

BOTH SIDES OF IT

Experts Van Dugteren and Raiguel in a Card

CLAIM THEY WERE MISQUOTED

Further Pertinent Facts Quoted and Questions Propounded—A Distinction Without a Difference.

Yesterday afternoon at exactly 4 o'clock I. A. R. Van Dugteren, the expert accountant, entered THE HERALD office and handed to the editor the following card:

EDITOR HERALD—In your issue of this morning we notice an article headed "Mayor Uhl Says No," etc., in which article your reporter quotes questions and answers, which, so far as the answers of the experts are concerned, are entirely misleading. As you state in your editorial of same date that "Mayor Uhl and the experts are at variance over a question of fact," we trust that you will allow us to state that if you had published the questions as made by your reporter and our answers as given, there would not have been the slightest difference between the mayor's statement and our own.

I. A. R. VAN DUGTEREN.

WILLIAM H. RAIGUEL.

Grand Rapids, March 31, 1892.

His Request Granted.

Mr. Van Dugteren asked that the card be given space and was promptly told that it would be published. He was asked to explain in what particular the interviews complained of were "misleading," as asserted, to which he replied:

"You publish that card; if not free, then as an advertisement and I will pay the bill."

He was told that it would be an injustice to brand the interview as "misleading" without explaining in what respect. He again declined to explain, saying: "You publish that notice and if I have anything to say further I will let you know—or take it elsewhere."

Thereupon a copy of the paper was produced and the following colloquy took place, in the hearing of seven persons, two of whom are not connected with the paper. The questions and answers were:

"Mr. Van Dugteren, did the reporter say to you, 'Mr. Van Dugteren, I believe you made the examination of the books in the city treasurer's office at the time of the Perry trouble?'"

"Yes, sir."

"What answer did you make?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did the reporter ask, 'Did you go back of the last two years of Perry's administration in that examination?'"

"Yes, sir."

"What was your answer?"

"No, sir, I did not."

Distinction and Difference.

"Did the reporter ask, 'Why didn't you go back into the first two years of his administration?'"

"Yes, sir."

"What answer did you make?"

"I had no orders to."

[The reporter says in his report that Mr. Van Dugteren answered "I had no orders to go to."]

"Did the reporter ask 'From whom did you receive those orders?'"

"Yes, sir."

"What was your answer?"

"Mayor Uhl."

Had Time to Consider.

It will be seen from the above that if the reporter made any error it was in writing his answer "I had no orders to," which Mr. Van Dugteren changes to "I had no orders to go to." This may be a vital difference, but inasmuch as Mr. Van Dugteren had the benefit of counsel and further consideration in regard to the effect of his interview, THE HERALD will be pardoned if it insists that the reporter was right.

A reporter was also sent to see Mr. Raiguel, who admitted that eight of the questions and answers were correct but asserted that the ninth and tenth were wholly wrong. On the other hand the reporter stands ready to make affidavit that his report is correct.

A reporter was also detailed to see Mayor Uhl, but he could not be found in his office.

Again THE HERALD denies that it is actuated by sinister motives in calling attention to this matter. Mayor Uhl declared that the city "has lost not a dollar by the dishonesty of democratic officials." THE HERALD simply wants to know how he knows this is true. If he knows it to be true it is an easy task to make the source of his information public.

Only Half Examined.

The common council ordered an investigation of Treasurer Perry's books and also ratified the action of the mayor in employing the two experts. The mayor certainly acted with commendable dispatch when his attention was called to the alleged crookedness in Perry's office. That investigation covered a period extending from the first Monday in May, 1889, to the 15th day of May, 1891. The experts say they did not examine the books for Perry's first term because they "were not ordered to," and the mayor says he acted "officially" in giving instructions to the experts. Notwithstanding the order of the council that a full investigation be made, it was limited to two years. Where is the difference between telling a man "officially" to examine a set of books covering four years, for two years only, and in telling him to examine for a certain period? Will Mayor Uhl and the two experts hide behind so trifling a disarrangement of words or misquotation to escape responsibility for what is believed to be official neglect? Mr. Van Dugteren asserts that he and Mr. Raiguel did not examine the books of Treasurer Perry for his first term because "he had no orders to," and yet insists that because the types made it appear "I was ordered not to" that the article was "misleading."

Were These Misleading?

Was it "misleading" for these experts by and with the knowledge of Mayor Uhl to report that the accounts of Treasurer Perry balanced when in fact he had stolen not \$18,000, but over \$20,000 from the city treasury? When these experts made the discovery and not till then was the deficit made good by his bondsmen.

Was it "misleading" when Mayor Uhl and these experts deliberately reported to the council a state of affairs that practically concealed a theft and embezzlement which they knew he had stolen and spent over \$20,000 of city funds? Was it "misleading" to hoodwink the council and deceive the people by such a monstrous piece of concealment as the report was deemed to be and which it was?

Was it "misleading" to employ a thief and embezzler to escape punishment? If it was not, what was it?

Examined for Himself.

We are assured that Perry's books for the first term were balanced. Mr. Van Dugteren declared in the office of THE HERALD yesterday afternoon, in the presence of seven persons, that upon his own notion he had examined Perry's books for the period covered by his first term. He asserted in the course of the conversation and in the presence of those seven persons "that he did not examine them officially because he was not ordered to." Why did he examine them "officially"? What did he learn? If he learned that the books were straight, why did he not report the fact?

He was asked the question direct: "Were the accounts straight?"

"The books balanced," was his response.

"Could not the books be made to balance by false entries?"

"I do not think so."

"What did you find in your investigation?"

"Yes; what did I find?" and with that Mr. Van Dugteren abruptly changed the conversation to the Iowa prison accounts.

Hot Headed Defenders.

Hot headed champions of Mayor Uhl proclaim that THE HERALD is malignant. The hot headed champions are George R. Perry stole over \$20,000 from the public treasury of this city in his last two years in office. Mayor Uhl is not to blame for that. Mayor Uhl nor any man in the city has not dared to deny the theft. Mayor Uhl said the city "had lost not a dollar by the dishonesty of democratic officials." Perry took \$20,000 in his last term and it was not discovered until he failed to secure bondsmen so as to qualify for his office, following election.

If Perry stole \$20,000 during his last two years, how much did he steal, if anything, in his first two? Nobody knows. Why not? Because the experts were "not told to inquire." If Mayor Uhl had the power to ascertain, why did he not do it at the time the experts were engaged, and why did he order them to examine the books for a term corresponding with his own for mayor?

Now to those who are crying "personal abuse," "vindictiveness," "malignancy," "political capital." THE HERALD simply retorts: Do not forget that your city treasury was looted of \$20,000 by George Perry in two short years and that he was in office four years.

He was a democrat. He was saved from prison by democrats. If his books for his full services were not examined it was because the democrats did not so order.

CYCLONE IN NEBRASKA.

The Town of Meison Half Blown Away—Other Damage Reported.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 31.—Tonight rumors were afloat to the effect that a cyclone devastated the town of Edgar, Neb., with more or less loss of life. Later reports located the destruction at various other points within a radius of 100 miles of Lincoln. At this writing, 11 p. m., it is definitely reported by coming trains that the town of Meison, seat of Nuckolls county, is half blown away. All the wires in the vicinity are prostrated, and heavy rain and wind storms are reported all over the state accompanied by hail.

Nelson is Victim.

NELSON, Neb., March 31.—A most disastrous cyclone passed through here this evening, striking the northern part of the town and ruining everything in its path through the business and residence part. Several business blocks were completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Five persons were injured seriously, but none were killed. A large number of barns were blown down and the stock injured. Considerable damage is reported through the county of which particulars cannot be learned at present.

ONE MORE WAR SHIP.

Successful Launching of the Raleigh at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., March 31.—Despite lowering skies and prospects of rain at least 25,000 people watched the new steel armored cruiser, Raleigh, glide gracefully into the water at the navy yard at 11:35 this morning. Mrs. Haywood, daughter of Governor Holt, of North Carolina, christened the vessel. As the Raleigh moved slowly into the stream amid the cheers and whistles she struck a tow of logs and one of the raftsmen had his leg crushed and was otherwise seriously injured. A shed on the roof of which a crowd had assembled, broke down at the same time and one man had his leg crushed so as to necessitate amputation. Many others were bruised. The launching itself was a great success. Among those present were Secretary Tracy, Governor Holt and staff, J. S. Carr, of North Carolina, and many other distinguished visitors.

TAKEN FROM WORK.

St. Louis Strikers Prevent Men From Going to Work.

St. Louis, March 31.—There was a rush of strikers to the upper levee at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when it was reported the John L. Ferguson was to be unloaded at the foot of Cherry street. A score or more strikers rushed over the gang-plank and dragged several men from work. Captain Owens was pushed against the wall and was severely bruised. When the mob saw the officers approaching half of them withdrew, two or three sporting revolvers in defiance. Three men, ringleaders of the strikers, were arrested.

DOWN WENT THE BALCONY.

While the Audience was Storming the Stage With Ripped Eggs.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 31.—"The Can't-be-Worse" dramatic company attempted to give a performance at the Bijou theater tonight, called "The Defeated Candidate." During the performance the audience began presenting the actors with eggs, carrots and bricks from the galleries, and in the excitement the first gallery gave way, throwing a number of people to the lower floor. Several of the injured were taken to the hospital.

PINGREE IS IN IT

He Will Make the Race for Nomination

TO BE GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN

The Mayor of Detroit, Urged by His Friends, Will Be a Candidate Before the State Convention.

DETROIT, March 31.—The Detroit Tribune under the heading "Mayor Pingree, a candidate for governor," will tomorrow publish the following editorial: "The Tribune several weeks ago announced the candidacy of the Hon. John T. Rich of Lapeer county for the republican nomination for the governorship, and later it named all of the other candidates for the same honor at the time understood to be in the field. At least two of these gentlemen have since then notified their friends through the columns of The Tribune that they would not go before the convention, and the situation has for some time been that only the friends of Mr. Rich, Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Gardner have continued to talk of contesting for the gubernatorial nomination. "The Tribune is authorized to make an announcement today, however, which will excite great interest among republicans throughout the state, and which cannot fail to have an important bearing upon the gubernatorial canvass. It is authorized to say that Mayor Hazen S. Pingree of Detroit is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor, and that, like the able and popular gentlemen already in the race, he is ready to 'use every honorable means to secure his nomination and election."

Assurances of Support.

He has received assurances of support in many influential sections of the state, and now complies with the request of many of his personal and political friends who believe that he would be invincible at the polls and who urge that the state convention should select the strongest possible candidate this year, leaving it entirely to a judgment of the voters to say whether the man shall be Mayor Pingree or somebody else. Mayor Pingree's record as chief executive of the city of Detroit is an open book to the people of Michigan, who are perfectly aware of the sterling qualities which have twice made him mayor of this city in spite of a natural democratic majority of large proportion. His official course has been firm and upright, and his popularity is attested by the enormous vote which he received at the last municipal election when he held a vote for mayor considerably larger than the combined vote of the two democratic candidates opposed to him. As a business man Mayor Pingree stands deservedly high in the estimation of his fellow citizens. He is a large manufacturer and employer of labor, the head and active conductor of an extensive and successful business enterprise which has grown from small beginnings to its present magnitude. As a citizen he is public spirited and progressive, and his fealty to his party has been attested by a life of devotion to republican principles. He is a veteran of the war and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Manufacturers to be Represented.

"It is the claim of many that the farming interests of the state having been represented in the gubernatorial chair for three consecutive terms, it is a proper time now to encourage the candidacy of a representative of the manufacturing mercantile interests, and it is partially upon this ground that Mayor Pingree's candidacy rests. But it is further suggested to the republicans of Michigan that if he should be their nominee he would in all probability carry Wayne county, which has been done by no republican candidate for governor since John J. Bagley, and that he would bring to the chief executive office of the state the same substantial qualities which have distinguished his career as a business man and at the head of the government of this municipality.

"Whatever may be the judgment of the convention, it will be conceded that if nominated for governor Mayor Pingree would be a strong candidate before the people."

PROBST WEDDED ANOTHER.

Caroline Pfuge's Suit for Breach of Promise is Now on Trial.

New York, March 31.—A suit brought by Caroline Pfuge against Brewer Joseph Probst, to recover \$20,000 damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage, was brought to trial in the supreme court before Judge Lawrence and a jury.

Miss Caroline declares that Probst courted her during the latter part of 1889 and the early part of 1890. She asserts that the promise of marriage was made in April, 1890.

She was then 28 years of age, while the brewer is 40 years old and a widower with three grown children in Germany. Miss Pfuge has only been in the country three years. She said that the brewer told her he loved her better than his first wife and showed her the jewels that the latter had been in the habit of wearing. He took her carriage riding and told her that if she would only marry him she would be well provided for and have a house and servants.

In December, 1890, he married another, having previously written Miss Caroline that he could not marry her, as she was crazy.

Awful Act of a Crazy Mother.

New York, March 31.—Mrs. Margaret Doane, the wife of a produce dealer doing business in Washington market, threw herself with her 5-year-old son Frank from the third story of her residence at Hoboken this morning. About two months ago Mrs. Doane gave birth to a child and since then she has acted strangely. Three weeks ago, accompanied by her 21-year-old daughter, she called on Police Captain Hayes and asked to be committed to some institution, as she was often seized with a desire to kill herself and her children.

Denies Palmer's Charges.

St. Louis, March 31.—In regard to the quo warranto filed in the circuit court at Chicago yesterday by Charles F. Palmer against the National Unity Elevated Railway Construction company, T. C. Baker, one of the largest stockholders in the company denied the allegations in, to be made by

Mr. Palmer, and characterized the quo warranto proceedings as an effort on the part of certain Chicago capitalists to involve the company in litigation to such an extent as to ultimately defeat the establishment of the road on the patent, thus giving them a chance to introduce another patent which they own and control.

SPIRITUALIST ANNIVERSARY.

Devotes Make Pilgrimages to the Cottage of the Fox Sisters.

HYLVILLE, N. Y., March 31.—Today is the forty-fourth anniversary of what may be termed the origin of modern spiritualism, and the event, in accordance with established custom, is being appropriately observed by the organizations of spiritualists all over the country. It was the last day of March, 1847, that the two Fox sisters experienced the first manifestations of spirit rappings and other phenomena which make up a large proportion of the fabric upon which the spiritualistic faith is based, and to the old thatched cottage in which the manifestations were first apparent many spiritualists from the regions round about here are making pilgrimages today. Both of the Fox sisters are still alive, and although they have declared the spirit rapping seances of which they were the central figures were an imposture and a fraud their reputation is not accepted by the millions of those who believe in actual communication with the spirit world.

BURNING OF A STEAMER.

The Golden Rule Burned to the Water's Edge—Two Men Drowned.

CINCINNATI, March 30.—The steamer Golden Rule, due to leave for New Orleans at 5 p. m., caught fire a half hour before the time for departure and burned to the water's edge. The flames spread so rapidly that the fifty passengers and crew barely escaped with their lives. Several jumped into the water, but it is thought all were rescued except Mattie Maloney of Cincinnati, who jumped into the swift current, and disappeared. The wharf boat also caught fire, and was almost entirely consumed. Two firemen were seriously hurt by falling timbers. Second Mate Rely and a deckhand, named Homer, are missing. They were in the hold of the vessel at the time of the fire. It is supposed they were drowned. Loss, \$75,000; partly insured.

Exonerates Mr. Wanamaker.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—The report of the Bardsley investigating committee was presented to the council committee on finance today for action. The committee advises certain changes in regard to the city's finances, and reports that Mr. Wanamaker had no dealings with Bardsley and was in no way responsible for the wrecking of the Keystone bank. The city's loss by Bardsley's transactions will be \$381,554.

More Standard Capital.

New York, March 31.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Standard Oil company was held here today at the company's office, for the purpose of increasing their capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000. The increase was ordered made. The additional capital is to be used for buying independent plants and to pay for some recent purchases of small concerns.

Wisconsin Bank Looted.

ELROY, Wis., March 31.—The City Bank at this place was blown open by burglars about 1 o'clock this morning \$3500 secured. The robbers have escaped, but it is supposed they left on the south-bound train, going either to Chicago or Milwaukee, where detectives are on the watch for them.

Leased to Chicagoans.

New York, March 31.—The Thalia theater, on the Bowery, has been leased to Messrs. Levy & Heine of Chicago for five years. It is their intention to run the house as a Jewish theater, presenting Hebrew plays with competent Hebrew actors. Their tenancy will begin on June 1.

SHORT SPECIALS.

Costa Rica will expend \$100,000 on her world's fair exhibit.

Six prisoners in the jail at Charlotte, N. C. escaped by digging through the wall.

The remains of Walt Whitman, the poet, were buried Wednesday at Camden, N. J.

Mrs. Kate Davis, of St. Paul, charged with the murder of Samuel Blackstone, has been declared not guilty.

Duluth elevators were never before so crowded with wheat at this time of year as they are now, it is said.

At Cincinnati Wednesday the Ohio Spiral Spring Company's building was burned. Loss, \$140,000; insurance, \$40,500.

Peru will send to the world's fair representatives of all the principal Indian tribes found in the Peruvian forests.

Miss Mattie Mitchell got a verdict against the People's electric railway of Springfield, Ill., for \$4,083.33 for injuries received.

Charles A. Wright, who killed Mrs. Fidelia Taylor, of Westport, N. Y., has been adjudged guilty of murder in the first degree.

Pedro Monti, the Chilean minister, has been elected a member of congress in his country, and will sail from New York next month.

France is arranging to send officers to Berlin to study the police system there, with a view to reorganizing the Paris police service.

Miss Emma Fox, of Altoona, was found in an isolated spot Wednesday night dying from a revolver wound. Foul play is suspected.

Investigation into the census returns on Philadelphia manufactures discloses the fact that almost one-half of the schedules are incorrect.

One thousand men are thrown out of employment by the closing of the Aspen mines at Telluride, Col. The low price of silver caused the shutdown.

George Agin, a dissolute character, disappeared from Clinton, Ia., two weeks ago, while drunk. Wednesday his body was found floating in the river.

Morris Cahn, traveling for the Standard Paper Company, Milwaukee, is wanted in Ashland, Wis., on a charge of obtaining about \$400 on worthless drafts.

HIS LIFE IS A JOKE

Washington Davis Sent Into Eternity

UNDER A HEAVY BOX OF GLASS

Which Fell Upon Him and Crushed His Life Out—He Was a Man Universally Beloved in This City

Pedestrians on Monroe street in the vicinity of the Boston store, shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning, were witnesses of a sickening spectacle. They saw a man vainly try to escape a falling box, of ponderous weight, filled with plate glass. They saw it catch him as he was nearly free, bear him to the sidewalk and crush the life out of him.

About the time mentioned one of the Grand Rapids Storage and Transfer company's wagons halted in front of the Boston store. On the truck was a box of plate glass, said to weigh 2000 pounds. Washington Davis was in charge of the dray. A number of men were on hand with pike poles to assist in unloading the glass. The fastenings which held the box in place on the truck were loosened. The men helping placed their poles against the sides of the box and held it in place. Other men were sliding it on its edge toward the end. Mr. Davis was superintending, but he was stopped at the end of the wagon, on the sidewalk, to assist in lowering it. One of the pike-poles slipped and the box began to totter. Several men cautioned him to get out of the way, saying the box was falling. Mr. Davis placed his hands against the side in an attempt to steady it. First one and then the other dropped their poles and fled. Apparently realizing that his strength was not sufficient to control it, Mr. Davis sprang to the left. His effort to clear himself was frantic, but he was too late. With lightning-like rapidity down came the box. Mr. Davis was caught under it.

A loud crash followed. For an instant all was confusion. Then as many as could take hold lifted the box high enough to permit the injured man to be removed. His face and head were mangled out of all proportion. Many bones were broken. Blood covered his face and clothing. It was thought he was dead, but the body quivered slightly. The ambulance was called and Mr. Davis' body was placed on the inside of it. He was taken to his home, No. 314 Lyon street. Stimulants were administered, but in spite of all that could be done he died within half an hour after being placed on his own bed.

Mr. Davis was 53 years of age, and one of the best known men in the city. For twenty years he conducted a transfer business in connection with the Lake Shore road. This he sold to F. L. Blake, when he organized the Grand Rapids Storage and Transfer company, since which time he has been in the employ of the company as superintendent. He was a member of Chaspin post, G. A. R., having served throughout the war in the "Old Third." He is also an Odd Fellow.

He leaves, besides a beautiful wife, a loving daughter, aged 17. Both are prostrated by the sad accident.

Coroner Bradish viewed the remains and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The box was opened yesterday afternoon. It was found that each of the four panes of glass were broken, entailing a loss of \$600.

YESTERDAY'S HORSE SALE.

A Fine String of Animals Change Hands at Small Prices.

More sales and better prices characterized the Warner horse sale yesterday. The complete list of yesterday's transfers is as follows:

No. 107, Emma Mack, bay filly, George B. Hayes, Frankfort, Ky., to William Avery Lapper, Mich., \$150.

No. 108, Nance, bay mare, S. Wixon & Son, Oud, Mich., to M. P. Stevens, Pearson, Ia., \$125. Burch on leg.

No. 109, Dick was substituted for Kitty Garfield, Ray Warner, Coldwater, to A. A. Bloomer, Grand Rapids, sold as stands \$55.

No. 110, Masterpiece, chestnut horse, Ray Warner to James Hannard, Hesperia, Mich., \$1000.

No. 111, Vanity, bay filly, H. R. Kingman, Battle Creek, to J. W. Orth, Minneapolis, Minn., \$1000. Sound.

No. 112, Bay filly, H. R. Kingman, to D. H. Harris, Mendon, Mich., \$540. Sound.

No. 113, Wilkes Filly, bay filly, H. L. Kingman to C. M. Rice, St. Johns, Mich., \$150. Sound and register guaranteed.

No. 114, May Dapper, brown mare, H. R. Kingman to F. M. Woodmansee, Vermontville, Mich., \$195. Sound.

No. 115, Huntley, black stallion, F. W. Dickey, Marshall, Mich., to L. F. Hunter, New Madrid, Mo., \$400. Sound.

No. 116, Sparta Girl, bay mare, F. W. Dickey to E. N. Robinson, Newaygo, \$120. Sound.

No. 117, Miss Glenview, bay mare, F. W. Dickey to F. G. Annes, Lealie, Mich., \$150. Sound.

No. 118, Bay filly, not sold.

No. 119, Glenview Maid, not sold.

No. 120, Michigan Star, not sold.

No. 121, Star Belle, not sold.

No. 122, Nellie, chestnut mare, L. S. Dickinson, Grand Rapids, to E. S. Morse, Grand Rapids, \$75. Sound.

No. 123, Maggie D., brown mare, L. S. Dickinson to Franklin Lewis, Grand Rapids, \$50. Sound.

No. 124, Fanny, brown mare, L. S. Dickinson to Franklin Lewis, Grand Rapids, \$75. Sound.

No. 125, Lucy, not sold.

No. 126, Lopy, brown mare, L. S. Dickinson to J. F. Letellier, Grand Rapids, \$90. Sound.

No. 127, Flip, bay mare, L. S. Dickinson to F. M. Dickinson, Grand Rapids, \$165. Sound.

No. 128, Prince, not sold.

No. 129, Ed Johnson, bay stallion, W. W. Marantette, Mendon, to D. H. Harris, Mendon, \$75. Sound.

No. 130, Belle, bay mare, W. W. Marantette to W. D. Wildinger, Flint, \$160. Sold as stands.

No. 131, Jennievere, sorrel mare, W. E. Nicholson, Whitehall, Mich., to J. A. Peersall, Grand Ledge, \$55. Sound.

No. 132, Flora Clay, bay mare, Parkhurst & Nicholson, River Bend Stock Farm, Augusta, Mich., to J. E. Sherp, Newaygo, \$90. Sound.

No. 133, Miss Woodford, brown filly, John Murray, Milan, Mich., to C. W. Barrett, Hudson, Mich., \$80. Sound.

No. 134, Milan Girl, black filly, John

Murray to L. F. Hunter, New Madrid, Mo., \$110. Sound.

No. 135, Ellen Douglas, bay filly, John Murray to Robert Partman, Homer, Mich., \$145.

No. 136, Dewitt C. Douglas, bay gelding, John Murray