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FIRST CHURCH'S ANSWER.

Reply to Reverend J. H. Riffe to Be Circulated.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Monroe City, Mo., Jan. 11.—Recently the Reverend J. H. Riffe, until recently pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, and his followers published charges that that church upheld card playing and dancing. The church's reply has been prepared and will be published for circulation among the Baptist churches of the State. Nearly all the reply is taken from church records kept by the clerk under the Reverend Mr. Riffe. It recites the church's troubles from their beginning, giving abstracts of the minutes of each meeting, where contests between the Riffe and anti-Riffe factions occurred, concluding:

"As early as last August the Advisory Committee, with J. H. Riffe, met to adopt some conciliatory plan that would bring about a state of peace and brotherly love in the church. J. H. Riffe opposed every measure proposed, stating that they had come to the parting of the ways, the forks of the road." It was stated that his resignation would heal all differences, to which he replied that he would hold on to the pastorate if he had only a majority of one. We have lost many good members, for which we sorrow, but not without hope. We rejoice that the First Baptist Church of Monroe, though crippled, is still alive."

SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

Meeting Under Auspices of Division No. 2, A. O. H.

A mass meeting was held last night under the auspices of Division No. 2, A. O. H., at the hall, No. 3700 Easton avenue, for the purpose of passing resolutions in favor of the Boers and giving them practical aid. The hall was crowded to the doors with an enthusiastic gathering, who applauded loudly the speeches which were made by members of the order and outsiders. Judge Hanley delivered the address of welcome, in which he outlined the purpose of the meeting.

The resolutions embodied sentiments of sympathy for the Boers and other Republics in South Africa, which are fighting to maintain their freedom. They condemn the policy of Great Britain, stating that the only cause for which that great Empire is fighting is the gold which belongs rightly to the Boers. It was resolved, that in view of the fact that so many of the people of the United States are in sympathy with the Afrikanders, that Congress be called upon to give them all the aid which is consistent with the law of nations.

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

Steamer Moana Has Arrived From Australia Via Apia.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 11.—The steamer Moana arrived from Australian ports via Apia, Samoa, to-day, one day ahead of schedule. It is not known whether the vessel stopped at Honolulu, but as she has been sent to quarantine, it is surmised that she did, and that the health officers are making a rigid examination of her passengers and crew to guard against the black plague, which, at last accounts, was gaining victims in the Hawaiian capital.

DOCTOR RICE SUES.

Asks That Transfer of Property Be Annulled.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Salem, Ill., Jan. 11.—Doctor George H. Rice of Sandoval has filed suit in the Chancery Court to set aside the title to $6,000 worth of property, which was transferred to men, who, he avers, gave him in return a deed for 4,000 acres in Georgia, which land he has been unable to find.

W. J. BRYAN ACCEPTS.

He Will Lecture at Columbia on January 13.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., Jan. 11.—Colonel William J. Bryan has accepted an invitation to deliver a lecture on pending problems at the University Chapel in Columbia, on Saturday evening, January 13. While here he will be the guest of E. W. Stephens.

DIED AT A FUNERAL.

Richard Clement Follows His Wife to the Grave.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Auxvasse, Mo., Jan. 11.—On Tuesday the wife of Richard Clement died. While the funeral services were being conducted at the Clement home to-day, her husband died. They lived fifteen miles northeast of here and were pioneer citizens.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

General Greely's Condition Encourages His Physician.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Major C. E. Carter, General Greely's physician, reported this morning that his condition is slightly improved.

Doctor Carter stated that, while General Greely cannot be said to be improving rapidly, he is progressing toward recovery with encouraging steadiness.

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DR. MULHALL TIRED OF LIFE'S BATTLE.

Ended It by Firing a Bullet Through His Heart at His Office.

HIS CAREFUL PREPARATIONS.

Sat in a Chair, Bared His Breast and Shot Himself—Ill Health the Cause—Widow Prostrated.

Driven to desperation by a nervous disorder from which he could see no hope for relief, Doctor Joseph C. Mulhall, one of the best-known practitioners in the city, shot himself through the heart yesterday shortly before noon. Death was instantaneous.

Doctor Mulhall had prepared carefully for the occasion. The negro porter who was employed at his office, No. 2561 Olive street, was sent downtown on some errand. Then the physician went into his operating-room and wrote a letter to his close personal friend, Doctor Ludwig Bremer, which he sealed and left on the table. After removing his coat, vest and shirt, he sat down in a chair, opened his and rubbed, placed the muzzle of his revolver against his left breast and pulled the trigger. His professional knowledge enabled him to so direct the bullet that death came instantaneously and painlessly. No one was near when the fatal shot was fired, but the attitude of the body and all the surroundings told plainer than words the story of the suicide.

W. Brantner Finney, a cousin of Doctor Mulhall, found the body a few minutes later. He was passing the office and stopped to pay a friendly call. No one answered his ring at the doorbell, and after waiting a short time he went to the rear of the building. Through a window he could see the dead physician sitting in his chair, a gaping wound in his chest and a revolver lying on the floor beside him. Finney broke open the window and entered the room. At a glance he took in the situation and hastily called in a physician near by, but Doctor Mulhall was beyond the reach of human help.

Mrs. Mulhall Prostrated.

Mr. Finney's father, Alexander Finney, at whose house Mrs. Mulhall and her three children were temporarily boarding, carried the news to the dead physician's family. Mrs. Mulhall was driven nearly to distraction by the shock.

She was so overcome that she was unable to leave her room. Until a few days ago they had been living at No. 2215 Delmar boulevard, but temporarily gave up housekeeping until a house could be found that suited them better. Mrs. Mulhall and the children went to live at No. 5617 Chamberlain avenue, with the Finney family. Doctor Mulhall lived in his office, taking his meals at the Hotel Beers. No one else occupied the house at night except the negro porter, Robert Ross. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Mulhall called at the office and spent several hours with her husband. He seemed at that time to be in fairly good spirits. When she left, it was with the promise that she would return to-day.

Yesterday morning the doctor seemed unusually cheerful, and went about his work briskly. To no one did he give any intimation of his purpose. After the body had been found, the Coroner was notified, and Deputy Coroner Drechsler went to the office to take the depositions of the witnesses. He also took possession of the letter addressed to Doctor Ludwig Bremer. A verdict will be returned to-day, after the deposition of Mrs. Mulhall is secured. Her condition was such yesterday that she could not testify.

Ill Health the Cause.

Doctor Mulhall had been in very poor health for several months, and to some of his friends had said that he had no hope of recovery. Recently he spent several weeks in a sanitarium at Jacksonville, Ind., but did not consider himself materially benefited. He returned to St. Louis about a month ago and resumed his practice.

Doctor Mulhall was a native of St. Louis. He graduated as the St. Louis University and the St. Louis Medical College, and later spent several years abroad, studying in England and Germany. After his return to this city in the early eighties, he was married to Miss Margaret Crawford. Their children, Edna, Crawford and Janet, are 16, 12 and 9 years old, respectively. Doctor Mulhall was a member of St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church and of several societies, having at one time been president of the St. Louis Medical Society. He was one of the lecturers in the Beaumont Medical College for years. He was a noted specialist in diseases of the ear, nose and throat, and the author of several medical treatises, but his practice had lately been smaller owing to his bad health. G. F. Mulhall, a Diamond druggist, and William F. Mulhall of No. 250 Lafayette avenue, are brothers of the physician. As yet the definite arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Doctor Bremer Would Not Be Seen.

Doctor Bremer was absent from his home until a late hour last night and could not be located. It was stated at his house that he was making professional calls. After he had arrived home a reporter for The Republic called at the house, but was informed that, under no circumstances, would the doctor consent to be seen or make a statement concerning the death of Doctor Mulhall.

Doctor Hanau Loeb, who lives at Lindell and Newstead avenues, and has an office adjoining that of Doctor Mulhall at No. 2559 Olive street, said last night: "I feel a keen personal loss in the death of Doctor Mulhall. He was one of the best men I ever knew. There was absolutely no trace of selfishness in his nature, and his relations with other men in the profession were always perfect. As a practitioner in his special lines I believe he had no equal, and there was not a man in the profession who had more confidence placed in his judgment by his colleagues than he. Everywhere in the West he was regarded as an absolute authority in his chosen line of work. His place cannot be filled."

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

The Ely-Walker Dry Goods Company of St. Louis yesterday filed a statement with the Secretary of State at Jefferson City of increase of capital stock from $1,250,000 to $3,000,000. Also an increase in the number of directors from five to seven and reduction of the par value of its shares of stock from $1,000 to $100 a share.

A progressive euchre party will be given by the Frank P. Blair Woman's Relief Corps in the Blair Hall, at No. 1708 Market street, on Monday afternoon, January 15.

Lieutenant Governor A. H. Bolte was in the city yesterday, looking after some private matters and, incidentally, taking observation of the political situation. He is a candidate for State Treasurer and expects to be heard from between now and the meeting of the State Convention.

Sergeant Bauer found a female infant in the front yard of the Baptist Orphans' Home, at No. 1900 Lafayette, early yesterday morning, and took it to the Bethesda Foundling Home, at No. 1120 Grattan street.

Charles F. Bradbury, a teamster, living at No. 2747 Bacon street, was thrown from his wagon and painfully injured yesterday afternoon in a collision with St. Louis Transit Company car No. 204, in California avenue south of Armand street. Bradbury was driving north in the traces when the car ran into the rear of the wagon. He was thrown into the street, sustaining bruises about the chest and hips. His injuries are not serious. Joseph Hunt of No. 1419 North Sixth street, jumped from the wagon in time to avoid injury.

The Christy Fire Clay Company held its annual election yesterday. Calvin M. Christy was made president, W. C. Harris vice president and [illegible] neral manager and Franklin P. Jones secretary and treasurer. These officers, with Joseph M. Thomas and Charles T. Farrar, from the Board of Directors.

There was a blockade of street cars on Fourth, Sixth and Elm streets yesterday morning that lasted nearly two hours. It was occasioned by an old Northern Central car jumping the track at Olive and Fourth streets. Every car on the Fourth street line was stopped and the blockade extended to Chouteau avenue. Those lines using Sixth street below Locust fared equally as bad, save the Suburban, which utilized its old switch at Sixth and Locust streets.

The Edwards habeas corpus proceedings were argued in Judge Withrow's court yesterday and submitted and the attorneys given time in which to file briefs. Meantime, the custody of the child Willie May Edwards was awarded to her mother, Jessie P. Edwards. H. L. Edwards, father of the child, is seeking to have her taken from his wife and given to his parents, Doctor A. T. and Mary L. Edwards of Texas.

John A. Rebets, for fourteen years vice president and general manager of the John J. Gaudi Lumber Company, and H. G. Rolfes, for seven years a salesman in the employ of the same company, have resigned their positions with his concern, to go into business for themselves under the style of Rebets-Rolfes Lumber Company, with offices and yard at Twelfth and Gratiot streets.

The St. Louis Prospecting Company filed articles of incorporation with the Recorder of Deeds yesterday. The capital stock is $1,000, one-half paid. The stockholders are: H. J. Cantwell, R. M. Scruggs, A. N. Saeger and W. Frank Carter.

The employes of the Globe Shoe and Clothing Company held their annual ball at the Liederkranz Hall last evening. The Schaler Saengerbund did much toward entertaining the gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. August Flore and their 7-year-old daughter are reported sick and destitute at their home in an attic at No. 1828 North Broadway.

A milk wagon, the property of the Grafeman Dairy Company, of No. 2622 Franklin avenue, driven by Frank Cole, was struck yesterday by car No. 252 of the Cherokee division of the St. Louis Transit Company in front of No. 1968 California avenue. The wagon was damaged $25.

The injuries received by Andrew Murphy, the Terminal Railroad Company's switchman stationed at the intersection of Tyson and McKinstock streets, while coupling cars Saturday afternoon, resulted fatally last night. Murphy lived at No. 2715 North Ninth street. He died at St. Mary's Hospital, corner of Sixteenth and Papin streets.

B. H. Heitbering of No. 3122 North Twenty-first street, employed as city salesman for Jeffrey, Marshall & Co., of No. 208 East Stein street, while driving north on Twenty-second street, was struck by a Fair Grounds car at the St. Louis avenue intersection, and thrown from his buggy to the pavement. The car was confiscated. The buggy was demolished and the car was slightly damaged. Heitbering was bruised about the body, and his face was cut in several places. He was removed to his home in an ambulance.

MRS. MOREHOUSE DEAD.

Wife of the Former Governor Passes Away at Maryville.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Maryville, Mo., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Martha Morehouse, aged 82 years, died last night. She was the widow of A. P. Morehouse, who was elected Lieutenant Governor of Missouri on the Democratic ticket in 1884, and became Governor of Missouri in December, 1887, upon the death of Governor Marmaduke.

Mrs. Morehouse's maiden name was Martha McFadden. She was raised in Lexington, Mo., where she was married to Mr. Morehouse in 1835. She was mistress of the Executive Mansion at Jefferson City while her husband was Governor and was very popular. Mr. Morehouse was a candidate for the nomination of Governor in 1888, but was defeated by D. R. Francis, of St. Louis. In September, 1890, Mr. Morehouse committed suicide by cutting his throat at his residence in Maryville.

MISS JENNIE ANDERSON.

Sister of Congressman Anderson Passes Away.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 11.—Miss Jennie Anderson, aged 36 years, died last night. She was a sister of Mr. Tom Anderson and Congressman Anderson of the Fourth District. She was also related to Mrs. Hammer and Captain and Doctor Farish of Issaquena County.

Colonel Bowen's Remains.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mendota, Ill., Jan. 11.—The remains of Colonel E. A. Bowen arrived here to-day from Jacksonville, Fla. He was an old and honored resident of Mendota and founder of the Mendota First National Bank. The remains were taken to Lamoille, Ill., for interment.

Thomas Linton.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 11.—Thomas Linton, one of the most prominent Masons in the United States, died to-day. He was born in England in 1828. He had been tyler of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Colorado since 1872.

Mrs. Julia O'Connor.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pekin, Ill., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Julia O'Conner Swiger, a resident here for many years, died this morning, aged 54 years.

Gustav Vehlow.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pekin, Ill., Jan. 11.—Gustav Vehlow of this city died last night, aged 32 years.

Jesse Reich.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Olney, Ill., Jan. 11.—Jesse Reich, 75 years old, dropped dead near his home to-day.

Cyrus C. Walding.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 11.—Cyrus C. Walding, aged 86 years, died to-day.

Mrs. Winton Carlock.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carlock, Ill., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Winton Carlock, aged 65 years, died to-day.

Percy Erdman.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 11.—Percy Erdman, 19 years old, died to-day.

Ferdinand Graupman.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Covell, Ill., Jan. 11.—Ferdinand Graupman, 24 years old, died to-day.

GOES INTO EFFECT MONDAY.

Then Carriers Will Begin to Register Mail Here.

The plan of having mail registered by carriers when collected will be inaugurated in this city January 15. The Post Office Department at Washington decided on the plan a few days ago, and has advised Postmaster Baumhoff of its decision. A number of other cities will try the innovation, and if it proves successful it will be generally adopted.

Boys' $4.00 Suits and Reefers $2.89. Clearing sale, Globe, Seventh and Franklin avenue.

Texas Supreme Court.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 11.—The following were the proceedings of the Supreme Court to-day:

Applications argued: J. M. Cape vs. W. A. Thompson, from Hays; Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of Texas vs. Emma Bollman et al., from Travis; Minnie M. Jackson et al. vs. Geo. W. West et al., from Potter.

Applications dismissed for want of jurisdiction: Jim Janky et al. vs. Henry Hones, from Harris; Texas Pacific Railway vs. George R. Summerhill et al., from Bowie; C. El. Anderson et al. vs. A. S. Walker, County Judge, et al., from Travis; Mary A. F. Hudson vs. W. A. Hunter et al., from Bowie; Walter Gresham vs. Mrs. John J. Harcourt, administratrix, from Menard.

Certified questions answered: P. M. Oliver et al. vs. City of Houston, from Harris; San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway Company vs. C. W. Holden, from McLennan.

Reversed and rendered for plaintiff in error: Mary Soldera vs. Merchants' Life Association of the United States, from Travis.

Reset for January 18—Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company vs. Solomon Jackson, from Bexar.

Reset for January 25—J. S. Wilcox et al. vs. First National Bank of Austin, from Archer; W. A. Rowan et al. vs. R. H. King et al., from Brazoria.

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Old prices $2.00 and $2.25; Brandt's	$1.48
Their prices $3.00 and $3.25; Ours	$1.98
They sold them $3.50 and $3.75; We	$2.27
They were $3.98 to $4.50; Now	$2.98

BOYS' AND YOUTHS'.

Their Prices	$1.50,	$2.00 and	$2.75
Our Prices	98c,	$1.17 and	$1.68

MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S.

Old Prices (11½ to 2)	$1.50,	$2.00,	$2.50
New Prices (11½ to 2)	98c,	$1.17,	$1.68
They were (8½ to 11)	$1.00,	$1.25,	$1.50
They are (8½ to 11)	65c,	87c,	98c

MEN'S SHOE STOCK.

Formerly $3.00; but now	$1.98
Were $3.50 and $4.00; they are	$2.48
Old prices $4.00 to $5.50; new	$2.98

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COTTON STATISTICS RELATIVE TO TEXAS.

Reports From One Hundred Counties as to Amount Marketed and Unsold.

RECEIPTS FOR ENTIRE SEASON.

Estimated That Texas Movement for the Remainder of the Season Will Be Less Than Four Hundred Thousand Bales.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 11.—The Houston Post has just completed a canvass of the cotton counties of Texas, which was made in order to determine the amount of cotton now held in the State, the amount expected for the remainder of the season and the percentage of the crop marketed from September 1, 1899, to January 1, 1900.

The correspondents were directed to secure accurate statistics in every instance and warned to be very careful in making their estimates of the amount to be marketed. Replies were received from 211 towns, representing 100 counties. They show an unusually large amount of cotton at country stations and demonstrate fully that, so far as Texas is concerned, the bulk of the cotton now held has been brought into sight and counted in the statistics given to the commercial world by Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

The statistics secured by the Post do not include the five large towns in Texas, which, on January 1, according to the commercial reports, held 3,322,000 bales of cotton, as against 98,000 on that date last year. These towns are Galveston, Houston, Paris, Brenham and Dallas. The 280,000 bales at Houston and Galveston are practically all sold and ready for shipment.

The 211 towns which hold the uncounted stocks of cotton yet to be brought into sight had just 128,084 bales on hand January 1. The tabulated statement for all these towns, as prepared by the Post for publication to-morrow morning, shows the following totals:

Receipts to January 1, 1900, 1,126,294 bales; to same date last year, 1,446,859.

Receipts for the entire season last year, 1,799,141; amount on hand January 1 this year, 128,084; on hand same date last year, 141,701; estimated receipts for remainder of this season, 98,245; received after January 1 last year, 254,411.

Including the stock on hand and the amount expected to come forward from farmers, these towns will have a total of 258,231 bales to send to the counted towns for the remainder of the season, as against 396,612 for the same period last year.

Allowing 50,000 bales to be brought forward from the Indian Territory, the total Texas movement for the remainder of the year will be a little less than 400,000 bales, as compared with 456,000 bales brought into sight after January 1 last year.

According to the figures recently given out by Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, the amount of cotton brought into sight in Texas, including the Indian Territory, to January 1, was 3,322,000. Adding to this 400,000 bales for the remainder of the season, would give a total crop of 3,700,000 bales, as against 3,555,000 last season.

M'CLURE'S ASSASSINATION.

It Is Reported That Marshal Boyle Is Under Arrest.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Florence, Ala., Jan. 11.—The Coroner's jury which has been investigating the assassination of Probate Judge McClure held another secret session this afternoon.

It is reported that Chief of Police Lipscomb and Special Deputy Wilson have arrested Marshal Boyle, one of the men for whom a warrant was sworn out, near Pruitton, in the upper end of the county, near the Tennessee State line. This cannot be verified, but at last reports the authorities were about twenty minutes behind him, and it is certain that he will be captured before morning and brought back to the city.

McClure's body was buried in the City Cemetery this afternoon.

It is said that Boyle borrowed a shotgun from a person in East Florence on the night of the killing and returned it early the next morning.

The belief is general that the man who fired the fatal shot was paid to do so, and his employer may be arrested at any time.

PLAYED WITH MATCHES.

Augusta and Olga Stryezynski Burned to Death in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 11.—Augusta Stryezynski, 11 years of age, and her 2-year-old sister Olga were burned to death in their home today. The children had been left alone, and while playing with matches overturned a can of benzine. In the resulting explosion the clothing of both children were set on fire, and they died within a few minutes after being rescued.

Wedding Invitations

Correct in tint, form and shape, of best material and finest workmanship, at most reasonable prices, at Mermod & Jaccard's, Society Stationers, Broadway and Locust st. Call or write for samples and prices.

Went Home on an Owl Car.

Frank J. Clark and Miss Anna Gallagher were married Wednesday at Holy Rosary Church. Mr. Clark keeps a restaurant in Union Market and is well known to many city people. He formerly boarded at No. 4315 Ashland avenue. Mrs. Clark lived with her father, who is a retired merchant, at No. 4429 Penrose avenue. After the marriage the bride and groom were given a reception. They could not get away from their friends until late, and consequently had to start for their new home on an owl car. They have gone to housekeeping in Maplewood.

Appropriation Bill Passed.

Chairman Hedges of the Council Ways and Means Committee yesterday reported favorably on appropriation bills which have been tied up ever since the decision of the Supreme Court on the police bill was announced. By a suspension of the Council rules the bills were passed. The appropriations are as follows: Health Department—Sanitary officers, $8,000; office expenses, $2,000; fumigation, $2,000. House of Refuge—Mechanics' salaries, $1,000; drugs, $1,000; forage, $500; improvements, alterations and repairs, $1,200. Workhouse—Labor, mules and drugs, $1,315. Commissioner of Public Buildings—Various expenses, $3,062.

SUBMARINE ARC LIGHT.

Invention Designed to Aid Divers in Work on Wrecks.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New London, Conn., Jan. 11.—Captain Fersen, naval attache of the Russian Government, stationed at Washington, has been in this city for two days investigating the submarine arc light which was invented during the Spanish war by F. G. Hall, Jr., and E. E. Hardick, two Yale undergraduates, who, when home in Dansville, N. Y., Messrs. Hall and Hardick brought their invention here and made the first complete test of their light.

The test was made late yesterday evening in the New London harbor. Captain Fersen, who is an expert in submarine work, was so pleased with the invention of these two Yale boys that, it is reported, he told them he would recommend that the Russian Government purchase enough of these lights to equip the Russian navy. Captain Fersen ordered one of the lights, which will be shipped to Russia at once.

The test, it is believed, establishes the fact that the new submarine arc light will revolutionize submarine work and open up the way for submarine photography. By the use of this light wrecks can be lighted at a depth of 200 feet below the surface of the sea, so that a photograph can be made of a sunken ship. This is the limit depth at which divers can work. The light will, therefore, work at a depth at which divers can work.

Captain Fersen complimented Messrs. Hall and Hardick on their invention, and is reported to have said:

"The lamp would be very useful to supplement the work of the diver going overboard from a ship. He could take a photograph of a hole in a ship and bring the picture on deck for examination. Divers sometimes see things different than they really are, and this would afford a check on them. We shall also use the lamp for finding things that have been lost overboard, for instance. A Russian gunboat sank some time ago in sixteen fathoms of water. About $25,000 has already been spent in trying to raise her. Incandescent lamps have been used in the work, but they have proved very unsatisfactory and have been discarded. This arc lamp is just what we need."

DECISION IN HEIM CASE.

Court Sustains Administrator in Management of Estate.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 11.—Judge Slover handed down an opinion to-day in the suit over the Heim estate. He found that the estate had been properly administered and divided and dismissed the suit, assessing the costs against the plaintiff.

The suit was brought four years ago by Ferdinand A. Heim, administrator of the estate of Michael Heim, deceased, against Joseph J. Heim, executor of the estate of Ferdinand Heim, Sr., deceased; Joseph J. Heim, Ferdinand Heim, Jr., and Michael G. Heim.

The fortune over which the parties to the suit have been contending was amassed by the brothers Michael and Ferdinand Heim, in the brewing business in East St. Louis, Ill. In 1883 Michael Heim died intestate, and his estate was not settled for over ten years, when the widow, now Mrs. Anna Heim-McArthur, of Los Angeles, Cal., and her two sons accepted $85,000 in full settlement for their shares. The contention raised in the suit just disposed of was that this sum was inadequate and that the value of their interests in the brewery was worth much more.

In his opinion, Judge Slover declares that the settlement made was a most liberal one.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Mrs. M. Theobald Burned to Death and Her Daughter Injured.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Mary Theobald, aged 58 years, was burned to death and her daughter, Lucinda, aged 28, was so badly burned that she cannot live, at their home in this city to-day. Miss Theobald was filling a lamp in front of a stove. An explosion followed setting fire to her clothing. In attempting to save her daughter Mrs. Theobald's clothes took fire and before assistance arrived she had burned to death.

Mrs. Theobald is the widow of the late Edward Theobald of Frankfort, Ky., for many years cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Kentucky, in that city.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Iowa Veterinarian Association Convention Closed.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 11.—The annual convention of the Iowa Veterinarian Association closed to-day. J. H. McLeod of Charles City was chosen president, and John E. Brown of Oskaloosa secretary. A legislative committee was appointed, composed of J. L. Gibbons, Denison; C. E. Stewart, Chariton; J. G. Burslow, Shenandoah; Henry Shipley, Shelbon; J. E. Brown, Oskaloosa, to urge the passage of legislation to protect against the spread of tuberculosis in domestic animals.

MRS. BAMBERGER'S BOND.

She Will Be Released on Bail Aggregating $18,000.

Mrs. Henrietta Bamberger, the midwife, against whom are pending in the criminal courts one charge of murder and four charges of manslaughter, will be admitted to bail to-day. This was decided upon yesterday by Judge Spencer, upon application of her attorney. A previous application to admit her to bail was refused by Judge Spencer.

Since that time Mrs. Bamberger has been placed on trial for manslaughter in Judge Fisher's court, the charge being that she caused the death of Wilhelmina Sporl by means of a criminal operation. During the trial she was attacked with erysipelas, necessitating her removal to the City Hospital, where she is still a patient. She has recovered from her illness, and was ready for transfer to jail when her attorney asked to have her admitted to bail.

Judge Spencer fixed the bond in the murder case at $12,000, and at $1,000 in each of the three manslaughter cases. She was already on bond in the manslaughter case which was being tried in Judge Fisher's court.

Bond was not furnished yesterday, but it is understood it will be forthcoming to-day or to-morrow.

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LOVE FOUND A WAY.

Frank O'Haver and Edith Crites Married Despite Opposition.

Miss Edith L. Crites, a handsome young woman, living at No. 4392 Chouteau avenue, went to Clayton yesterday afternoon, where she was married to Frank J. O'Haver of No. 1802 Papin street, by Justice J. B. Greensfelder. The young couple were accompanied by Miss Minnie McKee of No. 4396 Chouteau avenue.

O'Haver and his bride are acquaintances of only three months. They were made acquainted by Mrs. Eunice Anderson, the bridegroom's sister. O'Haver and Miss Crites loved at first sight, and made no effort to conceal the fact. Mrs. Anderson, who conducts a boarding-house in South St. Louis, seeing the state of affairs, begged her brother to have nothing more to do with Miss Crites. The young lady and her father, Thomas Crites, were boarding with Mrs. Anderson, but Miss Crites soon afterward moved to the residence on Chouteau avenue, in compliance with a request from her landlady, who told her, it is said, that she desired to keep her away from her brother.

The fact that Miss Crites had moved did not deter O'Haver in his wooing, and Mrs. Anderson found her entreaties unavailing. Miss Crites's father had remained in the Anderson boarding-house, and he kept the young couple informed of plans that, he said, were being formed against them. On this account they decided to hasten their wedding, fearing that something might prevent their union.

For the present Mr. and Mrs. O'Haver will live at No. 1802 Papin street.

MRS. HOLMES ON TRIAL.

Accused of Poisoning Her Husband for Love of Another.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Carrie Holmes was placed on trial yesterday at Brownwood charged with murdering her husband on December 8, 1898, by poison.

Samuel Phillips testified to a confession made by Mrs. Holmes to the effect that she was in love with Hamlin and did not love her husband and that she murdered her husband because of her love for Hamlin, but that Hamlin was not guilty of any part in the crime.

All persons in any way connected with the tragedy are prominent in Brown County, and the trial has aroused keen interest in that portion of Western Texas.

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FEUD VICTIMS BURIED.

Young Rowland Is Still Critically Ill.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 11.—Doctor Otho Austin, N. D. Rowland and Robert Stevenson, the three men who were killed, were buried yesterday evening.

Young Rowland, who was wounded in the shoulder in the fight, is still critically ill.

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WEB DAVIS'S RESIGNATION.

Belief Growing That It Will Be Forthcoming Shortly.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Although no positive verification can be obtained at present, the friends of Assistant Secretary Webster Davis are becoming convinced that practically he has severed his connection with the Interior Department. They predict that he will tender his resignation as soon as he returns from his visit to South Africa.

Various reasons are assigned for this intended action. It is very well known that the relations of Colonel H. Clay Kerens are not as close with the administration as they were for a year after President McKinley's inauguration. The Colonel is not in full sympathy with the imperialistic policy. It is said that he believes the Filipinos should be treated like the Cubans, and looks with apprehension upon the permanent holding of the Philippines and their government as subject colonies. It is not known whether the growing coolness between the administration and Colonel Kerens is the result of his anti-imperialistic convictions or the cause of it; but it is admitted that Missouri Republicans no longer besiege the Colonel as of old for his indorsement, having knowledge that it is no longer all-powerful.

Assistant Secretary Davis, in addition to being a prominent official of the administration, has been the personal representative of Kerens. It is said that he is conscious of the waning power of the National Committeeman since the advent of Secretary Hitchcock in Washington, and being closely identified with the former, has lost interest in the game.

By others it is said that his resignation, if tendered, will be to enable him to take a more active part in the campaign this fall. He has been in demand as a campaign orator in doubtful States since his advent in Washington, and it is probable that he will be in equally strong demand as a lecturer on South African affairs after his return from that country.

Mr. Davis will not return to the United States for some weeks at least. It appears that he has not authorized his intimate friends here to set at rest any of the interesting gossip concerning his plans, or to confirm or deny the statement that he will leave the Interior Department upon his return. Nevertheless, the impression is growing that his present trip, taken ostensibly for recreation and health, may be prolonged indefinitely; and, in fact, promises to end in his voluntary retirement from office upon his return.

Economics Society Meeting.

The Jefferson Club Economics Society, which was recently formed by a number of the younger members of the Jefferson Club, will hold a meeting in the large hall of the Jefferson Club to-morrow evening at 8