THE MEAT PACKING TRUST

EXPECTED TO GO IN OPERATION IN A FORTNIGHT—CAPITALIZATION FOR CONSTITUENT COMPANIES.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—"The Record Herald" says to-day that the long expected merger of the great meat packing interests of the United States will go into active and open operation on Saturday, September 27, unless there should be an entirely unlooked for change in the plans agreed upon by all those concerned in the deal at a meeting held here to-day. An industrial combination second only to the Steel Trust in point of magnitude and importance is therefore practically an accomplished fact.

Reports concerning the actual terms of the consolidation differ. The most trustworthy light shed upon the subject was the plan outlined by a Boston authority, who has possessed the most inside information about the deal ever since its existence was first rumored in the early part of last spring. According to this expert, the new packing combination is to be capitalized at the rate of twenty-five times the last year's earnings of the constituent companies. For example, Cudahy & Co. are said to have earned about $820,000 in 1901, which would make their share of the capital stock of the merger $21,000,000. A 4 per cent dividend that the new consolidation might be expected to declare would amount to $840,000, on this lot of stock—approximately its legitimate earnings.

On the basis of capitalization, Armour & Co. whose last year's profits are supposed to have been about $8,000,000, will receive $200,000,000 in the new securities in exchange for their business. Swift & Co. will receive $50,000,000, their net earnings for the last year probably not amounting to more than $2,000,000, by reason of the fact that this concern does not own its subsidiary companies, such as car lines and selling agencies.

Carrying out this method to the end, the Schwarzschild & Sulzburger Company would receive $26,000,000. It is said that it is the undoubted determination of the consolidated meat interests to control all of the packing houses and stock yards of the company, and save every possible dollar in the cost of manufacturing and distribution.

In addition to this, all by-products will be absolutely controlled and efforts made to buy up industries that are closely allied to the meat business.

MADDENED STEER CAUSES PANIC.

WHILE BEING DRIVEN TO AN ABATTOIR THE ANIMAL CHARGES INTO SCHOOL-YARD AND IS IMPALED ON FENCE.

A maddened steer caused a panic in the Eastern District of Brooklyn yesterday, and threatened the lives of many school children. The beast was one of a drove of fifty that was landing at North Ninth-st., preparatory to being driven th Joseph Weil & Sons' abattoirs, at White-st. and Johnson-ave. Four or five of the steers broke away from the herd at North Ninth-st. and Wythe-ave., and ran up Wythe-ave. in the direction of Grand-st. All were successfully headed off except one. Probably crazed for want of drink and food, this big animal charged up the street wildly, scattering everybody in his way.

At South Fourth-st., between Wythe-ave. and Berry-st., a large number of children were standing and playing in front of Public School No. 37, waiting for the 9 o'clock call. Without a moment's warning the beast was seen flying in their direction. They scattered in a panic, and were pushed and almost thrown out of danger's way by the janitor, Thomas Barnard, who tried to head off the beast. He swerved and plunged through the school entrance into the narrow inclosure between the building and the high iron picket fence. He ran wildly back and forth, until, seized with a desire for freedom, he made a leap to gain it. His throat caught on the end of one of the sharp pickets. There he remained transfixed until the janitor and some others managed to lasso him. Not until the drovers rushed up and killed him with a knife did the steer give up the fight.

None of the children were badly hurt, though a few were violently thrown to the ground in the mad rush to get out of the way of the beast.

WANTS ASSESSMENTS REDUCED.

CORPORATION COUNSEL RIVES TAKES ACTION TO HAVE $1,730,639 TAKEN FROM VALUATION OF THIS CITY IN WESTCHESTER.

With a view of making a bitter fight against the assessments levied against property owned by this city in Westchester County, Corporation Counsel Rives yesterday filed in the County Clerk's office at White Plains writs of certiorari to compel the assessors of five townships to show cause why the assessments should not be reduced. The orders were obtained from Justice Herrick, and are made returnable before Supreme Court Justice Garretson at White Plains on October 4. The total amount of the assessment on the watershed, dams, buildings, etc., at the Croton, Amawalk, Titicus and Cornell reservoirs aggregates about $2,500,000, and the city declares that it has been overassessed to the extent of $1,730,639. Corporation Counsel Rives in his petition says that the assessors had no right to assess anything except the land proper. The assessments and the alleged overvaluation follow: Yorktown, assessment $352,687, overvalued $165,009; North Salem, assessment $1,042,130, overvalued $760,406; Somers, assessment $847,017, overvalued $305,233, and Cortlandt, assessment $528,777, overvalued $509,000.

MULATTO ACCUSES LAWYER.

JEROME SAYS THERE IS HISTORY BEHIND CHARGE DENIED BY ATTORNEY.

Lawrence B. Cohen, of Cohen Brothers, lawyers, of No. 346 Broadway, was arrested yesterday in the District Attorney's office by Detective Heaney on a warrant obtained on Thursday by Cora Page Ford, a mulatto, of No. 360 West Thirty-sixth-st., charging that he had obtained $325 from her to procure her acquittal on a charge of larceny. Cohen was arraigned before Magistrate Pool, in the Tombs court, and held in $1,000 bail for examination to-day. The woman was discharged when arraigned on the charge. When District Attorney Jerome was asked about the case he said:

"There is history behind it." He refused to talk further about the case.

Mr. Cohen, at his office, declared that the charges were false—that the amount received by him from her was only $150, and was for professional services, as would be shown at the trial. The charge, he said, was prompted by anger at the return of the jewels, which the woman stole from Louis Fink. Cohen represented her in this case and turned the stolen property over to the District Attorney. Cohen said the woman sought revenge.

LEAGUE OF REPUBLICAN CLUBS TO MEET.

The sub-committee of the executive committee of the State League of Republican Clubs met yesterday afternoon at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Theodore Cox, president of the State League, presiding. Others present were E. E. Powell, treasurer; Major John W. Totten, secretary; Paul D. Waring, Philip Doblin and Frank Bulkley. It was agreed by the sub-committee that Major Totten, the secretary of the State League, shall be indorsed for the secretaryship of the National League, and that the executive committee shall call a meeting of the State League for some date to be decided on late in October.

It was also announced that at the national convention, which is to be held in Chicago on October 2, 3 and 4, the State League will be entitled to four delegates from each Congress district, and six delegates at large. The latter will be ex-Governor Frank S. Black, James S. Clarkson, Edward L. Montgomery, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Theodore H. Silkman and Dr. M. Cavana.

The speakers at the national convention will be Secretary Root; Senator Dolliver, of Iowa; Senator Beveridge and M. H. De Young, of San Francisco. It was said that Isaac M. Hamilton, of Chicago, the president of the National League, would probably be a candidate for re-election. The candidate of the East will be, it is said, J. Hampden Moore, the City Treasurer of Philadelphia, while the West will present the names of James J. Sheridan, of Chicago, and Sidney Reading, of Arkansas. It is expected that President Roosevelt will attend the convention.

A LARGE COMBINATION, THIS.

There came over from Jersey City yesterday afternoon a rather remarkable tale of combination, according to which President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and Edwin Gould have settled the Gould-Pennsylvania warfare and effected an alliance of the interests of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Gould family, among the results flowing from which are to be the consolidation of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, the restoration of the old relations between the Pennsylvania and the Western Union, and a general absorption of New-Jersey trolley roads by the new allies.

BUYS PUG FOR POLICEMAN.

HORSE THAT STOPPED MANY RUNAWAYS BID IN BY CENTRAL PARK CARRIAGES OWNER.

A large crowd of horsemen were at the stables of Van Tassel & Kearney, in East Thirteenth-st., yesterday, when Pug, who had been doing service for fourteen years in Central Park, and had caught at least 315 runaways, was sold at auction. The animal was "knocked down" to Mounted Patrolman Frank T. Baldwin, who rode him for many years, who represented Thomas J. Brown, for $107 50. Brown is the president of the Park Carriage Company that has the contract for the carriage service in Central Park.

The animal was considered one of the most intelligent horses owned by the city. A few days ago it was decided he was getting too old for service. Baldwin decided at first that he would buy the animal, but decided that he had no place to keep him, and enlisted the services of Mr. Brown.

When the bidding started Baldwin, who stood in the front row, with Mr. Brown standing behind him, shouted "$100."

A few moments later a man named Skidmore, who said he represented a riding school, called out "$105."

Mr. Brown, who was evidently afraid that Mr. Skidmore might get the animal, whispered to Baldwin.

"Go as high as you like. I'll stand $1,000."

This remark was evidently heard by Skidmore, because there was no further advance after Baldwin had raised the bid to $107 50.

After the auctioneer had announced his decision Baldwin caught the animal by the head and led him to the street, where he entertained a large crowd by putting Pug through the various tricks he had taught him in the fourteen years they had been associated with each other.

Mr. Brown said later that he had bought the horse at Baldwin's request, and that the policeman could have Pug any time he desired to. He said that the horse would not be worked, unless it were to go through the park occasionally.

MOTHER HIS LARGEST CREDITOR.

SON OF MRS. LYNCH, THE JEWELLER, A VOLUNTARY BANKRUPT—OWES HER $37,000.

Joseph D. Lynch, of No. 262 West Twenty-fourth-st., yesterday filed with the clerk of the United States District Court a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $43,381 82 and nominal assets of $100. Between 1887 and 1893 Lynch was a jeweller in the Hoffman House annex. He is the eldest son of Mrs. Theresa Lynch, of No. 1 Union Square. His mother is his largest creditor, to whom he owes $37,000. The rest of the creditors are Maiden Lane jewellers, from whom he purchased jewelry between 1891 and 1893.

COMING DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

THE QUESTION OF A COADJUTOR FOR BISHOP POTTER NOT LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED.

The Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held at the Church of the Incarnation, No. 205 Madison-ave., on September 24 and 25. The Rev. Dr. George Francis Nelson said yesterday at the See House that the work to come before the convention would consist mainly of reports of the various societies in the church, such as the Missionary Board of the diocese, the archdeacons of the diocese, the Seamen's Mission and the trustees of various funds.

Dr. Nelson said that he had not heard of any movement to affiliate the General Theological Seminary with Columbia University. An editorial in to-day's issue of "The Churchman" suggests that the seminary in its endeavor to co-ordinate theology with the other sciences "may find the natural outcome of this desire in a closer association with New-York's great university." "This may represent the suggestion of a movement toward university affiliation," said Dr. Nelson, "but if so, I have not yet heard of it."

Some time ago friends of Bishop Potter suggested that he should spare himself routine duties which threatened to exhaust his strength by asking for a coadjutor. The bishop spent a vacation quietly abroad, and seemed to overcome temporary ill health. The question of a coadjutor would not usually come before the convention. In addition to the selection of a satisfactory incumbent, the Church canon requires that a fund be established, the income of which shall be sufficient to guarantee the coadjutor's salary. It is necessary, however, that the bishop himself ask the diocese to appoint him a coadjutor. As up to the present no intimation has come to light that Bishop Potter will make such a request, it is not likely that the convention will be called upon to consider the question.

MEN WHO HAD JEWELRY HELD.

CUBAN WOMAN WHO WAS ROBBED FOUND NEGOTIABLE PAPER UNDER BED.

The two men arrested in Harlem on Thursday night, one of them for assault, who had money and jewelry identified as hers by Mrs. Rosa M. De Balsinde, of No. 155 West Twenty-third-st., pleaded guilty before Magistrate Crane in Harlem court, and were held in $1,000 bail for trial.

A man named Chamberlain, who lives in the apartment house at No. 155 West Twenty-third-st., where Mrs. De Balsinde dwells, met two men in the hallway as he was entering the house. When they had brushed by him he suspected that something was wrong, and on investigating he found the door of Mrs. De Balsinde's room open. He saw that it had been broken into and reported a robbery at the West Thirtieth-st. station. In the mean time two men having some of the missing property had been arrested in Harlem. Negotiable paper supposed to have been stolen was found under the bed.

PRINCE HENRY'S GIFT DOG EXONERATED.

JUSTICE WAKEFIELD OF RYE AWARDS $85 AND COSTS FOR INJURIES RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER CANINE.

A decision was handed down yesterday by Justice Wilbur F. Wakefield in the police court in Rye in the action for damages brought by J. V. Cleveland, an artist of the "Staats-Zeitung" staff, against Adolf Bender, a wealthy summer resident and manager of the big De La Vergne Refrigerator Manufacturing Company at Mott Haven, who gave up his stateroom to Prince Henry and to whom the prince gave a dachshund in return.

The artist alleged that while he was passing on the highway he was attacked and bitten on the leg by one of the Bender dogs. The decision gives the plaintiff $85 and costs. It is reported that Mr. Bender will carry the case to a higher court.

At the trial Prince Henry's dog was exonerated. It was shown that he was in the pack which pursued Cleveland, but that it was a spotted dog which did the biting.

WIDOW AND MOTHER TO LIVE TOGETHER.

THE M'GREGOR FUNERAL PARTY RETURNS FROM CLEVELAND—WILL MAY BE FILED NEXT WEEK.

The funeral party which accompanied the body of Bradford B. McGregor to Cleveland returned home yesterday. The party left the private car on the Lake Shore Limited at Tarrytown and went across to Mamaroneck in a trolley car. The family carriages met them on the boulevard between Mamaroneck and White Plains and took them to Orienta Point. The party was composed of Mr. McGregor's young widow, his mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bostwick, William B. Schlemmer and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wheeler, Addison Cochran and Dr. J. M. Hall.

It is said that the younger Mrs. McGregor will make her home at the McGregor country place to comfort her mother-in-law, who is left entirely alone by the deaths of her husband and son. The will made by Mr. McGregor a few hours before his death will probably be filed at White Plains next week.

DISAPPEARANCE PERPLEXES FRIENDS.

Renewed efforts are being made to account for the mysterious disappearance of Leopold Snedecker, thirty-five years old, a member of Company H, 13th Regiment, Heavy Artillery, and a clerk in the office of the Pfister & Vogel Leather Company, in Manhattan. Snedecker has been missing since June 20 from his home, No. 160 Livingston-st., Brooklyn. No reasonable explanation of his disappearance can be imagined. About two weeks ago a body was reported as being found near New-Haven, Conn., which might prove to be Snedecker's, but it could in no way be identified as that of the missing man. Captain Bryer H. Pendry, commander of Company H, who went to New-Haven to identify if possible the recovered body, asserts it to be his belief that Snedecker is still alive. He has no relatives or friends in Brooklyn. His record with his company is a good one.

NEW JERSEY -NEWS.

SIXTY YEARS MARRIED TO-DAY.

MR. AND MRS. HUGH HOLMES OF BELLEVILLE WERE BORN AND HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN THE SAME TOWN.

Belleville, Sept. 12 (Special).—Sixty years ago to-morrow Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holmes of this town were married here. Both were also born here in September and are over eighty years old. Moreover, in their long lives neither has resided anywhere else. Mr. Holmes, a few days ago, celebrated his eighty-second birthday. The couple were married by the Rev. Robert Lutton, pastor of the Wesley M. E. Church.

Mrs. Holmes was Miss Anna D. Williams, daughter of John Williams. The Holmes family is one of the oldest in New Jersey. Mr. Holmes was one of ten children. He and a sister, Mrs. John Rusby of Nutley, are the only two living. Their mother's aunt, whose name was Dow, was the first one to encourage the preaching of Methodism in the State of New Jersey, and it was through her that the Wesley Church was organized. It is said to be the mother church of that denomination in New-Jersey.

Mr. Holmes was one of the foremost figures in the early development of Belleville, and has the distinction of having been the first and only Mayor Belleville ever had. That was in 1874, when the legislature passed a bill making Belleville a city, which was repealed two years later.

Mr. Holmes has held nearly every office in the town, including that of tax collector, township committeeman, school trustee and freeholder. He was a leading figure in the first project of operating a line of steamboats on the Passaic River, and was also instrumental in having the river widened, thus making navigation possible to Passaic.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are in excellent health and expect to live many more years.

MORE JAIL BREAKING IN JERSEY.

TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE IN HUNTERDON COUNTY, BUT ARE CAPTURED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Flemington, Sept. 12.—William Chapple, of Trenton, and Thomas Vanzile, of Newark, escaped from the Hunterdon County jail here this afternoon while the court was in session. Vanzile is a confessed horse thief, and is believed to be a member of a gang which has been operating in Hunterdon and Somerset counties for several months. He was arrested in Newark recently after stealing horses belonging to N. S. Tiger and William Hoffman. Chapple is wanted for robbing George Nixon, of Frenchtown, of $55 several months ago.

The prisoners were allowed to use the jail yard to exercise in, and this afternoon they wired two long benches together and scaled the high inclosure. The escape was discovered a few minutes afterward and deputies were sent in all directions. Sheriff George Frech overtook the prisoners near Klinesville. Neither showed fight. Chapple started to sprint when he saw the official, but surrendered when Sheriff Frech threatened to shoot. They were returned to jail within an hour after their escape.

ADDICKS WOOLLEN MILL BURNS.

THE FIRE A HARD BLOW TO BRIDGETON, AS FACTORY MAY NOT BE REBUILT—LOSS IS $100,000.

Bridgeton, Sept. 12.—The large factory of the East Lake Woollen Mills Company, of which J. Edward Addicks, of Delaware, is the head, was destroyed by fire to-day, entailing a loss of $100,000. Two hundred men and women are rendered idle. The plant was recently improved by the addition of modern machinery, which was destroyed.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman about 3 a. m. in the cord room, and in an hour only brick walls were left standing. The firemen were unable to cope with the flames, and devoted their efforts to saving the surrounding property.

It is said that the mills may not be rebuilt, and in that case the loss will be keenly felt here, as it was one of the chief sources of employment. The mills were built in 1863 by Robert and James Dubois. The insurance will probably reach $75,000.

TWO AND A HALF CENT FARES.

CORPORATION ASKS FOR A FRANCHISE ON THAT BASIS IN EAST ORANGE.

There will be two and a half cent fares on the crosstown line in East Orange if the City Council of that place grants a franchise to the Essex Cross Railway Company. The corporation submitted a proposition to this effect at a special meeting of the council on Thursday night. The company proposes to sell forty tickets for $1. These two and a half cent tickets will be good within the city limits only. Outside the city limits the fare will be five cents.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WIFE'S DEBT.

AN EAST ORANGE DOCTOR HAS SUCH A NOTICE PUBLISHED.

Dr. George D. Whiteside, of Main-st., East Orange, published an announcement yesterday that he would not be responsible for any debts his wife might contract. Mrs. Whiteside, who was Miss Emily R. Williams, is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Williams, in Day-st., Orange. On September 2 Mr. and Mrs. Williams sent out an announcement of the separation of their daughter and her husband.

Dr. Whiteside came to Orange about five years ago from Vergennes, Vt., and married Miss Williams last December. Two years ago Dr. Whiteside had charge of the smallpox cases in Orange, and last winter he was engaged in similar work in East Orange.

NEW STONE ROAD FOR MONMOUTH CO.

FINAL ENTERTAINMENTS OF THE SEASON AT ASBURY PARK.

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 12 (Special).—Monmouth County's Chosen Freeholders have decided to build a stone road from the shore to Trenton. The improvement will cost $17,000, and the thoroughfare, it is planned, will be ready for use by next summer.

The final progressive euchre of the season was held last evening at the Hotel Tourraine. There were ten tables, each decorated with the national colors. The prizes were awarded to Miss H. White, Mrs. L. J. Mitchell, Mrs. B. Parriare, M. Flanigan, N. K. Marks and John O'Brien.

The beach band, which is employed by the city, will give its closing concert to-morrow evening. Bandmaster Anders has given universal satisfaction this summer, and will in all probability be engaged again next season.

A memorial service in honor of President McKinley will be held on Sunday evening in the First Congregational Church, when an appropriate address will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Walter A. Wagner.

Senator William W. Cocks, of Long Island, is at the Coleman House.

E. D. Hunter, of Stapleton, N. Y., registered this week at the Hollywood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hill, of Newark, are at the Hotel Monmouth.

John J. Farrell, of Newark, is enjoying the delightful September days in the Park with his family.

Helen Davis, Howard Davis and Annie Davis make up a family party from Baltimore now at the Ashland.

F. G. Thomas, of Philadelphia, brought his family to the Clifton this week.

John William Graham, of Manchester, England, is a well known preacher resting at the Coleman House.

Former Mayor Edwin Stuart of Philadelphia is at his cottage in Seventh-ave.

OCEAN GROVE SERVICES.

A CORN ROAST ON THE BEACH FOR THE AUDITORIUM CHOIR.

Ocean Grove, N. J., Sept. 12 (Special).—Vice-President A. E. Ballard conducted an interesting holiness meeting this morning in the Bishop Janes Memorial Tabernacle. The service consisted of prayers, singing, brief testimonies and an address by the Rev. John Cookman, of Central Valley, N. Y., a nephew of the late Rev. Alfred Cookman.

The Auditorium choir enjoyed a "corn roast" last evening on the beach. Tali Esen Morgan had charge of the enjoyable affair, which was participated in by the singers remaining in the Grove.

There will be preaching in the Auditorium on Sunday morning and evening by the Rev. Dr. John Krantz, of New-York. The services will be in charge of Vice-President Ballard.

L. B. Allen and A. W. Thompkins, of New-York; M. H. Johnson and Ethel L. Johnson, of Newark; A. E. Muir, of Orange, and A. J. Meyer, and George A. Leach, of Elizabeth, are registered at the Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bishop, of New-York, and Mrs. L. S. Newton and J. B. Henrics, of Hartford, Conn., are at the Hotel Majestic.

M. T. Briner and E. P. Miller, of New-York, and J. T. Allen, of Millsport, N. Y., are at the Seaside Hotel.

Charles E. Meller and Ethel Tomlinson, of New-York, and Jessie Holland, of Jersey City, are spending the closing days of the season at the St. Elmo.

Mrs. J. Kirk and Mr. and Mrs. W. Tilton are New-York representatives now at the Ocean House.

M. J. Jackson, E. B. Ballard, H. L. Ballard, H. Mable and Charles Mable, of New-York, and G. W. Roe, of Jersey City, have quarters at the Hotel Spray View.

Robert Harding, A. P. Brown and C. E. Benedict comprise a trio of Brooklynites enjoying an outing at the Queen.

Dr. T. Ursall, of New-York, is seeking rest and pleasure at the Chalfonte.

Mary Thompson, of Brooklyn, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Renney, of New-Haven, arrived this week at the Philadelphia.

GAVE HIMSELF UP TO SAVE REWARD.

LUTHER W. SHEAR, CHARGED WITH FORGERY, SAYS HE IS TIRED OF BEING A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

Detroit, Sept. 12.—A "Journal" dispatch from Muskegon, Mich., says that Luther W. Shear, the district agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, a prominent church man and society leader, who disappeared on June 11, leaving behind him alleged forgeries and debts to the extent of $50,000, quietly walked into the presence of Sheriff Payne at the county jail this morning and gave himself up. "I came by myself to save you the $250 reward," he remarked. "I am tired of wandering about the land, a fugitive from justice."

Shear will say but little of his wanderings. The most of his time was spent in New-York City. He was arraigned before Judge Sullivan in the police court at 10 o'clock. He waived examination, and was bound over to the Circuit Court in the sum of $10,000.

Shear says he will plead guilty. He shows the strain and suffering through which he has passed during the last three months. The jail is being besieged with victims of his alleged forgeries, and the entire city is greatly excited over the sensation.

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