

\$12,500 was paid to him for his general services in connection with the sale of the machine and no other services in relation to it to the Post Office Department, the note for \$12,500, which he admitted as having received in payment for what he had done was produced and read by Col. Young.

ADVERTISING pre- pared and placed by WOODBURY Ltd. Brings Money results.

Mr. Driggs in reply spoke so rapidly and with so much confusion of utterance that the court stenographer had to call a halt in order to get just what he had to say on the record.

YET WILL KILL LOTTERY.

Mr. Driggs' account of his first meeting with Mr. Miller differed materially from the testimony of Mr. Miller himself on that point. Mr. Miller testified that the first meeting when the sale of the machine was discussed occurred in the Miller's office in Washington.

NEGROES TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Lord Milner asked by Colonial Office to admit them. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 7.—Bishop Derrick of the American Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been here a short time on a special mission in connection with the work of the church in South Africa, was called to the attention of the Colonial Office by the Duke of Marlborough, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the complaint that representatives of his church were prevented by the British authorities from going to the Transvaal or Orange River Colony.

MISSION STEAMER SINKS.

Missionary and 25 Natives Drowned in the Congo. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ANTWERP, Jan. 7.—The steamboat Lapeley, owned by the American Presbyterian Mission, while on the way from the Upper Congo, to Leopoldville, turned turtle opposite Kwamouth. A missionary, name not known, and twenty-three natives were drowned.

MARINES LANDED AT COLON.

They Are Distributed in Camps Along the Railway. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. COLON, Jan. 7.—Three hundred and sixty American marines were landed here to-day. They proceeded to camp along the railway.

Explosion on British Cruiser.

STYDEN, N. S. W., Jan. 7.—Four persons were killed and three injured by the explosion of a boiler on the British third class cruiser Wallaroo, which belongs to the Australian station. The vessel was bound from this port to Hobart, Tasmania, when the accident occurred.

Death of Printing Press Manufacturer.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Hippolyte Marinoni, an inventor and manufacturer of printing presses, is dead. He was born in 1823. He had received a number of decorations for his work.

Pucelli to Marry.

ROME, Jan. 7.—It is announced that Giacomo Pucelli, the composer, will soon be married to the widow of Elvira Bonduri.

Antoinette Sterling III.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Antoinette Sterling, the singer, is seriously ill.

GREAT TIMBER DEAL.

Boston and New York Capitalists Have an Option on 120,000 Acres in Vermont. OGDENSBORO, Jan. 7.—A syndicate composed of Boston and New York capitalists will settle the question in a few days of buying 120,000 acres of wood lands in the towns of Searsburg, Somerset, Dover, Glastonbury, Windham and Sunderland, Vt. The syndicate's option on the property expired on Jan. 1, but thirty days more have been granted. Experts who have gone carefully over the tract say there is not another of its magnitude to be found in New England. The property is owned by the Griffith estate, the Deerfield River Company and the Peck, Purdon and Baxter kill interests. The Griffith estate alone owns 50,000 acres, while the Peck interests include 10,000 acres.

Postal Scandal in Missouri.

Nine Indictments for Irregularities in the Purchases of Post Office Sites. HANNIBAL, Mo., Jan. 7.—Nine indictments were returned this afternoon by the Federal Grand Jury, after it had concluded its exhaustive inquiry into the charges of irregularities connected with the purchase of post office sites in the cities of Columbia, Joplin, Nevada, Kirksville, Moberly and Louisiana. After receiving the report Judge Adams thanked the jurors for the interest they had taken in their work and excused them from further service. The indictments found were all marked "private." Five persons are said to have been indicted, the four additional indictments being found to cover different cases. Two of the indictments are said to be for embezzlement cases in which postmasters are involved. One was against Albert F. Cashman, postmaster of Stahl, Mo. In the bribery cases, it is hinted that three were caught in the meshes of the jury. The names of O. L. Blanton, clerk in charge of the office and supply division of the supervising architect in the Treasury Department at Washington; Dr. J. B. Stewart, a doctor, a cousin of Blanton, and Dr. C. Schwab of Columbia, Blanton, and Dr. C. Schwab of Columbia, Blanton, are mentioned in connection with the indictments. Report on N. Y. Post Office Seon. The commission of post office inspectors investigating the New York post office will file its report with the Postmaster-General within ten days. To Care a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists give the money if it fails to cure. W. D. Greer's signature is on each tablet.

CLUB'S HOOK FOR THE GREAT.

YOUR BIOGRAPHY AND YOUR PICTURE FOR ONLY \$100.

Another Kind of Press Club Convancing Going On Which Does Not Involve Publicity—Club More or Less Distributed Over These Enterprises.

Statements made by some of the members of the New York Press Club yesterday indicate trouble. The club, it seems, is in need of funds. Some months ago two or three of the literary financiers of the organization, including John F. Hobbs, editor of the National Provisioner; Charles D. Platt, the treasurer; and Thomas Evans, assistant editor of the New York Herald, devised a scheme by which they said, the club could get a lot of money.

Briefly, the scheme was that the club should get out some kind of a book, with some sort of a name, in which living men willing to separate themselves from the press could get their "obituaries" and portraits printed to be read and admired by their friends.

In some houses it is necessary to pump the water to the upper floors. When gas is used for the motive power a most unsanitary condition has resulted.

When the doors of one of the gas companies were closed, the gas was shut off, and the last complainant who was inside had been heard, a reporter managed to reach the complaint clerk.

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"NO GAS" THEY ALL COMPLAIN.

Cold Weather Brings Swarms of Kickers to the Companies' Offices.

About the busiest men in town yesterday were the complaint clerks in the offices of the gas companies. All day long they were besieged by small boys, the burden of whose complaint was "no gas."

The various gas companies have fallen on caldous ears. Since the zero weather nipped this town a few days ago, the complaint clerks have heard that "no gas" cry some thousands of times. Pipes and meters throughout the city have been frozen up, and when they were thawed out it was found that the gas was not coming.

As each new complainant stepped up in front of the desk, the clerk looked up wearily from the last entry, and asked: "Well, I should say we haven't. And we—"

"Name please?" "Mr. Riley, and we use gas for everything. We haven't had a meal in the house for three days. Only eggs that we boil over an alcohol lamp."

"Men will be around to-night or to-morrow, and we'll get the gas on for you. The greatest hardship is felt in the houses where gas ranges have been substituted for coal stoves. Alcohol lamps, oil stoves and heating dishes have been brought into play."

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GOING TO BOOM JUDGE PARKER

MISSION OF SEVERAL NEW YORKERS IN WASHINGTON.

Leader Murphy's Position Uncertain—Tammany Will Have a Big Say in the State Convention—May be Pennsylvania Will Be With Her in the National.

Several New York Democrats said yesterday that they were going to see to it that Chief Judge Alton B. Parker of New York State gets a substantial boom at the meeting of the Democratic national committee in Washington on Tuesday. Senator Patrick H. McCarron reiterated that his visit to Washington was for no other purpose than to boom Judge Parker. Ex-Lieut.-Gov. William F. Sheehan went to Albany yesterday afternoon to confer with Judge Parker, and is to be in Washington on Tuesday, to meet Judge Parker with the national Democrats.

Mr. Sheehan and Senator McCarron are the two notable Parker boomers who have spoken out in meeting Judge Parker's friends say that a number of Western and Southern Democrats are favorable to his nomination and that Judge Parker has received assurances of support from those territories. Judge Parker has had several conferences with Senator McCarron and other Democrats in and out of the State.

Leader Charles F. Murphy of Tammany is the uncertain quantity in the Parker boom. A month ago it was announced that Mr. Murphy and his friends were inclined to favor Senator McCarron's candidacy, and it was well known that Mr. Murphy greatly disapproved Judge Parker's nomination for Governor in 1902. Within the last few weeks, however, there has been a change, quite intangible to be sure, in the attitude of Mr. Murphy and his friends. Mr. Murphy has been seen in the company of Judge Parker, even to his intimates, and the most subtle efforts to obtain something definite from him on the subject are failures.

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FINDS HANNA SENTIMENT.

President of National Grange Says the People Want Senator for President.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 7.—Aaron Jones, one of the most influential Republicans of Indiana, having been on the State ticket in 1892 and now president of the National Grange of the United States, was said to-day that, while personally he is for President Roosevelt, he believes that Senator Hanna will be nominated for the Presidency.

Mr. Jones has been travelling through the East and South in connection with his work as the head of the National Grange and has conversed with many of the leading Republicans in the United States, and the people are turning to Hanna and that the sentiment in favor of the Ohio Senator is growing so rapidly that it cannot be withstood.

"I don't talk much politics myself," said Mr. Jones, "but I hear a good deal. I am a Roosevelt man myself and admire the President for his robust honesty. I believe Hanna is gaining daily and I feel that he may be the nominee after all. There are influences back of Hanna with which Roosevelt cannot compete. They are becoming more and more in evidence. One would be surprised at the number of people who believe in Hanna. I do not share that feeling myself, but it is present everywhere and is growing stronger every day."

Senator McCarron has suppressed the factional warfare in the Seventh Assembly District between the supporters of Deputy Fire Commissioner William A. Doyle and Luke D. Stapleton. The latter, after three years of hard but unsuccessful campaigning against the Doyle party, withdrew from the field and went to live in the First Assembly District. His followers, however, kept up the fight and he is now planning another attack on Doyle's political prop at the March primaries.

Senator McCarron succeeded in restoring harmony in the big district, and a Doyle-Stapleton love feast took place last night at Prospect Hall. The one hundred and fifty delegates in the center of the big hall amid the cheers of Gowanus Democrats and the rendering by the band of "The Best of Friends." Senator McCarron will now start in to quiet the Sinnott-Furlong rump in the Twenty-first district, the sole remaining discordant element in the Kings county organization.

Cleveland Democrats Here to Study Tammany. CLEVELAND, Jan. 7.—Harry F. Payer of the city law department and Justice H. A. Cummings, who are officers of the new Cuyahoga county Democratic organization, are in New York to study the workings of the Tammany machine, and on their return will apply what they have learned to the future government of the local organization. Their trip to New York was made secretly.

Eastmond Sees for Old Position. J. E. Eastmond, who was Water Register in New York under the fusion administration and surrendered the office under protest to William R. McGuire on Saturday, has begun an action for reinstatement. His contention is that under the provisions of the Charter the office of water register cannot be removed except upon formal charges sustained by trial.

Puzzled by Ringler's Death. Coroner's Jury Can't Decide How the Policeman Was Killed. After hearing testimony in the case of Policeman Frederick Ringler of 910 Trinity avenue, in the Bronx, who died on Dec. 28 as the result of two bullet wounds, a jury summoned for to-day, which destroyed evidence that given that not enough evidence had been given to them to decide how he was killed. Coroner Berry will send all the papers in the case to District Attorney Jerome.

Ringler, who was 52 years old, and was known as "Old Safety," because of his good record, at his residence, 1000 Fifth avenue, his wife and mother testified that he had got up to hunt for burglars that he thought were in the house and had started against a chair, accidentally discharging the revolver. They said they heard only one shot. Dr. Haberacker, 80 Trinity avenue, however, testified that he saw two bullets from the revolver two undischarged cartridges that had been denied by the hammer.

Three Large Buildings Burned—Aid Sent From Three Cities. AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 7.—This city had a severe loss to-day, which destroyed three large business blocks and threatened at one time to consume the entire centre of Augusta. Assistance was rendered by steamers from Waterville, Gardiner and Hallowell, staying the fire five hours after it started.

The blaze started in the basement of the William H. Adams building, a three-story brick block in which were a large department store, a hat store and several offices. It spread to the Moonien Hall block, a wooden building and the Thomson Hall building, a brick structure, the quarters of the First National Bank and numerous stores and offices.

These three buildings were destroyed, the loss amounting to \$200,000. The "Only House took fire but was saved before serious damage resulted.

To Curtail Flint Glass Bottle Production. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 7.—The flint bottle manufacturers of the Middle West and Western States closed their Western Association meeting this afternoon by authorizing a committee to order a general closing down of all flint bottle factories for a period of from four to six weeks to restrict production and keep it within the limits of demand. The Eastern manufacturers will cooperate in this movement, which means that 85 per cent. of the flint glass bottle plants will be shut down for a month.

Divorce for Maude Ambur. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 7.—A divorce was granted to-day to Maude Ambur, leading woman at Fischer's Theatre, who in private life is Mrs. Amber Wilkerson, from Ira Wilkerson, stage manager of the "Fiddle De Dees" road. Mrs. Wilkerson was charged with adultery.

ILLINOIS CANDIDATE TALKS. Congressman Williams, Dem., Interviewed on the Presidential Race. CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Congressman James R. Williams of Carmi, Ill., on whom both wings of the Illinois Democracy have united as their candidate for President, arrived in Chicago to-day to meet the local party leaders. In a talk on national politics he said that in his party desired to select its Presidential nominee from a State like New York, where, in his opinion, President Roosevelt is the best man.

The Presidential situation, so far as the Democrats are concerned, seems to have narrowed down to a contest between two candidates who can carry States like New York, where President Roosevelt is the weakest," said Mr. Williams. "It is not natural that the party should be divided into two possibilities, but when all is said and done the consensus of opinion seems to be that Roosevelt is the man to be nominated should he be able to gain when faced with the opposition of a most trouble. I believe the Democrats have a good chance to win this year."

New West End Republican Club Officers. After a month of electioneering, the West End Republican Club elected yesterday the following officers: Mrs. A. J. Wilson, president; Mrs. Harry Wallerstein, Mrs. H. J. Fonjeff and Mrs. John L. Mavor, vice-presidents; Mrs. John Francis Barry and Mrs. B. S. Wehlin, secretaries; Mrs. E. Stranahan, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Churchill, auditor; Mrs. Frederick Dana, historian, and Mrs. W. Pierce, chairman of the executive board.

The Importations for the Year 1903 of G. H. MUMM & Co.'s Champagne were 121,528 CASES GREATER by nearly 20,000 cases than the importations of any other brand.

"COUNT" WURZBURG A SUICIDE

ONCE WEALTHY AND A MT. VERNON POLICE COMMISSIONER.

Left Pathetic Letters to His Wife, Worry Over Whose Ten Years of Invalidism and His Financial Losses Was Cause of His Act—Shook May Kill Her.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Former Police Commissioner Siegfried Wurzburg, one of the leading residents of Mount Vernon, who was once worth about \$500,000, committed suicide to-day. He left a score of pathetic notes addressed to friends and relatives in Mount Vernon.

Mr. Wurzburg, who was known as "Count" Wurzburg, because it was said he was a descendant of a German count, ended his life in Johnson's Hotel, in West Mount Vernon, by shooting himself with a registered .38 Smith & Wesson revolver. He was 66 years old and had been in the hospital for six months because of a heart ailment. He