HILL MEN ENCOURAGED.

M'LAUGHLIN'S ATTITUDE IN KINGS AND ROCKLAND COUNTY ACTION FAVORABLE TO COLER.

Albany, Aug. 26 (Special).—Ex-Senator David B. Hill's followers at the State capital feel much encouraged to-day by the news from Kings County that Hugh McLaughlin has declined to interfere in the struggle over the selection of delegates from that county to the Democratic State Convention, and therefore are hopeful that Bird S. Coler will receive the support of a large number of delegates from that county in his candidacy for the nomination for Governor. Since Mr. Coler is a resident of that county, it is argued that he ought to have the support of a majority of its delegates.

The news that the Rockland County Democrats had elected delegates to the Democratic State Convention favorable to the nomination of Mr. Coler for Governor also was received by Mr. Hill's followers with satisfaction; although they had expected such news ever since Assemblyman Frank P. Demarest, the Democratic leader in that county, at the meeting of the State Committee acted with Mr. Hill on the motion to elect James K. McGuire as temporary chairman of the Democratic State Convention. Mr. Demarest introduced a bill in the Legislature for the repeal of the charter of the Ramapo Water Company, and his support of Controller Coler is largely based on the fact that the Controller aided him in his efforts to pass that bill. No other county in the State has been so harmed by the securing of water rights by the Ramapo Water Company as Rockland has been. Mr. Demarest has frequently stated that he never did anything in his career as a legislator that brought him so much popular favor in his county as his action in introducing the bill repealing the charter of the Ramapo Water Company.

TRYING TO BREAK HILL'S LINES.

Edward Murphy, jr., is sending out agents from New-York to break into the lines of Mr. Hill's followers in the interior of the State and induce some of them to act with Tammany Hall at the State convention. Congressman Sulzer, one of these agents, has just paid a hurried visit to Erie County, where he had a conference with Norman E. Mack, Mr. Croker's lieutenant in that county.

Mr. Murphy has one advantage over Mr. Hill in the contest between them for the control of the delegates to the Democratic State Convention, in the fact that Mr. Hill's line of battle is far more extended and is thinner than that of his opponent. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Croker, at the meeting of the Democratic State Committee, were supported by committeemen representing thirteen counties and part of Erie County, whereas Mr. Hill was supported by committeemen representing forty-five counties and part of Erie. The representative of another county—Westchester—did not vote.

At the Democratic State Committee meeting Mr. Croker and Mr. Murphy were followed by committeemen whose counties cast 228 votes in the Democratic State Convention, whereas Mr. Hill was followed by committeemen whose counties cast 213 votes. Mr. Croker and Mr. Murphy were then followed by Kings and New-York counties, which together cast 168 of the 450 votes of the delegates to the State convention. Mr. Hill's followers hope to reduce that block of sixty-three votes cast against them by Kings County representatives by obtaining some of them for Bird S. Coler.

HOW THE COUNTIES LINE UP.

The vote in detail by counties at the meeting of the Democratic State Committee was as follows:

FOR CROKER.

Putnam	3	Rensselaer	9
Suffolk	6	Cayuga	6
Queens	9	Seneca	3
Kings	63	Ontario	6
New-York	105	Richmond	3
Dutchess	6	Wayne	3
Columbia	3	Erie	6
Total			228

FOR HILL.

Orange	6	Lewis	3
Rockland	3	Onondaga	12
Ulster	6	Oswego	6
Greene	3	Madison	3
Delaware	3	Broome	6
Chenango	3	Cortland	3
Sullivan	3	Tioga	3
Montgomery	3	Chemung	3
Fulton and Hamilton	3	Tompkins	3
Schoharie	3	Schuyler	3
Saratoga	3	Allegany	3
Schenectady	3	Steuben	6
Washington	3	Yates	3
Albany	12	Monroe	12
Clinton	3	Niagara	6
Essex	3	Genesee	3
Warren	3	Orleans	3
St. Lawrence	6	Livingstone	3
Franklin	3	Erie	18
Otsego	3	Wyoming	3
Herkimer	3	Cattaraugus	6
Oneida	9	Chautauqua	6
Jefferson	6		
Total			213

Not voting—Westchester, 9 votes.

Columbia County, which is set down in the Croker column above, has already elected Hill delegates. Dutchess and Putnam counties also will probably vote with Mr. Hill's followers. It is apparent, however, that in all probability the votes of the Kings County Democrats will decide in the Democratic State Convention who is to be the Democratic candidate for Governor.

Mr. Croker, it is thought here, may in the end come back to his first choice for Governor, namely, William F. Mackey, of Erie County, since the Erie County Democrats, whether followers of Mr. Hill or of Tammany Hall, are united on him. Moreover, Mackey has the support of other counties in Western New-York. Thus far, also, he is the only Democrat in the interior of the State who has responded to Croker's invitation for him to become a candidate for Governor.

It is more apparent here every day that Mr. Coler has David B. Hill's powerful support for Governor, and that Mr. Hill is exerting every particle of his skill as a politician to bring about Mr. Coler's nomination, in the belief that he is the strongest man the Democrats can name.

UNDERHILL NOT A CANDIDATE.

LETTER PURPORTED TO BE WRITTEN BY CONGRESSMAN IN WHICH HE DECLARES HIMSELF OUT OF THE RACE.

A number of Democratic newspapers in Westchester County have been publishing a letter purporting to have been sent by Congressman John Q. Underhill, of the XVIth District, to Charles P. McClelland, of Dobbs Ferry, chairman of the Westchester Democratic County Committee. In it Mr. Underhill says that he will not be a candidate this fall for renomination. He gives as his reason for not wishing to enter the race that his health is poor and that his business affairs require his full attention. A reporter who called at the Congressman's home in New-Rochelle yesterday was told that he was ill. There is little doubt that the letter is a genuine one and that the report is true that he will not again be a candidate.

Mr. Underhill has served only one term in Congress. He is treasurer of the Westchester Fire Insurance Company. Although elected as a Democrat, he is not regarded as a Bryan man, as he voted in favor of the Republican currency measures.

There are several persons mentioned as candidates to succeed Mr. Underhill. Among them are William P. Piero, of White Plains; Cornelius Pugsley, of Peekskill; Charles P. McClelland, of Dobbs Ferry, and Mayor M. J. Dillon, of New-Rochelle. Alfred H. Morris, owner of the Morris Park racetrack, may be a candidate if he succeeds in beating Thomas O'Neal for the leadership of the annexed district. The primaries in the annexed district are to be held August 28.

NATIONAL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEETING.

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.—The National Municipal League will hold its next annual meeting at Milwaukee on September 19, 20 and 21, as announced in the programme issued by Secretary Woodruff, of this city. The occasion will also mark the eighth National conference for good city government, and it promised to call together a representative gathering of men from all parts of the country interested in the subject of municipal reforms. Aside from the National interest attaching to the National League meeting, the coming conference will be of additional importance because of the fact that in no other State have the questions of charter reforms, for which the league stands, been more generally discussed than in Wisconsin, where these questions have assumed practical shape. Two sessions will be held each day at which subjects of importance will be discussed and interesting papers read. On the evening of September 20 the delegates will have a banquet at the Hotel Phister.

NON-UNION WORK FOR BRYAN.

CENTRAL FEDERATED UNION'S SECRETARY WILL ASK HIM WHAT HE MEANS.

At the meeting of the Central Federated Union yesterday Delegate McMahon, of the International Printing Pressmen's Union, presented a letter from his organization, in which it was stated that "The Second Battle," a book purporting to having been written by William Jennings Bryan, was being published for him by a printing establishment in Indiana notorious for employing none but non-union labor.

Much indignation was expressed that the alleged friend of the working people had shown himself to be opposed to organized labor, and the secretary was instructed to write to him and ask him what he means.

BRYAN A "CONTINUOUS POLITICIAN."

WHAT AN OLD SCHOOL NEBRASKA DEMOCRAT THINKS OF PLATFORM AND CANDIDATE.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 26 (Special).—Many of the old school Democrats of Nebraska, those who were leaders of the party for thirty years until the advent of Bryan, have been publicly declaring themselves on the issues of the campaign. Among them is Euclid Martin, who was for several terms chairman of the Democratic State Committee and Postmaster of Omaha under Cleveland. He is stronger in his opposition to Mr. Bryan's candidacy this year than he was in 1896. Four years ago Mr. Martin denied his support to Bryan because he could not assent to the financial legislation promised by the Chicago platform. This year he finds the same objection to the Kansas City platform, and, in addition, observes other reasons for making the defeat of the Democratic candidate desirable. He says:

In the present political situation I am unable to discover any good reason why a Democrat favoring a stable currency, who refused to support Bryan in 1896, should support him now. His prophecies and predictions as a candidate in 1896 are unfulfilled and the disasters which he announced as sure to follow the election of Mr. McKinley have failed to materialize.

The platform of 1900, it seems to me, is in nowise better than that of 1896, and in some instances is worse. I regard the continued agitation of the 16 to 1 fallacy as detrimental to the best interests of the country and the attempt to make an issue of imperialism as entirely abortive. While maintaining a high appreciation of the personal qualifications of the Fusion candidates I am constrained to say that I believe a Presidential candidate should be a man of loftier purposes and pursuits than a continuous politician, interested only in his own advancement.

PLATT HAS NO SECOND CHOICE.

CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR APPARENTLY NOT CHOSEN—HE BELITTLES COLER.

The political situation at the Oriental Hotel yesterday was as serene and placid as a cool ocean breeze, the glint of sun on tumbling waters, broad and shady verandas and absence of politicians could make it. Senator Platt dozed a while on the front porch and then went upstairs and took an old fashioned Sunday afternoon nap. He came downstairs about 7 o'clock in the evening in a dress suit, looking cool, rested and cheerful. Senator Depew, who arrived from Europe on Saturday, was also at the hotel yesterday, but he took a long drive in the afternoon and did not return until dinner time. Aside from the two Republican Senators, there were no Republicans of note at the hotel. Senator Platt was in a jovial humor when asked about politics.

"I don't know of anything new. Do you?" he asked.

"How about the Governorship?" was asked.

"Nothing new," replied Senator Platt serenely. "Mr. Odell seems to have that matter in hand."

"How about the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor?"

"That," said Senator Platt, "is unsettled. I have heard of nothing new. There has been talk of Mr. Schieren, but I do not think he will be available. His attitude on the canal question, if nothing else, would certainly cause him to be cut up the State, if nothing else, and for that reason I hardly think he could afford to take the nomination. Mr. Schieren would make a good candidate for Mayor. He is better fitted for that post than the State position."

"Do you think there will be a fight?"

"No," said the Senator, "we will be harmonious. This is the other side's year for fighting."

"And Mr. Woodruff?" was suggested.

"It doesn't seem necessary to give Mr. Woodruff something every year," said the Senator. "Mr. Woodruff is a young man and he can afford to wait a while. He is a strong, able man and will come out all right."

Mr. Platt then referred to Mr. Odell, and speaking of who would nominate him, said that possibly Governor Roosevelt would make the nominating speech. He said that he did not think it would be undignified or out of the way for Roosevelt to do this.

"What are you going to do with Gruber?"

"Nothing," was the serene reply. "I am not paying much attention to him. Gruber is trying hard to make political capital by attacking me. He is trying to make a martyr out of himself very hard." And then the Senator added, musingly, "His poetry is shockingly bad."

"Do you think Coler will be nominated against Odell?" some one asked the Senator. He smiled blandly and replied:

"Is that fellow alive yet? I am afraid that some people are inclined to overestimate him. Mr. Coler is not likely to be nominated, and if he is he won't be elected. Tammany would cut him in every district, and so defeat him."

Mr. Platt said that he would go to Saragtoa on Saturday afternoon.

CONVENTION OF REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

It was announced yesterday that the State League of Republican Clubs would hold its annual convention at Saratoga, in Congress Hall, on September 3, the day before the meeting of the State Committee. It is expected that Odell will be recommended for Governor, and that Theodore Cox, of Westchester, will be elected president of the State League.

BRYAN GIVES UP PORCH SPEAKING.

PEOPLE IN LINCOLN MUCH DISAPPOINTED—PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN PERIGRINATION RESUMED.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 26 (Special).—Lincoln people have begun to believe that W. J. Bryan's recently constructed platform porch is not destined to be used much in the campaign as a speaking rostrum, and that the throngs of admirers who were expected to come to Lincoln because of his increased popularity will not materialize.

Before the plans of the campaign were matured it was announced that Mr. Brayn had decided to spend the major portion of his time at home, preferring to meet his constituents at his own threshhold rather than again again undergo the hardships of cross country campaigning. It was heralded far and wide that this year Mr. Bryan's friends could come to Lincoln and here be greeted in a more dignified manner that they were four yars ago, and on the strength of the numerous announcements the proprietors of Lincoln hotels began to prepare for the crowds. The Lincoln and Lindell hotels were remodelled in anticipation of a big increase in business because of the magnetism and popularity of the Lincoln Presidential candidate, and Bryan button venders began to pour into the city on every train.

Up to date Mr. Bryan has delivered only three speeches from his special porch. Two of these were addressed to local Bryan organizations and the third to a delegation of not over twenty-five persons, who stopped in Lincoln a few hours on the way to Montana from the Kansas City Convention. There have ben no excursions of people to see Bryan, and so far as can be learned none are expected. Taking all of these facts into consideration it is not surprising to the people of Lincoln that Mr. Bryan has receded from his former decision and now intends to devote most of his time from now until election on the road.

Reports of a decidedly encouraging nature for the Republican forces are brought to Lincoln from all over the State, and specially from nearby counties. It is believed that the Republican majority in the 1st Congress District will be increased to a considerable extent on all tickets.

TILLMAN'S CHARGE AGAINST EDITORS.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26 (Special).—Senator Tillman's latest sensation is charging by name in a public speech the editors of the four principal daily newspapers in South Carolina, "The News and Courier," "The Columbia State," "The Spartanburg Herald" and "The Greenville News," with being paid emissaries of the Whiskey Trust to break down the dispensary system established by him. He made this declaration in his last speech of the campaign, delivered at Marion last night.

FIGHTING NEAR CARTAGENA.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 26.—Mail advices received from Colon, Colombia, to-day, report fighting near Cartagena, where the rebels have been holding out in the hope of gaining some voice in the Government from the new Conservative party.

M'LAUGHLIN HOLDING OFF

RESULT OF THE PRIMARIES IN KINGS OF IMPORTANCE IN COLER FIGHT.

The warring factions in the Democratic party are getting ready for the primaries which are to be held to-morrow. The greatest interest is in the result in Kings County. There the Coler forces will make a hard fight for recognition. Hugh McLaughlin, the veteran leader of Kings County, it was said yesterday, has decided to remain absolutely neutral and let Coler work out his own salvation if he can. The Coler leaders regard this as a great victory. It is known that James Shevlin, Senator McCarren and other anti-Coler men in Kings County urged McLaughlin to throw his influence against the Controller, but it is now declared that McLaughlin has told them to go ahead and beat Coler if they can, and has likewise told Coler and his friends to go ahead and win if they can.

Croker and Murphy are still racking their brains for ways and means by which to encompass the defeat of the Controller. They have shown more ingenuity and resource than their enemies were willing to credit them with. According to the stories that come from Kings County, Croker and Murphy are using money and patronage freely in that county to get anti-Coler delegates. The same is reported from up the State. While McGuire and Campbell, both Hill men and executive officers of the Democratic State Committee, are badly hampered by the need of money and patronage for use in this fight, Croker and Murphy are rich in both. The first test of strength promises to come in the State Committee, which meets on September 10 in Saratoga. Of course, a count of the delegates named will give an adequate idea of the Coler and anti-Coler strength in the Convention, but a great deal depends upon the control of the State Committee.

The test will come over the naming of the temporary chairman of the convention. At the recent meeting of the State Committee in Saratoga Hill sprung a surprise on Croker and Murphy by suggesting that the committee name James K. McGuire as temporary chairman. This was against precedent, and was a shrewd manœuvre of Hill to outwit Croker and Murphy. Hill, when he made this proposition, had enough votes pledged to insure the success of the plan, but he failed, owing to broken promises. Perry Belmont, Beudrais, of Westchester, and one other member deserted Hill, although he succeeded in breaking the Croker combination and getting two votes from Erie County. Hill's candidate for temporary chairman will be McGuire. Croker has trotted out Senator McCarren, of Brooklyn, as the candidate of his faction. The selection of McCarren is made because it is believed that he will have the solid support of Kings.

The fight between the factions is getting more bitter. The Hill men now charge rank treachery and deception. They declare that the paper of the State Committee has been stolen by "Len" Wager, sergeant-at-arms of the State Committee, and used to entice Hill leaders from up the State to come to New-York for a conference. When here they are met by Croker and Murphy and by the use of patronage and money urged to throw their support against Hill. So far this scheme is said to have worked nowhere except in Amsterdam. McGuire and Campbell, becoming aware of what was going on, have taken steps to stop it, and it is believed that Mr. Croker and Mr. Murphy will abandon that plan, although not remitting their efforts to get up-State delegates.

Richard Croker would not talk any further yesterday. Controller Coler was at Liberty. It is said that he will be back in the city to-day. The reports received by the friends of Mr. Coler say that the sentiment in favor of the Controller all over the State is so strong that it cannot be stemmed, and that Murphy and Croker are bound to be beaten. This, however, is contradicted by the Croker men. They are practical politicians, and believe in counting votes when you have them. These Croker men now say they can get their hands on enough votes to win, and are simply keeping up the fight to make the victory over Hill more decisive.

There was a report yesterday that Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will come here some time this week and open an Eastern headquarters for the National Committee. It was declared that ex-Senator Arthur P. Gorman, Norman E. Mack and James D. Richardson, of Tennessee, and other prominent campaign managers would have control of the campaign in the East. Those Democrats in the city who were seen yesterday said they knew of no such intention. So far as the Democrats are concerned no one would know there was a National campaign going on. They are so absorbed in the fight between Croker and the Hill-Coler forces that they have no time to think of anything else.

It was said yesterday that the Croker-Murphy faction had become so alarmed over the reception of the suggestion that the unit rule be enforced in the State Convention that they had abandoned this idea, and would try to get enough delegates to win without voting Coler delegates under coercion. The report that in Kings and other counties where Coler delegates would be elected, but would be in a minority, the unit rule would be enforced was put forth tentatively last week. It was received with an uproar from various sections of the State, and the announcement made that if this kind of political trickery was enforced the party would be torn to pieces from one end of the State to the other.

KENTUCKY GOEBEL LAW.

LEGISLATURE MAY HAVE DEADLOCK OVER IT.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 26 (Special).—Members of the Kentucky Legislature are coming in for the extra session called by Governor Beckham to amend the Goebel election law. A poll, as nearly as can be taken at this time, shows a majority of the members in favor of a change, but they want a more ironclad law, even worse than the Goebel bill, and it is believed there will be a deadlock. The object is to get back into line those Democrats who last year voted for Taylor for Governor, because the election law gave the opposition no chance, even if the votes were in a great majority for that party, as they were. Scores of the rabid Goebel Democrats are criticising the Governor, and he will doubtless encounter stubborn opposition. He is drafting a message, but it is not known what changes he will propose. Many favor the Ohio law, while others want a law that will prevent the voting of the illiterate mountain Republicans and negroes, since the mountain section is overwhelmingly Republican. The conviction of Caleb Powers and the partisan work of the courts and juries of the State is stirring the people opposed to the Goebel methods until the feeling is reaching a high pitch.

BELLEVUE POLICEMAN PARALYZED.

Policeman Thomas Burke, of the East Thirty-fifth-st. station, who has been specially detailed at Bellevue Hospital for the last five years, is lying at his home, No. 243 East Thirty-ninth-st., suffering from paralysis. Last Wednesday he took a trip to Rockaway Beach and became seasick on the way back. Returning to his home, he complained of feeling ill and went to bed. Upon awaking a few hours afterward he found that his entire left side was paralyzed. Four years ago he had a similar attack. His condition is serious.

NO DISTURBANCE IN AKRON.

Akron, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Sunday passed peacefully in Akron, and unless something unforeseen turns up the original plan of dispensing with the services of the militia on Monday will be lived up to. Funeral services were held this afternoon for little Rhoda Davidson, who died on Friday from a wound received in Wednesday night's riot, when she was held in her mother's arms, the carriage in which the parents were driving having been wedged in by the mob in front of the City Building. Mrs. Davidson insists that she saw an officer fire the fatal shot. The funeral services were held at the Davidson home, No. 11 North Allyn-st. It is generally believed that Chief of Police Harrison will not again take his place at the head of the city Police Department.

THE REV. DR. R. H. PULLMAN DEAD.

Baltimore, Aug. 26 (Special).—The Rev. Dr. Royal H. Pullman, of Baltimore, brother of the late George M. Pullman, died to-day at his summer home, in the Thousand Islands. For many years Dr. Pullman was pastor of a Universalist church in this city. For five years from 1872 he was general secretary of the General Convention of that Church. Five years ago he and Mrs. Pullman celebrated their golden wedding. His wife was Harriet Barmore, and they were married when only nineteen years old, and students at the Portland Academy, Chautauqua County, N. Y. Their daughter, Frances P. Pullman, was married to Charles H. Smith, of Evanston, Ill., and their only son, George H. Pullman, is the financial secretary of the Red Cross League. Dr. Pullman was born in Auburn, N. Y., on June 3, 1826. Before coming to Baltimore in 1877, he had been the pastor of churches in Alcott, Niagara County, N. Y.; Fulton, N. Y., and Peoria, Ill. At the latter place he built a church, finished in 1868. In the forty years of his ministry he had only four charges. He was the oldest of the Pullman brothers. In the Civil War Dr. Pullman was a stanch Unionist, and performed the last rites for hundreds of Union soldiers. For some time he had lived retired, spending his winters in Baltimore and his summers at his island, Camp Royal, opposite the castle home of the Pullmans in the Thousand Islands.

RAIN ON G. A. R. MEN.

EXERCISES IN COLISEUM LARGELY ATTENDED—MANY DELEGATES ARRIVE.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Despite a rain which fell at times with the energy of a stream from a garden hose and degenerated periodically into a cold, soaking drizzle, the grand patriotic and sacred song service at the Coliseum to-night was attended by a throng which taxed the capacity of the immense building to the utmost. The exercises began at 8 o'clock, and between 7 o'clock and that hour the sidewalk in Wabash-ave. was impassable for a block in both directions. A large detachment of police was on hand, and the officers had their hands more than full in handling the crowd. The jam in the doorways at 8 o'clock was terrific, and although none was injured many gowns and coats were badly torn. It is estimated that fully thirteen thousand people were packed into the hall, and thousands more were unable to gain admission.

Bishop Samuel Fallows, who gained renown as a fighting man on the battlefield before he won distinction in the pulpit, and who is the chairman of the Encampment Committee on Religious Exercises, presided. On the platform with him was Mayor Harrison, Commander-in-Chief Shaw, the Rev. Thomas C. Iliff, of Salt Lake City; General Daniel E. Sickles, the Rev. E. G. Hirsh, of Chicago, and a host of department commanders, as well as the local officials in charge of Chicago's end of the encampment.

After a musical selection had been rendered by the band, the audience joined in the Lord's Prayer, led by Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, and then Bishop Fallows extended a warm and eloquent welcome to the visiting veterans. A responsive reading was led by the Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, of Chicago, and Bishop Fallows then introduced Commander-in-Chief Shaw, who spoke at some length upon "True Patriotism." He dwelt upon the services which had been rendered to this nation in particular, and to the world at large, by members of the Grand Army, and pointed out the need of training the coming generations in the duties which patriotism demands of the Nation's citizens.

The Rev. E. G. Hirsch delivered a patriotic address, and the Rev. T. D. Wallace pronounced the benediction. Between the addresses musical numbers were given by the band, of one hundred pieces, and vocal selections were given by soloists, quartets and the chorus, all of them being applauded enthusiastically by the audience, which was in an intensely patriotic frame of mind. In the afternoon a service for children was given at the Coliseum, which was attended by fully ten thousand persons. Addresses were made by Commander-in-Chief Shaw, Bishop Fallows, and the Rev. B. W. Arnet, of Wilberforce, Ohio.

Veterans and visitors to the encampment came in by the thousands to-day, every incoming passenger train being packed. Railroad officials estimated that fully seventy-five thousand persons arrived during the day, of which number eighteen thousand were members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Forty thousand strangers had arrived previously, over eleven thousand of whom were veterans, a total of twenty-nine thousand already in the city, and reports from the railroads from Grand Army headquarters indicate that to-morrow's arrivals will swell the number to a record breaking total. Reception committees were at all the railroad stations to direct the veterans to their hotels and lodging houses.

They were "tenting on the old camp grounds" in Lincoln Park to-night. In spite of the steady drizzling rain and the water-soaked ground, the pale light of lanterns glimmered through the walls of white tents along the Lake Shore Drive, and a group of old soldiers sat under a shelter tent around a ruddy campfire and sang "Marching Through Georgia" and told stories of the fighting for the Union.

Seventy members of the Allegheny City Post No. 128 arrived in Chicago to-day and marched to Lincoln Park, where, in the midst of a heavy downpour from the gray skies, they went into camp. With them were a large number of veterans from Pennsylvania and other Eastern States, together with many friends of the old soldiers. The entire body, numbering four hundred, took up quarters in the thirty-five tents that have been pitched in sight of the Lake at the southern end of the park.

Miss Clara Barton, head of the Red Cross Society of the United States, arrived to-day to attend the encampment. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ellen S. Mussey, of Washington.

DRAGGED 300 FEET BY TRAIN.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A POLICE SERGEANT AT ROCKAWAY.

Police Sergeant John E. Shea, of Captain Krenscher's force, had a narrow escape at Rockaway Beach yesterday. Just as he was boarding the 5:20 p. m. train for Seaside Station, where he was due to relieve Sergeant Wheelwright at 6 o'clock, the train started with a jerk. The sergeant was twisted about with his feet near the track, but he clung manfully to the handrail while the train sped quickly on, to the horror of hundreds of screaming women and children.

For fully three hundred feet Sergeant Shea was dragged along the roadbed, with ex-Sheriff Dunn and others running hard to his rescue. Finally the uproar was heard by the engineer and the train was stopped just as Sergeant Shea, thoroughly exhausted, let go his hold and fell with his face in the cinders of the road.

He was carried back to the Delcassian Club by his friends, who hastily summoned Dr. Herbert Tinley.

It was found that Sergeant Shea was badly bruised from head to foot and that his right knee was greatly swollen. No bones were broken, however, and after he was bandaged he insisted upon reporting for duty.

Later in the evening Sergeant Shea's wounds became so painful he was relieved from duty and sent home.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AT DETROIT.

ASSEMBLING FOR THE BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE ORDER.

Detroit, Aug. 26.—A myriad of incandescent lights stretched across Woodward-ave. all the way from the river to Grand Circus Park beamed welcome to-night to the incoming Pythian Knights. The initial illumination brought out in striking contrasts of color the decorations which wave in every building of the downtown portion of the city's leading thoroughfare. Long lines of small American flags, interspersed with Knight of Pythias burgees, were suspended above the glittering rows of lights, giving life and gayety to the pretty spectacle.

In the day there were more spectators than Knights at the big encampment of the Uniform Rank, only a few scattered regiments arriving in the morning, but as night approached the air resounded with music of the bands accompanying companies, regiments and brigades of Uniformed Pythians. So far as the commissary department is concerned affairs at the camp were in full headway to-day. Admirable arrangements had been perfected by the local Executive Committee for serving meals to three thousand persons simultaneously, and the kitchen, conveniently located between the two great mess tents, was a leading centre of attraction for the sightseers who strolled about the camp. The staff and brigade officers sup and dine separately in a mess tent situated to the rear of Major-General Canahan's headquarters.

Religious services were held this evening in the Central Methodist Church, with a sermon by the Chaplain-in-Chief, E. G. Sanderson. At the camp grounds there were concerts by the various bands. The largest groups of arrivals were from Ohio, Pennsylvania and New-York, and came by Detroit and Cleveland and Cleveland and Buffalo steamers. The first formal exercises of the biennial gathering will be at 5 p. m. to-morrow, when the camp will be formally opened in the presence of all the knights in dress parade formation.

The local committees estimate that the total expense of the encampment feature will be something over $25,000, which will be offset to a considerable extent by receipts from sales of concessions, etc.

DETECTIVE SHOOTS A FUGITIVE.

MAN ACCUSED OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY HALTED WITH A BULLET.

Hugh Walsh, thirty-six years old, of No. 427 East Sixty-third-st., was walking up First-ave. on his way home early yesterday morning, and when near Fortieth-st. was held up by a gang of eight or ten men. One of the gang robbed Walsh's pockets, securing $8, the balance of his week's wages.

Walsh reported his loss to the East Thirty-fifth-st. station, and Detective Thompson accompanied Walsh to the scene. The gang was still there making merry. Walsh identified John McDonald, twenty-one years old, of No. 321 East Seventy-fourth-st., as the man who had taken the money from his pockets.

McDonald, scenting danger, turned and ran up the avenue. The detective put after him and fired one shot in the air to frighten the fugitive, who increased his speed. The detective fired another shot, which took effect in McDonald's arm and brought him to a halt. He was sent to Bellevue a prisoner.

NATIONAL NEGRO CONVENTIONS.

TWO WILL MEET IN INDIANAPOLIS THIS WEEK.

Indianapolis, Aug. 26.—Two National negro conventions will be held here this week. The Afro-American Press Association will begin its twentieth annual convention to-morrow. It was organized at Louisville in 1890. Cyrus Adams, of Chicago, a member of the National Republican Advisory Committee, is president. John E. Bruce, of Albany, N. Y., is vice-president. The association has a membership of two hundred and fifty, and at this convention it is said an effort to indorse the Republican National ticket will be combatted and a vigorous debate will follow.

The third National Convention of the Afro-American Council will open its sessions in the Senate Chamber of the State House Tuesday morning. The work of the council is done mainly through bureaus, seven in number. The work of the council is planned and its executions superintended by an executive board made up of three representatives from each State. Prominent members of Afro-American Council, who will attend are: George H. White, Congressman from North Carolina; Bishop Alexander Grant, Bishop H. H. Turner, advocate of negro emigration to Africa; Edward Everett Brown, author of the anti-lynching bill, legislated on in the last Congress; Mary Church Ferrell, lecturer, president of the National Association of Colored Women, and Ida Wells Barnett. Booker T. Washington will deliver one of the principal addresses.

In the important business to be transacted is the election of a president to succeed Bishop Alexander Walters, who has held that office since its organization. Bishop Walters, it is said, will decline re-election, and George H. White, Congressman from North Carolina, a vice-president of the council, is being talked of for the place.

It is asserted that an argument will arise in this convention, also, over a proposition to indorse President McKinley.

ALLEGED INSANITY OF AN ENGLISHMAN.

KENNETH F. BELLAIRS, WHO HAS BEEN IN AN ASYLUM, AGAIN CHARGED WITH MENTAL UNSOUNDNESS.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 26 (Special).—Kenneth Farrington Bellairs, who claims $6,000,000 from the city of Spokane for personal damages, has been arrested, charged with insanity, and will have a jury trial next Friday. Bellairs is an Englishman, and, his counsel claims, is a nephew of Gladstone and is also related to Lord Salisbury, and is interested in a large estate drawing £75,000. He was for a long time a member of the London Stock Exchange and identified with the "Bellairs Syndicate." Bellairs had been confined in the Medical Lake Asylum, near Spokane, for three years, and was only released a few months ago. He was adjudged insane after falling from the second story window of his boarding house, but was discharged from the asylum as cured.

Since his release he has used every endeavor to acquire publicity, applying for positions on the editorial staffs of many papers. He lately became interested in the industrial exposition at Spokane, and, his attempts to interest Manager Hawley proving unavailing, he wrote letters threatening to commit suicide. These letters caused his arrest Friday. His counsel claims the physicians detailed to examine him are prejudiced and determined to railroad him bacq to the asylum, and there was a hot scene in court when they demanded a jury trial, which was granted. When the case comes up his attorneys promise to make some sensational statements.

THE ALABAMA AT BOSTON.

SUCCESSFUL ANTE-TRIAL TRIP ON THE WAY FROM NEW-YORK.

Boston, Aug. 26.—The battleship Alabama arrived in President Roads at 2 o'clock this afternoon, after an uneventful trip from New-York. She is now anchored in the Roads in the middle of the fleet of warships which are assembled there for her trial. In the run over after leaving New-York the battleship made great time under forced draught, averaging between sixteen and seventeen knots for six and a half consecutive hours. This is much better time than has been made by battleships thus far on runs previous to trial.

The Alabama passed out by Sandy Hook at 11 o'clock yesterday and ran until she was forced to slow down by fog for four hours, and emerged from it at about 9:30 o'clock this morning, all of which time she had only steerage way on. She rounded the South Shoal Lightship between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning, and was off Nantucket when the fog lifted. From there to Boston Light she was again put under forced draught and made excellent time, the run from Highland Light to Boston Light being made in two hours. These speed trials were made with ordinary coal.

The Alabama will remain at anchor all day to-morrow, in order to give the crew a rest, and will go on her trial trip over the Cape Ann course on Tuesday morning. A large number of invited guests will be on board, including Mayor Diehl of Buffalo and Mayor Hart of Boston. The entire Trial Board, with the president, Rear-Admiral Rodgers, was on board the battleship on her run over.

DROWNING ACCIDENTS.

SEVERAL PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES WHILE SWIMMING.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 26.—August Janowski, twenty-two years old, was drowned in the upper pond of the Phœnix Manufacturing Company, at Vernon, this afternoon. He got beyond his depth, and was unable to swim. At Winsted the twelve-year-old son of Harry Burgess was seized with cramps while bathing in Still River this morning and was drowned.

Lancaster, Penn., Aug. 26.—The bodies of William L. and Joshua Levering, the young Baltimoreans who were drowned in the Susquehanna River at Safe Harbor on last Thursday by the capsizing of a canoe, came to the surface to-day near the spot where the drowning occurred. Searching parties have been working night and day since the accident, and only succeeded in their efforts when dynamite was used.

Uniontown, Penn., Aug. 26.—Altha M. Ritenour, of this place, lost his life to-day through the death embrace of a friend he was trying to save from drowning. Samuel Trimble, of East End, Pittsburg, attempted to swim across the Monongahela River, several miles above Point Marion, at 5 o'clock, and when some distance from the other side gave out and called for help. Young Ritenour went to his rescue, and when he reached the drowning man the latter clutched him about the body in a desperate manner in such a way that Ritenour's arms were held against his body, and both went down.

DROWNED FISHING IN JAMAICA BAY.

BROOKLYN MAN FALLS OVERBOARD WHILE CHANGING HIS POSITON IN A BOAT.

Otto Meyer, of No. 420 Atlantic-ave., Brooklyn, reported to the Rockaway police last night that his brother, Charles L. Meyer, forty years old, of the same address, had been drowned. The two brothers went out fishing yesterday in a rowboat. Charles was seated in the boat, and suddenly arose to change his position, and in some manner he fell into Jamaica Bay. His brother waited for the body to come to the surface, but without success. Otto rowed ashore and reported the accident. The body has not been recovered.

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

ST. LOUIS CONNECTION FOR SANTA FE SYSTEM.

Fort Scott, Kan., Aug. 26.—It is stated that the railroad now being built out of St. Louis and across Missouri, known as the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado, is to be a Santa Fe line, which will absorb the charter of the Jefferson City, Fort Scott and Southwestern Company and build to Chanute, Kan., by way of this city, and connect there with the Santa Fe Southwestern line. This will give the Santa Fe the St. Louis connection which it has long wanted, and at the same time open up to St. Louis a direct connection with the big Southwestern territory of the Santa Fe lines.

The St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado road and the Jefferson City, Fort Scott and Southwestern road were chartered about the same time under the laws of Kansas. The directory of each contains the name of a Santa Fe representative, and the lines, as described in the applications for charters, are almost parallel.

CHANGE IN CHESAPEAKE AND NASHVILLE.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 26.—W. S. Smith, of Kansas City, was negotiating with C. P. Huntington for control of the Chesapeake and Nashville road, and the transfer would have been made on September 1 had it not been for the death of Mr. Huntington. The arrangements contemplated the immediate extension of the road from Gallatin to Nashville and from Scottsville, Ky., by way of the Mammoth Cave to a connection with the Southern at Bloomfield. The deal will be completed.

MORE ATTACKS ON NEGROES

SHOOTING OF A MESSENGER BOY AROUSES TOUGHS TO LAWLESSNESS—POLICE PREVENT SERIOUS TROUBLE.

John Davis, alias "Lamplighter," a negro, shot John Brennan, twenty years old, a white messenger boy, in the abdomen in front of No. 203 West Sixty-second-st., at 11:30 o'clock Saturday night. The negro escaped. Brennan was taken to Roosevelt Hospital, and Dr. Brewer, the visiting physician, yes