8 o'clock in the morning.

The California Limited will run semi-weekly, the west bound trains leaving Chicago Tuesdays and Saturdays. The east bound trains will leave San Francisco and Los Angeles on Mondays and Thursdays. The trains will carry Pullman drawing room sleepers, Pullman observation sleepers, buffet smoking cars and diners.

Trains Nos. 62 and 67 have been changed so as to run daily between Newton and Dodge City. East bound train No. 62 will reach Newton from Dodge City about 3 p. m., in time to connect with the fast mail, No. 115, instead of No. 2, with which it has been making connections. This change will enable the travelers from Dodge City to use the through sleeper which is to be put on between Purcell and St. Louis.

A through Pullman sleeper will be put on between Purcell and St. Louis. The sleeper will be attached to train No. 115 at Purcell. At Kansas City the car will be transferred to the Missouri Pacific, leaving Kansas City at 11 p. m., and arriving at St. Louis at 7:30 a. m. The west bound Missouri Pacific train with the sleeper attached will leave St. Louis at 10:10 p. m. The car will be transferred at Kansas City to Santa Fe train No. 113, leaving Kansas City at 8:20 a. m. Arriving at Kansas City by way of Florence, the car will be attached to train No. 405, and will be taken to Purcell with this train.

Several other changes will be made and it is probable that the whole table will be finished today.

DATE OF SETTLEMENT.

Grain Rate War Expected to Reach Climax June 10. It is possible that the grain rate war in which the western railroads have been engaged for over three months will be settled June 10. Notice was received by the general freight department of the Santa Fe yesterday, to that effect. Cut rates have been made by all western roads and at times they were hauling grain at figures which grain men said were less than the actual expenses of transportation. Rates were reduced to less than one-half their normal basis. The rates which will be restored are those from the Missouri river to St. Louis, Chicago and all points taking the same rates.

NEW SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED.

Many Improvements Enable the Rock Island to Make Better Time. The Rock Island has announced a new schedule for its Chicago-California trains which cuts the time between these terminals eight hours. Faster time will be made on nearly every division of the road and the company has arranged for much better connections out of Kansas City both east and west. The Rock Island has spent a great amount of money in the past year getting its main line in shape, and it is because of this that it is able to establish a faster schedule.

WORK NEARING COMPLETION.

Rock Island's New Line to St. Louis About Finished. Rock Island officials expect to have the Kansas City-St. Louis line completed by June 1. All of the track will be laid by that time, but it will take much longer to finish the ballasting. Track laying was completed yesterday to a point near Little Blue, about fifteen miles from Kansas City, and is being laid at the rate of one and a half miles per day.

LINK AND PIN.

C. W. Strain, division passenger agent of the Frisco, returned from St. Louis yesterday, to which place he accompanied the special train containing members of the Kansas State Editorial association.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McDermott of Neodesha, are in the city attending the carnival. Mr. McDermott is a Frisco fireman and runs between Neodesha and Ellsworth through Wichita.

Ed McKinney, an employe of the Santa Fe warehouses, has quit his job.

All railroads entering Wichita have received the announcement of an increase of 5 cents, effective today, on all world's fare-tickets, also on the regular one-way rate, which is increased from \$12.00 to \$12.40.

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From North, South, East and West. That is the News That Comes.

If You Want health you must believe. To delay or doubt means DANGER, possibly disaster.—MUNYON.

A beautiful prize will be given to the winner. This will be the last meeting for the year.

Alma Chantauqua will meet Tuesday evening, May 24, with Miss Mabelle Blair, 415 St. Francis avenue.

Provincial Types in the South—"Colonel Carter of Cartersville," Mrs. Shepard; "The Granddaddies," Mrs. L. A. Bone; "The Prophet of Great Smoky Mountain," Mrs. Erwin Taft.

Reading ("In Ole Virginia")—Meddie O. Hamilton.

WILL SHOW THEM.

Ohioans Skeptical in Regard to Kansas Wheat Story. Urban Bryan, of the Bryan Bros. Candy and Cracker company, is back from a month's trip to Ohio. He reports the wheat crop in the northern part of that state as being almost entirely ruined by late frosts and says there will be but a very slight yield, if any at all of that crop.

"When I told them that what was three feet high in Kansas, they looked queer," said Mr. Bryan. "Yesterday I went out into the country and gathered a bunch of stalks. They stood four feet and three inches in height. Today I sent the wheat to a friend just in order to further convince them that my story was true."

Mr. Bryan reports the wheat crop in Southern Kansas as being the best he has seen in years. He is of the opinion that there will be one of the largest crops in many years.

LARNED WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fox Succumbs to Heart Failure Here. Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, colored, aged 65 years and a resident of Larned, Kansas, died yesterday afternoon at the Wichita hospital, of heart failure after undergoing an operation.

The body will be shipped to Larned over the Missouri Pacific this morning.

SHEEP DOGS VALUABLE.

Brussels.—There is always something weird and mysterious in walking in an unknown region at night, even if it happens to be a beautiful starlight evening. It is a policeman's horse and, almost before one realized what was taking place, a huge black dog came bounding into view, and an exciting scene began. The policeman, the thief and the dog appeared to be irrevocably mixed; growls, commands and curses rent the air. First one figure and then another came dimly into the light, and the scene once again. The dog had done his duty; the thief was lying helpless on the ground, carefully guarded by his canine master, and the policeman was rather miserably looking at his disarranged garments.

At a word of command a transformation took place. The dog, the thief and the policeman, the men came smiling forward, with the genial courtesy so prevalent among the Belgians of all classes, to ask what the onlookers thought of the affair. It was simply the usual nightly practice of the Saint-Gilles police with their celebrated dogs.

Hardly three years ago M. C. Coene, the chief police officer of the district, was much distressed at the terrible state in which his men often arrived at the station after a tussle with burglars and other evil characters who chose the dark hours of the night for committing their nefarious deeds, and no matter what other means he used, he had made a particular study of the Belgian sheep dog.

It occurred to M. Coene that if these dogs could look after and protect animals so effectively, they should render the same service with respect to human beings. No sooner was the idea conceived than he determined to carry it out if possible. The proper authorities were approached and a kennel was started. This is situated in the grounds of M. Coene's charming villa on the border of the forest. There is room for a dozen dogs, though they are trained to hunt down scoundrels for a few hours, to climb ladders, scale walls, enter empty houses or those in process of building, and to obey their masters implicitly.

THREE THOUSAND CONTRACTS WANTED

Natural Gas Company Asks More Assurance

P. V. HEALY IN CHARGE

Work of Canvassing Begun with Renewed Vigor.

Those in charge of the circulation of the gas contracts are working energetically to secure the number of names necessary to satisfy the gas company. A large list of names are yet necessary, about 3,000 being the required number.

The committee in charge of the work are now engaged in arranging in alphabetical order the names of the people of Wichita whom they are desirous of securing on gas contracts. This will greatly facilitate matters in the way of securing the number of signers required. It is probable that the continuation of the work will be placed in charge of P. V. Healy, who will use as many men as may be needed to push the work to completion. Mr. Healy is probably the most competent man for this that could be had, and his being placed in charge of the work will insure a thorough and systematic canvass of the city in the shortest possible time.

The city council has voted to grant the company a franchise and a large number of names have already been secured, but more yet are needed. It will cost the company an immense amount of money to pipe the gas to Wichita and install the meters, and they wish to be secured against loss by having a sufficient number of contracts placed before they take out their franchise and begin operations. As soon, however, as this is accomplished they will begin their part of the work. Arrangements have already been made with engineers and pipe men and the remainder rests with the people of Wichita. There are very few but what acknowledge the great saving to the consumer between gas and coal, and advantage is being taken of the opportunity offered.

INSTINCT SAVES ANIMALS FROM POISONING.

(Chicago Chronicle). That animals of every species can detect poison in food is a well-known fact. Disguised though it may be, the deleterious matter is discovered and instantly rejected unless, disguised by artificial means. As a rule dumb brutes seem to have very little sense of taste upon the palate. But carnivorous animals have a kind of "half-way" sense between taste and stomach which tells them when they have taken poison or anything likely to disagree with them, and nature has kindly arranged that they can get rid of it by the throat with very great ease.

Wolves, tigers, leopards and other carnivora are thought to poison because of the power which they have of rapidly getting rid of food. Lions, on the other hand, are very frequently poisoned, as they eat voraciously and quickly, more like a dog than the other large felines. It is said that a good many lion skins, especially those brought back by foreign agents and others from Somaliland, were obtained by the unscrupulous method of poisoning caravans and leaving them for the lions to devour. Cattle, which have less than four stomachs, are hopelessly poisoned if once they have swallowed a dose, whether in a toxic plant or otherwise. It is this curious arrangement of their interiors which makes it such a difficult matter to give cattle medicine at all.

In common with human beings, animals seem to be affected by poison in certain forms when in a particular condition of health. At other times they can eat the same plant or shrub with impunity. In certain states of health a man can eat pork, lobsters, cockles, scallops and other somewhat risky foods without bad effects. At other times the same dishes would be fatal to him. Cattle, which have only one stomach, are not so particular in their eating habits. Two persons may eat of the same food at the same time, and while one is perfectly well afterward, the other may become violently ill. The curious cases of yew poisoning among cattle or horses seem to be somewhat analogous. They will sometimes browse on a shoot of yew and take to their quarters. At other times they are obviously made very ill or die from eating the leaves. They have even been found dead with the yew fresh and undigested in their stomachs. When poisonous plants are present in any great numbers in herbage it seems quite impossible to prevent cattle from eating them. The "poison" part of the yew is the Transvaal has a particularly bad reputation caused by plants—some of which is said to be a species of tully, which causes into leaf in the spring.

In addition to the poison mentioned above the deaths or illness of English cattle have been traced to eating the leaves of laurel, common crocus and various other plants and acorns, which are very straining, and also, it is believed, to their eating woody nightshade. The keeping of a goat with cattle may possibly be beneficial, because goats eat by choice and with impunity plants which are injurious to cows.

Little seems to have been discriminating made in regard to poisons, probably because they have almost no sense of smell and swallow their food without masticating it. They are terrified to paralysis by the appearance of a poisonous snake unless the terror be due to fear of the appearance of the serpent rather than to an inherited knowledge of its venomous power, but such intelligent birds as rooks will pick up and eat poisoned grain, and crows and ravens readily eat poisoned eggs or meat. Chickens will eat the poisonous seeds of the laborer and die from the effects. Whether birds such as this and greenfinches ever do so does not seem to be known. They will attack a man as fiercely as a dog, but the man in civil costume, and who betide any individual so treated. If a most protective, and at the same time humane motive were not placed upon the dog's head, no more dogs cost the country about three thousand francs a year, than the decrease of crime since they have become guardians of the peace is very remarkable.—New York Herald.

PATRIOTISM IN A RAILROAD.

"A curious experiment," writes the French correspondent of the London Economist, "is about to be made by the Lyons Railway company, to lead in checking the progress of the native population from the relatively small number of birds, which is not equal to some years in that of the deaths. The system the

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