

the defense announced that it would rest. Mr. Boardman had Mrs. Mary Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. George Pleas and Mrs. Howard recalled to show that the investigations by Inspector "Norm" King had been of the briefest and most perfunctory character. They said that they had arrived there about 11:30 and about fifteen minutes later he was seen going up the street. About all he asked related to their knowledge of the first party, whether the Picketts lived together in peace and whether they had seen any quarrel that night.

Mr. Wahl did not appear at the opening of the afternoon session and after a short wait Mr. Boardman announced that he had no more evidence in evidence. Mr. Chamberlain said that there would be no testimony on any other day.

STORY OF HIS PAST

As Told by Pickett Himself—Two Lamps in Case. Continuing his testimony yesterday afternoon, Reuben C. Pickett contradicted the evidence of the Little Howard girl regarding the lamp, which an elder sister had kept as a souvenir in the home. He denied positively that he had stated that it was the lamp which his wife had carried. He is borne out in this by the evidence of former Coroner Nelson and Assistant Chief Hanson, who describe quite another kind of a lamp than the one in possession of the Howard girl.

On cross-examination, County Attorney Boardman secured much additional information regarding his desertion of the late Mrs. Pickett in February, 1896. After leaving this state Pickett eloped from Nashua, Iowa, with a girl, who was then denied positively that he had stated that it was the lamp which his wife had carried. He is borne out in this by the evidence of former Coroner Nelson and Assistant Chief Hanson, who describe quite another kind of a lamp than the one in possession of the Howard girl.

SCALPING APPROVED

American Federation of Labor Declares Itself.

SOME MEMBERS OPPOSE STRONGLY

Special Committee to Be Moved to Consider the Whole Question of Autonomy.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 10.—At the convention of the American Federation of Labor to-day the committee on the report of the secretary's report; reported that the suggestions made in that report be accepted with the exception of that referring to the petition for recognition of international unions. The committee recommends that the tax be increased from one-third to one-half per cent per month. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 100 to 50.

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PLenty of Resolving.

Among the resolutions adopted by the convention were those:

KRUGER'S THANKS

Grateful to American Friends of the Cause of the Boers.

New York, Dec. 10.—Commandant W. D. Smyth, formerly of the staff of General DeWet, recently visited Holland, and while there spent two days with President Kruger and the envoys. He has returned to this city, bringing from President Kruger messages of thanks to the friends of the Boer cause. It has been definitely decided that President Kruger will not visit the United States.

Blockhouses Extended.

London, Dec. 10.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, says that by advancing the line blockhouses to the Orange River, the Transvaal, he is now able for the first time to carry out systematic and continuous operations in the vicinity of Ermelo, Redhat and Carolina. Columns have cleared the southeastern district of the Orange River colony and are now operating northward of the Thabanez line. The Boers are still in force in the extreme west of Cape Colony. They are there committing depredations, recently attacked Tontelboschop. The Boers were driven off and Maritz was severely wounded.

MID-WINTER MEETING

South Dakota Press Boys Will Visit Sioux Falls.

Special to The Journal. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 10.—The South Dakota Press Association has officially decided to hold its regular mid-winter meeting in Sioux Falls. The meeting will be held some day in January. H. S. Volkmar, editor of the Milbank Review, has been selected as chairman of the program committee.

NOW THEY ARE OFF

State Dairymen's Convention Under Way at Sauk Center.

A WELCOME AND A RESPONSE

Van Sant to Be There To-morrow—Samuelson Talked of for President.

Special to The Journal. Sauk Center, Minn., Dec. 10.—The twenty-fourth annual convention of the State Dairymen's association opened here this afternoon. Secretary Crickmore was the first out-of-town man to arrive, and many delegates have been welcomed at every train.

The convention was opened with prayer by Rev. C. B. Brecount, who was followed by a ten-minute address of welcome by Postmaster Charles F. Hendryx. J. L. Gibbs responded. Other features this afternoon were the annual address of the president, Even Evenson; the secretary's and treasurer's reports, and appointments of committees.

By special request the veterinarian of the state board of health has consented to speak on the commonly called "coccidiosis" disease, which affects cattle and of which several valuable cows in this vicinity have recently died.

Gov. Van Sant will be present on Wednesday. He will speak in the afternoon, attend the theater and later join in a "smoker" given by the business men.

About 100 visitors are already in attendance. High-water mark will be reached to-morrow, when from 300 to 400 are expected.

August Samuelson of Nicollet county is being boomed by some for president of the state association. There is some opposition and the outcome is in doubt.

BONDS ARE NO GOOD

Applications for Rural Delivery in Iowa Disapproved

A JOLT FOR CONGRESSMAN HULL

Intimated That Smith D. Fry, Special Agent, Did Not Perform His Duty.

Special to The Journal. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 10.—Excitement has been aroused through the seventh congressional district by reports from Washington that all of the applications for the establishment of rural free delivery in the district on report No. 7, filed by Special Agent Smith D. Fry, have been disapproved. All have been returned to the postoffice department with the report that they are deficient as to bonds. It is also suggested that Fry did not go over the routes that he is presumed to have ridden over and personally inspected.

Fifty applications for rural free delivery routes were filed with Congressman Hull. Mr. Fry, the well-known newspaper correspondent, came to Des Moines shortly before the election and spent about a month in the district with headquarters here. It was understood Congressman Hull was anxious to have the work rushed through. This was done at any rate by Mr. Fry.

It was the general supposition that Hull hoped to make political capital out of the matter and by getting rural free delivery routes scattered through the seventh district to solidify his re-nomination for congress in the Washington report. It is said that Hull is insisting that the disapproved cases be turned over to a new special agent and that he is endeavoring to get them taken up at an early date.

Of the fifty routes that were sought, Special Agent Fry approved about thirty-five. While here he maintained he was applying over all of the localities that he applied for routes.

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The general belief is that Mrs. Dennis was attacked while asleep in this room on the first floor and that the first blow in all probability was administered with the piano stool, which was smeared with blood. The police fail to indicate that there was any struggle. Mrs. Dennis, in a conscious moment, while being carried to the hospital, said that someone "Lob" "hurt" her, but when pressed for details merely responded, "never mind." Lobbery apparently was not the motive for the attack, as the foot of the piano stool was found in the room, and the bed was a small box containing a pocketbook well filled with money. There was a bloody imprint of a hand on the night garments and was in bed under the cover. She was partly conscious, although she has been unconscious most of the time since. The detectives are satisfied that several blows of the piano stool must have been inflicted with considerable force. Mrs. Dennis is about 47 years of age and is one of the best known women in business here. She is the widow of Walter Dennis, an actor.

WOULD TAR HIS HEAD

Statement from One of the Victims of Marx's Able Pistol.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, Dec. 10.—James Stiff, the only survivor of a three young men who were shot at Oak Grove, Westmoreland county, Va., last Tuesday by Herbert Marx and who has since been at the Emergency hospital in this city in a critical condition, has made a statement regarding the tragedy.

"We intended to tar Marx's head," said Stiff, "and whip him for attempting to ruin Rose Taylor, but we did not intend to kill him."

DUNSMUIR MINES

Managers and Men Can't Agree and Properties Are Closed.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 10.—A special from Nanaimo says that the mines in Alexander owned by the Dunsmuir have been closed down because of a misunderstanding between the managers and miners.

JOHN BULL'S CHEST

Redmond Thinks It the Place for Boers to Dance.

LATEST MOVEMENT FOR IRELAND

Irish Parliamentary Leaders Give the Results of Their Mission in America.

Dublin, Dec. 10.—William K. Redmond, M. P., in a speech, said there never was a time when there was a better chance than at present to strike a blow for Ireland. He said they had lived to see the day when John Bull had been caught by the throat by the men in South Africa who were giving him the greatest whaling he ever got. Mr. Redmond prayed that God might strengthen the Boers until they danced on John Bull's chest.

ACCOMPLISHED HERE

Irish Visitors Issue a Farewell Statement to Americans.

New York, Dec. 10.—John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish parliamentary party, and his associates, who were here for a week, have issued a farewell statement to their friends in America. It is announced that their mission has been the most successful in the history of the party.

Charles Stewart Parnell and the envoys will start on their return to Ireland to-day with the assurance that a fund of \$100,000 will be raised in America in twenty-five days has been selected for this purpose. In their statement Messrs. Redmond, McHugh and O'Donnell say:

We came here at the request of the United Irish League, which is the organization of an absolutely united Irish people at home. The organization has been endorsed by the votes of the people in the ballot boxes at the general election which took place twelve months ago and which resulted in the return of the English parliament of a body of nationalist members, all bound together in one political party and under the same leaders. We have been authorized to come to America to see further and who consider that our policy is insufficient. Every Irishman who desires to strike an effective blow against English government in Ireland should join the United Irish League. We have come to America to ask sympathy and support for the present Irish movement, which is organized upon lines that the experience of the past twenty years has proved to have been wise and successful.

The policy of the United Irish League, it is announced, is the policy of Parnell and the Land League taken up anew. One of the foremost issues in the program of the United Irish League is the promotion of the Gaelic revival movement.

FOR MURDER OF HER BOY

MOTHER OF CON MATTHEWS SEES

Chicago Great Western Company Is Defendant in a Damage Case for \$25,000.

Special to The Journal. Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 10.—Suit has been begun in the federal court at Cedar Rapids by the mother of a young boy to recover \$25,000 damages from the Chicago Great Western Railway company for the murder of her son while in the employ of the railroad at this place. The boy, named Wilson, was killed by a train of the Chicago Great Western company on August 21, 1899. The boy was never caught, and it is never known just in what manner the two men came to their deaths, but the supposition was that they became engaged in a scuffle with tramps who were attempting to put off a freight train on this city on the night of August 21, 1899. The boy was never caught, and it is never known just in what manner the two men came to their deaths, but the supposition was that they became engaged in a scuffle with tramps who were attempting to put off a freight train on this city on the night of August 21, 1899.

The plaintiff alleges that when Matthews was ordered to remove the tramps from the train, the conductor used the dangerous character of the strangers; that they were determined to ride upon the train without payment of fare or take the lives of the trainmen if they were ejected them, and that the conductor well knew that Matthews' life was likely to be taken by the tramps, but that he was negligent and wrongfully ordered to remove the tramps. Matthews was a young man capable of earning \$80 a month.

In his answer the Chicago Great Western alleges that Matthews well knew the character of the hoboes that infested the trains and that he must necessarily have known that they were likely to kill employees who attempted to put them off. Notwithstanding he made no objection and continued in the employ of the defendant as brakeman, and that he thereby waived any right he might have against the company for injuries that might be inflicted by trespassers.

PRAYER TRUST

Cleveland Clergymen Experimenting for Goodness.

New York Sun Special Service. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Cleveland has a new trust. It is a prayer trust, and all the Protestant ministers in the city belong. This combine was launched with great fanfare by Rev. George K. Morris of the Euclid Avenue Methodist church.

This is the age of trusts, of great combinations, of combinations well known to the public. It is a new development. It will commence operations with a monster union meeting on the first Sunday in January and will hold noontide services there each week. If these services do the good they are expected to do they will be continued indefinitely.

SAY SHE WAS POISONED

Strange Case of Mrs. Pidduck—Husband Cannot Be Found.

Special to The Journal. Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 10.—Mystery surrounds the case of Mrs. George Pidduck, who was found in a dying condition at the Hotel Davenport on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The attendants at the Hotel Davenport broke into her room and found her lying on the floor, apparently dead. Physicians revived her, but she will die. They declare she was poisoned with carbolic acid. Saturday night her husband was with her, but he left the hotel unnoticed and has not been seen since.

OLD SOLDIER DIES

Judge Withby of Sioux Falls Succumbs to Heart Disease.

Special to The Journal. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 10.—Judge William H. Withby, for years prominent in Grand Army circles, past commander of Joe Hooker post of this city, died suddenly last night at his home here of heart failure. He was 63 years of age. He leaves a widow and three children. He had resided here since 1889. His wife, Margaret, and a member of a Workmen lodge in New York.

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A FARMERS' COURSE A FUND IS STARTED

Special Lectures Arranged at the Money Already Coming In for the School of Agriculture. McKinley Memorial.

PRACTICAL WORK PRESENTED

Work With the Soil, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture and Theoretical Lectures.

The department of agriculture of the state university has prepared a special farmers' course which, in the words of the circular just from the press, is "to enlarge the influence of the department and to meet the needs of men of mature age who are busy with the farm the greater portion of the year."

The circular sets forth the needs of the farmer of to-day, made more pronounced because of the fact that farming to-day is a progressive business. To meet these needs among the farmers of Minnesota an opportunity to come into contact with up-to-date methods, this course of lectures at the school of agriculture at St. Anthony Park has been provided. It will include lectures on agriculture, judging the qualities of soils, the selection and planning of farms, drainage, roads, cultivation of forage and grain crops, the rotation of crops, and the like. Another series of lectures will be on dairy husbandry. This will include sixteen addresses, giving an outline of the origin of the various breeds of dairy cattle, the character of each, and the best adapted to dairying, the principle of feeding, composition and character of feeds, instruction in rearing young stock, and so on.

Animal husbandry will provide forty-two lectures. These will include treatment of such herds of cattle, sheep and swine as are now popular in the northwest, animal breeding, showing the practical features of this department of stock raising, the feeding and management of each, and the care and use of the various breeds of animals by the classes. Under the head of agricultural chemistry, fertilizers and soil fertility will be discussed, the chemistry of food, the food of animals, the use of manure, the use of farm manures, the draft of different crops upon the soil, the conservation of soil fertility.

Instruction in farm mechanics will consist of lectures on farm water systems, windmills, the general principles of steam and gasoline engines, placing shafting and pulleys, pipe and boiler fittings, tools. Farm implements will be described and analyzed at length, with suggestions on selection of implements and the care and handling of machinery. Lectures will be presented on the dressing and curing of meats, the animals being killed and dressed before the class, and the reason for each step fully explained. The method of cutting up carcasses will be described and the use and value of the different cuts will be explained.

Farm horticulture will be presented in a series of lectures on the care and management of the apple and plum in this climate, the location of orchards, selection, planting and cultivation of trees, care and management of small fruits, and the various varieties of plants, marketing, diseases of fruits, and so on. Elementary anatomy will be discussed in the lectures on veterinary science, with discussion of the various diseases of farm stocks, and the like. Twenty lectures on poultry will be given with special reference to the needs of the Minnesota farmer, including the location, construction of poultry buildings and yards, a study of the breeds best adapted to the farmer's needs, the hatching and rearing of chicks, the care and feeding of fattening, killing, dressing and marketing of fowls.

This course of lectures for farmers, one of the most important in this direction ever taken in the west, will begin Jan. 14 and continue for a term of eight weeks. The classes will be called at 9:05 each day but Monday, and will continue until 2:30 p. m. part of the afternoon will be given to study and investigation on the farm, in the barns, greenhouses, laboratories, and so on, of the school of agriculture, and the necessary expenses will be charged to cover necessary expenses.

LAND FOR CANAL

Six-Mile Strip Leased From Nicaraguan Government.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 10.—Dr. Fernando Sanchez, Nicaraguan minister of foreign affairs, and William L. Merry, United States minister to Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, have signed a treaty by which Nicaragua agrees to lease a strip of six miles of land, one mile wide, which includes the route of the Nicaragua canal, to the United States perpetually.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Lodge yesterday presented to the senate in executive session the report of the committee on foreign relations recommending that the United States should ratify the Hay-Panama isthmian canal treaty, and gave notice that to-day he would ask the senate to go into executive session for the consideration of the treaty, repeating the request each day until the senate should act upon it.

The opponents of the treaty insist that the provision against blockading the canal even in time of war is so much against the interests of the United States that it would be unwise to ratify the treaty unless that point is waived.

INTEREST ANTICIPATED

The Government Will Mail Lots of Checks Next Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The treasury officials have decided to anticipate the interest due on Jan. 1 and on Saturday, Dec. 15, to make up for the delay in mailing checks covering interest amounting to \$4,665,742.

WAKEMAN OUT

New Appraiser of Merchandise for the Port of New York.

Washington, Dec. 10.—George T. Whitehead, collector of customs for Porto Rico, has been offered the position of appraiser of merchandise at the port of New York in place of William F. Wakeman, who has been requested to resign.

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CLAIMS OF THE STATE

Proffered Compromises to Be Considered by a Commission.

Governor Van Sant has named Charles M. Start, chief justice of the supreme court, and Calvin R. Brown, associate justice, to sit with Attorney General Douglas as a commission to consider three compromise propositions.

One is the proposition of the sureties of Joseph Bobbler, a prominent real estate broker, who offer to pay \$22,000 toward settling his shortage, which will be reduced by the sale of assets now in the state's hands to somewhat less than \$30,000.

The second proposition is from Colonel Bobbler himself. He offers to pay \$5,000 on the shortage, which will about wipe it out. He is unable to pay at once, but will settle at the end of three years, with interest.

Last is the offer of the sureties on the bond of the Marine National Bank of Duluth, which failed in October, 1898, with \$5,140.80 in its hands. Dividends have reduced this amount to \$1,771. Most of the sureties are insolvent, and the others not in a condition to pay much. J. E. Johnson, on behalf of himself and A. J. Wolvin, Z. D. Scott and T. B. Seahr, offer to settle for \$386.78. Attorney General Douglas recommends the acceptance of the offer, as he did the other two.

Under the law, the commission named by the governor has full power to investigate these offers and accept them on behalf of the state.

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