MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

HIS FATE PUT OFF

The Champion of Vandiver Gets the Case Postponed.

SEVERAL SENATORS ARE ABSENT

The Vote on Postponement Does Not Show How All the Senators Stand.

The punishment of J. S. Vandiver for the part he played in securing the pardon of Mollie Morris will not be determined until next Tuesday. Many of the senators were prepared to settle Vandiver's status as a senate clerk this morning, but there were not enough senators "lined up" for Vandiver's defense, so Senator Sheehan came to the rescue with a motion to postpone consideration on Senator Miller's resolution dispensing with the services of Vandiver as clerk of the re-apportionment committee until next Tuesday. The senator explained that he did so at the request of several who could not be present to-day. Objection to a postponement was made by Senator Knatvold while Senator Daugherty could not see any possible reason for haste.

He failed to convince Senator Thompson, however, who remarked that there was only one question to be considered, that being the necessity of a clerk for the committee on reapportionment. There was absolutely nothing for this body to do nor for a clerk. The matter of reapportionment had gone to a joint committee and the senate members being in the minority could not hope to force their appointment on the joint body. On the ground of economy the senate should abolish this clerkship, he added.

Senator Sheehan said he did not intend to enter into any discussion of the merits of the matter. There was a general desire for a postponement in order that the interested parties could look into the charges. The motion to postpone was carried, 25 to 21, as follows:

How the Vote Stood.

Ayes—Baldwin, Barker, Daugherty, Dickey, Everett, Greer, Grindeland, Grue, Horton, Hospes, Jones, J. D., McCarthy, McGill, McGovern, McGowan, McNamee, Potter, Ryder, Schaller, Schellbach, Sivright, Smith, E. E., Smith, J. H., Snyder, Stockton.

Nays—Benedict, Chilton, Coller, Dart, Du Toit, Fitzpatrick, Gausewitz, Halvorson, Jepson, Johnson, Knatvold, Larson, Lord, Meilicke, Miller, Roverud, Thompson, Underleak, Viesselman, Wilson, Young.

The Vote a Surprise.

The vote was something of a surprise, and a glance over the roll call may cause some comment. It is safe to say, however, that many of those who voted this morning to defer action can not be counted upon to uphold Vandiver.

JEPSON'S BRIDGE BILL

It Provides for Bonds Instead of Certificates of Indebtedness.

While there is no difference of opinion in the Hennepin delegation on the proposition to bridge the Mississippi somewhere in Minneapolis, there is some divergence of views on the proper method of procedure, and this has led to the introduction of two bills in the senate. A bill presented this morning by Senator Jepson is quite different from that offered a few days ago by Senator McGowan. The first warder wants to have the means for building the bridges raised by the sale of certificates of indebtedness payable within ten years. Senator Jepson objects to increasing taxation, and if a bridge is necessary, he says, the expense should be covered by a bond issue. So his bill authorizes the city council of cities having over 50,000 inhabitants to issue thirty-year bridge bonds provided the people by a two-third's vote grant the necessary power. A submission of the question of a bond issue to the citizens is necessary in Minneapolis, because the statutory limit of indebtedness has already been exceeded.

Warsaw in Rice county must have some peculiar advantage over Minneapolis in the matter of securing bridges for it cooly demands that the state shall defray the expenses of constructing a bridge at that place across the Cannon river. A bill appropriating $2,000 for this purpose was offered this morning by Senator Stockton and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Compromise Is Reached.

A number of different ideas regarding a tax commission have been shaped into one bill which will have the entire judiciary committee of the senate as its sponsor. The bill creates a tax commission of three members to be appointed by the governor, attorney general and state auditor. The compensation is fixed at $3,000 per year. Senator Underleak's plan vested the appointment of a commission in the governor and left the matter of compensation to the legislature to which the commission should make its report.

The only bill passed this morning was S. F. 66, fixing the salaries of county attorney in counties having populations between 75,000 and 100,000.

The senate went into a committee of the whole to consider a number of bills on general orders. The following were ordered on the calendar for third reading and pasage:

Senator Coller's bill, making standard central time the legal time in Minnesota.

Senator Wilson's bill relating to re-entry by landlord and the possession of leased premises.

A bill from the judiciary committee relating to the recording of log marks.

Representative Dunn's bill relating to chattel mortgages.

New Senate Bills.

S. F. 97, Stockton—Appropriating $760 for sewer at school for the blind, at Faribault. Finance.

S. F. 98, Jepson—Authorizing cities of over 50,000 inhabitants to issue bonds for building bridges. Hennepin County Delegation.

S. F. 99, Stockton—To appropriate money to build a bridge and approaches thereto in town of Warsaw, Rice county, Minn. Roads and Bridges.

S. F. 100, Nixon—To amend chapter 339, General Laws of 1899, authorizing county commissioners to make appropriations for erecting monuments or memorial halls in honor of union soldiers in the rebellion. Military Affairs.

S. F. 101, Judiciary Committee—Substitute for S. F. 2; creating a tax commission for the purpose of making a tax code for the state of Minnesota. Recommended to pass.

JEPSON DISSATISFIED

Doesn't Like the Tinkering of His Anti-Screen Bill.

Senator Jepson is rather dissatisfied with the treatment given his antiwineroom bill by the senate temperance committee this morning. While the main features of the bill were approved, it was amended in one important particular. The section prohibiting curtains or screens at the front of a saloon at such times as it is illegal to keep open was eliminated. Senator Thompson thought this clause would conflict with various local ordinances prohibiting the use of screens or curtains at any time. But Senator Jepson thinks a proviso could be inserted exempting such villages or cities as already have such ordinances from the provisions of the proposed bill. He will endeavor to have the temperance committee reinstate the clause.

Speaker Gets a Gift.

Speaker Dowling has received from Washington a handsomely bound volue containing the constitution of the United States, Jefferson's Manual, the rules of the house of representatives and the practice which has obtained in that body by precedent. The gift came from one of Minnesota's congressmen, a lifelong friend. It is a most practical remembrance, inasmuch as the Minnesota house is governed by Jefferson's Manual whenever the rules of the house itself do not apply.

MAHOOD CASE IS ON

Voluminous Testimony Is Read to the House.

ATTORNEYS TALK TWO HOURS

Question Hinges Partially on the Ballots of Sixteen Unnaturalized Voters.

The Blair-Mahood contest had the boards in the house this morning, and for an hour representatives were entertained by the reading of some amusing, but pertinent, testimony. After it had been decided to allow each side an hour to present its claims and the law substantiating the same, Chairman Dobbin of the committee on elections sent up to the reading clerk a huge roll of transcribed evidence. This was followed by an announcement that in all fairness to the interested parties the time consumed in reading should not be taken from that allowed for argument. The testimony was marked by many humorous passages, and the clerk was often interrupted by hearty laughter.

There was some little discussion auent the procedure, but with the assistance of Chairman Dobbin and Mr. Roberts the course prescribed by the statues was finally made plain. Then, on motion of Mr. Laybourn of Duluth, the clerk began on the evidence given by the sixteen voters whose right to participate in the election had been questioned on the ground of failure to comply with the naturalization law.

Ives Takes the Floor.

Immediately upon reconvening in the afternoon, ex-Governor G. S. Ives took the floor on behalf of the contestant. He spoke for thirty-five minutes, giving way with the understanding that on the conclusion of Senator Horton's effort he would be allowed his remaining twenty-five minutes. Governor Ives confined himself principally to a discussion of the strong probability that each of the sixteen votes admittedly illegal, had been cast for Mahood.

This point was controverted by Senator Horton. Much attention was given to the failure, so termed, of the contestant successfully to prove his case.

It seems to be the general impression that the majority report, which unseats Mr. Mahood, will pass.

NO SIGNS OF OPPOSITION

When Hurd's Salary-for-Schiffman Bill Is Favorably Reported.

The report of the committee on general legislation approving Rukard Hurd's bill to place the state oil inspector upon a salary was received in the house this morning without sign of opposition.

The Berg bill requiring notaries public to have their names upon their seals was indefinitely postponed.

Traveling Library Bill.

The Bush bill to increase the appropriation for traveling libraries from $5,000 to $10,000 annually was acted upon favorably and then under the rules sent to the committee on appropriations. A favorable verdict upon the Anderson bill allowing cities of more than fifteen and not more than fifty thousand inhabitants to own their electric lighting plants was given by the committee on general legislation and accepted by the house.

The state capitol commissioners, proud of the progress upon the structure, invited the house to visit the building in the near future.

Fort Ridgely Park Bill.

Under suspension of the rules was passed the Bean bill memorializing congress to establish a national park and military assembly at Fort Ridgely. Suspension of the rules was also applied to S. F. 23, providing for the incorporation of grand and subordinate lodges of the United Workmen and state and local camps of the Modern Woodmen.

The committee reports of the morning included the Laybourn tax commission bill. Inasmuch as it provides for the expenditure of state moneys it was sent to the committee on appropriations.

GETS FIRST BLOOD

Hurd's Oil Inspector Bill Is Recommended to Pass.

Richard Hurd has won the first round of his battle with Fred C. Schiffman, the new state oil inspector. The house committee on general legislation yesterday voted to recommend for passage Hurd's bill placing the oil inspector's office on a salary basis. The vote was seven to six, as follows:

For the bill—James A. Peterson, George W. Armstrong, G. R. Laybourn, S. D. Peterson, N. W. Benton, Thomas Torson, C. S. Schurman.

Against—L. C. Stevenson, H. R. Nelson, W. W. Rich, J. H. O'Neil, L. W. Babcock, W. W. Galt.

The oil inspector appeared and protested on party grounds. He said the understanding was that he should keep out of the fees only enough for a reasonable salary, and that the rest, amounting to about $15,000 a year, would go to the campaign fund. The argument appealed to some of the committee, but had no weight with the majority, who insisted that the state had a right to this surplus, not the republican party. Mr. Hurd is confident that the bill will pass the house. Its opponents will make their fight in the senate, where the bill was killed at the last session.

New House Bills.

H. F. 141, Dowling—To repeal sections 823, 824, 825, 826, 827 and 828 of chapter 8, general laws of 1894, relating to the office of court commissioner, and to abolish said office in all counties of the state of Minnesota; and that the powers and duties enjoyed by the said court commissioner may be exercised by the probate judges, etc. Judiciary.

H. F. 142, Dowling—To require justices of peace to forward all papers in certain cases to the clerk of the district court and requiring such clerk of district court to file same and enter in register. Railroads.

H. F. 143, Noyes—To repeal chapter 344, special laws of 1891, fixing the salary of judge of probate of Carlton county. Judiciadyq.

H. F. 144, Lemke—To appropriate money to aid in building a bridge across Straight river in Rice county. Roads, bridges and navigable streams.

H. F. 145, Stark—To appropriate money for the purpose of preserving, improving and caring for the state park at the Dalles of the St. Croix. Appropriations.

H. F. 146, Swanson—To legalize in certain cases proceedings for extending the period of corporate existence of corporations. Passed under suspension of the rules.

THREE PLUMS FALL

Gov. Van Sant Announces Three of the Lucky Ones.

Governor Van Sant announced three appointments this afternoon as follows:

Boiler inspector, sixth district, R. E. Patterson of Duluth.

Boiler inspector, third district, William H. Miller of Litchfield.

Itasca park commissioner, John P. Gibbs of Bird Island, Renville county.

WILL MEET TUESDAY

Reapportionment Committee Will Then Do Business.

Representative W. B. Anderson and Senator F. B. Daugherty, chairman of the house and senate reapportionment committees, have agreed to call a meeting of the joint committees for Tuesday at 3 p. m. The committee will then elect a chairman, presumably Mr. Anderson, and get down to business. Congressional reapportionment will be first taken up.

All Political Appointments

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All you want of the rich, beautiful, well selected patterns. You who are familiar with clothing names and makers, read the list that constitutes the clothing in the Wells stock: **Ely Meyer, Alf. Benjamin, Michael Stearn, B. Rothschild, Rosenwald & Weil. There are none better.** It's a grand stock, a rich stock, a complete stock. Not a handfull of remnants, not a clean-up, but the entire Wells Clothing House Stock. Undoubtedly one of the most magnificent complete stocks of fine ready-to-wear tailor-made clothing ever slaughtered through a forced sale. Enthusiasm runs high. It's a stirring, rushing trade. We are getting letters from other large stores asking us to sell some of this distinguished clothing to them at our remarkably low retail price. But we always reply: "No, thank you; we can sell it all ourselves." And we almost wish the stock was twice as large.

Tremendous Quantity of Beautiful Shaped overcoats. Hundreds Of Handsome Suits and Hundreds of Shapely Trousers in light weights, in medium weights, in heavy weights. This beats all the bargains we have ever given. Everything in the Wells stock at 50% of its value.

1,200 Pairs of Odd Trousers Taken from suits or left on our hands for reason that people bought only coats and vests. All the odd pairs and odd lots from our own stock and from the Wells stock. Trousers worth $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00 per pair. Trousers in worsted, cassimeres, cheviots, stripes and hair lines. Rightly shaped and splendidly made. We expect to turn the trouser business upside down tomorrow and suspend trouser selling everywhere but at The Palace. We have bunched the 1,200 pairs of splendid trousers for choice at..... **$1.85**

There will be rapid selling. We advise morning trading.

$10.00 to $13.50 Trousers, $6.75—Made to measure—made to fit—made artistically and thoroughly inside and outside—made from finest pure worsteds fabric woven in this country—we bought $10,000 worth at a clip, 78 styles—all placed at one choice at $6.75, and made to measure—they are worth that off the shelf—samples mailed to you if you cannot call—Saturday..... **$6.75**

After Inventory Clearance of a lot of Odd Coats and Vests. There are plenty—there are all sizes—there are frocks and there are sacks—there are some lots that there is only one of a size—there are some where there are several sizes represented—we are glad to turn them over to the public at half what they originally cost us, for they probaby represent some of the profit we made out of the public. We will place them on sale at half what material is worth—choice for coat & vest **$3.50**

$65.00 Fur-Lined Coats. $35.—The biggest—thevery biggest and most terrific fur cut ever dared—15 only—tiger cat lined—patent kersey top and otter collar—handsome fur lined Overcoats that are worth $65.00—the raw material is worth more, than selling price, and you know it—choice.... **$35.00**

After Inventory Boys' Clothing and Boys' Furnishing Clearance Bold Sacrifice, Etergetic, Terrific Price Cut, simply must clear the stock at once.

A lot of Boys' Reefers—sizes 3 to 6, in indigo, heavy Chinchilla—Galoon braid trimming and worth $2. Price cut to..... **75c**

A lot of Young Men's Reefers—sizes 14, 15 and 16—have all wool lining and storm collars, worth to $3. For quick clearance..... **95c**

Boys' fine Worsted, fine Yacht Cloth and fine Serge Sailor Suits—sizes 3 to 6—handsome silk trimmed and embroidered and worth up to $3. Prc. cut to **$1.00**

About 38 boys' 3-piece Knee Pants Suits—coat, pants and vest—nicely lined—nothing the matter with them excepting they are odds and ends—are odds and ends because original lots sold well—worth up to $6.00—to clean them up quickly, choice for Saturday..... **$2.25**

Young men's Frieze Ulsters up to 19—heavy Frieze—cut long—well lined and worth $6—to clean them up quickly the price is cut to..... **$3.00**

$3.50 Famous North Star red toboggan suits, sizes up to 15 years, at..... **$1.95**

Boys' heavy Chinchilla Ulsters—8 to 12—with storm collar, woolen lined, and if it was earlier in the season you would pay $6.00—what's left will will placed on sale Saturday for choice..... **$2.50**

$6.00 boys' Overcoats for $3.50—It seems ridiculous to sell goods at such prices—our season is past and we do not want the coats—this is your chance—sizes up to 19. Saturday..... **$3.50**

A lot of Odd Coats and Vests—from suits worth up to $6.00, of which the pants are lost, strayed or stolen—these odd coats and vests while they last—Saturday for..... **75c**

$7.50, $8 and $8.50 Young Men's Suits—two and three of a kind—either single or double breasted—bunched for quick clearance at—choice..... **$5.00**

$1.00 Boys' Saxony Underwear—when we say $1.00 we mean $1.00—fine Saxony wool—handsomely finished and the famous Root's Tivoli make—for quick clearance Saturday at—choice for..... **35c**

A lot of Winter Tams—50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.25—better look at them—our loss on them is three times the price of the cap—to clean them up Saturday we offer you pick for.... **25c**

A lot of 25c, 35c and 50c Caps—we will not describe them—they are an accumulation and we do not want to carry them over if we can help it—we will place them on sale Saturday at—choice for..... **10c**

25c Boys' Golf Gloves—they are a good quality—what's left will be cleaned out tomorrow at..... **9c**

Odds and Ends of Boys' Sweaters—all-wool worsted yarn, Saxony yarn and Germantown yarn—stripes or solid colors—they are worth up to $1.50—for quick clearance..... **50c**

A lot of Wool Toques—Maybe they are worth 50c—some of them are anyway—choice of what there are Saturday at..... **10c**

Brown's Combination Mufflers—A combination muffler that will keep boys' head warm, boys' ears warm and boys' neck warm—they didn't catch on, consequently we have nearly all we bought—they ought to sell at 50c—at choice tomorrow for..... **10c**

50c French Flannel Waists 25c—Blouse style or waist style—French flannel—nicely made—pearl buttons—it's like picking up quarters to get these 50c waists for..... **25c**

Odd Knee Pants—Indestructible—triple twill—worth to 50 per pair—for quick clearance at.... **12c**

Young Men's Long Pants—sizes 12 to 19—in medium and dark colors—cassimeres, worsteds or cheviots—in blacks or blues—every odd pair that we have and some of them are worth $2 per pair—all bunched at choice for **69c**

Men's Furnishings Final effort to get rid of all odd lots brought out in inventory.

Exactly 11 dozen of 50c De Joinville Ties—can be used as bows, four-in-hands or ascots—for final clearance they go at..... **10c**

50c and 75c Gloves in Calf Skin, Horse Hide and Cordovan — heavy tufted, closely knit, first-class quality—fire and water proof..... **39c**

Boston Style Garters—silk cord, patent fastener, lisle web, worth 20c—the last we will ever have—for quick clearance at..... **5c**

Unlined Gloves that are worth up to $1.00—castor, buck, dog skin, kid, reindeer and cape—broken sizes—not more than 15 dozen in the lot—while they last choice for..... **50c**

Men's Madras Golf Shirts—full cut and standard quality, worth 75c—for quick clearance, choice... **25c**

Shrunk, Indigo Blue Flannel Shirts—double front, extra heavy, French faced cuffs—double or single breasted, worth $1.50—price cut down to .. **95c**

50c French Domet Flannel Night Shirts—Extra long and extra heavy—all sizes—fully worth 50c—for quick clearance the price is cut down to **29c**

$1.50, $1.25 and $1.00 Underwear—in natural, camel's hair, fleeces or stripes—all sizes—for quick clearance the price is cut down to..... **75c**

Busted Up Sizes in Shoe Stock

We have chosen every odd pair—Every sort that there are only two, three or four pairs of a kind—among them you will find some of the favorite sorts—worth $2.50, $3.00 and $3.50 per pair—for quick riddance tomorrow, your choice at..... **$1.59**

83 pairs of Men's Heavy Arctics and Low Jerseys—full fleece lined—best quality—double strength sole and heel—for quick clearance at—choice for..... **95c**

70 pairs of Storm Alaskas—full fleece lined reinforced soles and heels—regular $1.25—for quick clearance at—choice for..... **75c**

50 pairs of heavy, two-buckle Army Arctics—full red fleece lined—double heels and soles—for quick clearance—choice for..... **95c**

Boys' one-buckle heavy Arctics—bright and dull finish—full red fleece lined—for quick clearance we will place them on sale at—choice for..... **50c**

Mackintoshes and Umbrellas

Just 12 Mackintoshes—tricots and serges, with cape, but can be worn without cape—they are w'rth $6.00—men's and boys' sizes—your choice for. **$1.50**

All sizes in stock.

$10 and $7.50 Umbrellas and a lot of Christmas Umbrellas that we ought to have sold Christmas, but didn't—finest silks, finest sort of handles and the finest lot of umbrellas—your choice Saturday. **$3.95**

(This is a decided sensation.)

Final After Inventory Price Smashing in the Hat Dept.

4 dozen Hats of Odds and Ends—new shades of brown—they sold for $3.50—this is the flexible Stiff Hat—for quick clearance at choice tomorrow for.. **$1.00**

About 50 dozen Fur Caps in near seal that cost as high as $3.00 a cap and retailed as high as $4.00—after inventory clearance at choice for..... **$1.00**

After Inventory Clearance of Plush Caps—silk seal plush in new, proper shapes—nicely made with rich satin lining—at choice for **75c**

Choice of any and all Cloth Caps in this famous Cap Department—Caps worth up to $2.00—for quick clearance at..... **98c**

Men's Winter Caps—odds and ends—while they last, don't you know—this season's styles—pull downs—for quick clearance Saturday at—choice for..... **15c**

Twelve Silk Hats—all we have left of winter styles—just as good to you as any $6.00 silk hats—to clean them out tomorrow, we will give you your choice for..... **$2.95**

A CIVIL SERVICE BILL

SEN. SNYDER TO INTRODUCE IT

Contains Provisions Similar to Those of a Section of the Charter Recently Submitted.

Senator Snyder is drawing up a civil service bill which he intends to offer as a substitute for any and all police commission bills. He will introduce it early next week. It will apply to all cities of over 15,000 population and provides for a civil service board of three members to be elected by the city council and to serve for a term of six years, one retiring every two years. This board is required to be nonpartizan, and if there are more than two political parties, no two of the commission may be members of the same party. All departments of the city are to be placed under civil service rules and are to be under control of this commission. Senator Snyder said to-day:

"The requirements of the bill are practically those of a provision in the city charter submitted at the last election. I have talked with several members of the delegation and all seem to favor it. While it will have general application to all cities of the state, I shall not urge it unless it is indorsed by the Hennepin delegation."

The Hennepin delegation was scheduled to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon, but as the house held an afternoon session on the election case, the meeting was postponed.

In Berlin they always speak of American maize and not corn.

Miss Jennie Kilpatrick of Peoria, Ill., took a dose of headache powders for a "bracer" and died.

UP IT WILL STAY

No Prospect for Lumber to Be Cheaper.

IT MAY BE MUCH HIGHER

The Supply of Lumber Is Far Below Normal—Duluth Surplus Only a Drop.

That the price of lumber during the coming year will not be lower and is more than likely to advance several points is the unanimous opinion of manufacturers, wholesalers and all persons at all posted on the condition of the market.

M. J. Scanlon of the Scanlon-Gipson company said to-day that the supply of lumber in the white pine producing region, which means Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, is fully one-and-one-quarter billion feet below normal. Mr. Scanlon further says that all conditions in the white pine market are decidedly bullish. The price will not be lower. It will be higher, he thinks, although he does not look for the sensational advances that took place last year.

Consumers throughout the northwest who have been wishing that the price would fall, received the impression that there would be a slump from the fact that the stocks in the hands of manufacturers at the head of the lakes were large. This is true. Duluth and Superior manufacturers held their stock for a higher price in the middle of the summer, and when they were ready to ship, they found that the lines of transportation east had all they could do and at higher rates than the lumbermen desired to pay. So the stock was carried over. Local lumbermen say this Duluth surplus will be leveled to the ground inside of thirty days after the spring movement begins.

One prominent lumberman said that at the present prices of stumpage and labor, it was impossible to make any profit on lumber at the present prices. He looked for a stiff advance early in the spring.

The Lumberman's View.

The Mississippi Valley Lumberman says:

Statistics of production and stock on hand show that stocks are far below the normal. At the close of 1894, 1895 and 1897 stock on hand at the mills was about 4,000,000,000 feet; it varied more or less from year to year, but that quantity might be termed the normal stock to be carried over in the white pine country of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The large trade of 1898 cut this stock in two, and not since that time has there been a normal supply of lumber in the white pine country. In round numbers 2,850,000,000 feet was the stock on hand Dec. 1 last, which is more than 1,000,000,000 feet short of what should be the stock to meet the requirements of a year of normal consumption. Of course the demand for white pine is lessening to some extent, with its decreased output and the development of substitutes, but the requirement is large enough to take all that can be made at prices as high or higher than those now prevailing, and for this requirement the immediate supply is manifestly inadequate. It may be assumed that the demand for the coming year will be a little larger than that of 1900—if so, it will be about five and a half billion feet, with a stock at the beginning of the year of one-half that amount, and it is evident that the product of the year must be heavily drawn on for immediate consumption.

Boston has what it calls the Back Bay Automobile Omnibus Line. So far as patronage is concerned, it is a success.

SHARES WITH DEAD WIFE

FORTUNE COMES TO A HERMIT

Most of It He Will Spend for a Monument Over Her Grave.

New York Sun Special Service

Hancock, Md., Feb. 1.—Anthony Bradonall, otherwise known as Anthony Hull, of near Hillstone, who disappeared fifteen years ago after a trial in Hagertown for stealing chickens, of which he was acquitted, was found to-day living in a hut in Berkley county, W. Va., where he subsists on herbs and wild meats, sleeps on a bed of straw, but keeps up a roaring fire for company.

Twenty-five years ago he took a blind girl, Miss Myers, from her home near Millstone, carried her ten miles to the home of a minister and forced him to perform the marriage ceremony at the point of an old army pistol, which had not been loaded for several years. He carried his wife back to her mother and devoted himself to supporting the family by converting cross ties, hoop poles, shingles, etc., into money wherever he could find them without the owner's consent.

The government has just granted Bradonall a pension of $50 a month and back pay amounting to more than $15,000, $10,000 of which he intends to put into a monument over his wife's grave. He intends to give $5,000 to "Aunt Katie," an old woman living west of Millstone, for allowing him all winter to cut firewood in exchange for a place to sleep and his victuals, as he put it.

During the year just closed the Baldwin locomotive works built 1,217 engines.

GETS EADS' JETTIES

United States Has Taken Charge of the Work.

New York Sun Special Service.

New Orleans, Feb. 1.—The Eads jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi river, have passed from private control into the hands of the United States government. Under the contract between the United States government and the Eads company the United States was to get possession in twenty years, and the Eads people were to maintain a depth of thirty feet in the main channel. The twenty years expired in January, 1899, but the limit was extended two more years because the company had not been able to preserve the thirty-foot depth all the time and had to make good the days of its deficiencies. The United States has the dredge boat Beta now at the jetties and will keep the required depth.

KANSAS CITY TERRORIZED

Assaults on the Streets Occur Almost Every Night.

New York Sun Special Service

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Terrified at the frequency of murders and assaults on the streets of Kansas City almost nightly, the people have arisen enmasse and declared that steps be taken immediately to restore peace and security. All patrolmen will be taken from the day force and will patrol the streets at night in plain clothes. Thus with the city detectives there will be a night force of about forty men engaged solely in the task of looking for the thugs.

Some of the finest sugar mills in the world are in Hawaii. One cost over $1,000,000.

It is estimated that about half the people of Delaware favor the abolition of the whipping-post.

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