THE RE-ELEVATION OF LI HUNG CHANG.

Honors and Troubles Have Been Thrust Upon the Old Chinese Statesman.

PROMOTED BY THE EMPRESS.

Thrice Within a Year Pushed to a Higher Position, the Last Time Into "a Nest of Bayonets."

(Telegraphic Service of the Associated Press.)

Shanghai, Dec. 25.—Li Hung Chang was withdrawn from the Tsung Li Yamen in 1898 in accordance with the demand of Great Britain, but he was not degraded. He continued to hold a higher position as a member of the Grand Secretariat.

Within a year, however, the Dowager Empress has pushed her favorite forward three times. On November 11, 1899, she issued an edict appointing Li a High Commissioner to personally investigate the course of the tumultuous Yellow River and report on its conservation.

The Empress, on November 24, 1899, rewarded Li in a special edict, making him "High Commissioner of Commercial Affairs," and on December 19 last, the Empress issued a special decree, making Li Hung Chang Viceroy of Kwan-Tung and Kwangsi Provinces, with his capital at Canton. He is, therefore, again vested with viceregal power, but his task is a difficult one. He succeeds Viceroy Kan, whom the French have forced out. Li has on his hands the vexatious situation due to the aggression of the French on the southern frontier of China. They have occupied an extent of Chinese territory equal to ten counties or more and have been ceded a fine harbor in Southern China. Several score of Chinese have been killed in engagements resisting the French.

Marshal Su, who was sent to Canton as a special Commissioner to settle matters, has been removed by the Empress for conceding too much territory. Li Hung Chang, therefore, steps into a nest upholstered with bayonets.

HIDEOUS ITALIAN BURGLAR.

Gallinari Sentenced to Eight Years at Hard Labor.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Jan. 16.—Copyright, 1900, by James Gordon Bennett.—The enterprising burglar is very much absorbed in his business in Paris just now. Scarcely a night passes in which some feat is not accomplished. It would seem that a large number of Italians are "doing" Paris, judging from the names of criminals who are given free lodgings in the police station. The Italian school of "burglarizing" has started out along new lines. Gallinari appeared in the dock yesterday. His appearance is hideous, due to the fact that his ears are cut off. They are said to have been bitten off by a pig when he was a child. Gallinari had entered the house of Vicomtesse de Crequi d'Hedly with a French burglar. After stealing everything possible, they set fire to the documents they found, among which was a will. The Italian got eight years at hard labor for this and other exploits.

WEDS AN AMERICAN GIRL.

Son of the Earl of Coventry Takes a Bride.

London, Jan. 16.—Captain the Honorable C. J. Coventry, second son of the Earl of Coventry, and formerly one of Doctor Jameson's raiders, was married this afternoon at St. Peter's Church, Eton Square, to Miss Lily Whitehouse, of Newport, R. I. There was a fashionable attendance.

The bride wore a princess dress of white crepe de chine, embroidered with white and silver. It had a court train, which was carried by the young son of Lady Barbara Smith and the daughter of Lady Deerhurst.

The couple have gone on a honeymoon to Copse Hill, Gloucestershire, which place has been loaned to them by Frank Whitehouse.

There was a long list of presents, which included furs, a brougham and a pair of horses from the bride's father, a diamond tiara and brooch from her mother, a pointed empire fan from the Prince and Princess Cantacuzene (formerly Miss Julia Dent Grant), and a chest of silver plate and a coal scuttle from the Princess Dhuleep Singh.

The Whitehouse family formerly resided in Chicago.

VEHICLE DRIVERS STRIKE.

Traffic at Rio Janeiro Crippled—Street Car Property Destroyed.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 16.—Over 20,000 drivers of all kinds of vehicles went on strike yesterday. A small faction of monarchists, headed by Guero Preto, a brother of Carlos Alfonso, and Malvino Reys, attempted to take advantage of the situation. Numerous groups attacked different points, tearing up the street car rails and destroying cars. Several thousands of rioters, in front of the President's palace, raised cries of "Long live the monarchy!" "Death to the Republic!" A small force of cavalry dispersed the rioters with difficulty. The city today has the appearance of martial law having been proclaimed. The horse cars and other vehicles are partly working. The police during the first hours of the disturbance were extremely weak and inefficient, but were re-enforced by regular troops, especially cavalry, and order was reestablished promptly.

VILE QUALITY OF MATCHES.

French Government Compelled to Increase the Output.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Jan. 16.—(Copyright, 1900, by James Gordon Bennett.)—Extra provision is now being made by the Government for the manufacture of matches in great quantities, in view of the increased consumption. On what this increase depends is not stated by the official communication to the press, but, undoubtedly, it is due to the fact that the quality has been so vile that ten matches had to be struck to get one light, which, translated into official language, means that there has been an increase of 10 per cent in the consumption. The State now makes 800 francs per 1,000,000 matches sold.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Factory at Avigliano Wrecked and Ten Persons Killed.

Turin, Jan. 16.—A dynamite factory at Avigliano, fourteen miles from here, exploded to-day, with the result that five buildings were reduced to ruins. The whole surrounding district was shaken and many houses were badly damaged. Ten bodies have been recovered from beneath the ruins. In addition, several persons were injured and taken to the hospital. The detonations were heard as far as this city, whence surgeons were dispatched to the scene of the disaster.

WILL BE SHIPPED HOME.

Remains of J. C. Darcey, Who Was Killed in a Riot, Exhumed.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 16.—The remains of J. C. Darcey, the American seaman who was killed during the fleet riots here March 23, last, were exhumed to-day for shipment homeward to-morrow. The attitude of the populace at the ceremony was indicative of the most profound regret at the tragic incident.

Darcey was an oiler on board the United States cruiser Detroit and died March 31, last year, from the effects of wounds received while on shore leave in Kingston, Jamaica, a few days before, during a riot among the crews of the American fleet ashore.

SCARE IN PARIS.

One of the Exposition Buildings Caught Fire.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Jan. 16.—(Copyright, 1900, by James Gordon Bennett.)—Something like a scare was created yesterday among the Exposition buildings in the branch devoted to forestry, by the sudden appearance of fire. Happily, the blaze was extinguished before much damage had been done.

As most of the buildings are constructed of the most flimsy material, the authorities have taken most scrupulous care to organize an excellent special fire department.

CHURCH COLLAPSED.

Nineteen Persons Were Killed and Sixty Others Wounded.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—A church collapsed to-day during the celebration of a mass in Mahoutsene Township, Sumara District. Nineteen persons were killed and sixty-eight were wounded.

HANECY IN EAST ST. LOUIS.

Federal Office-Holders and the Followers Held Aloof.

Judge Elbridge Hanecy of Chicago, who seeks the nomination at the hands of the Republicans of the State of Illinois for the governorship, is making a tour of the southern portion of the State in his interests and arrived in East St. Louis late last evening. He was met at the Relay Depot by a delegation of prominent Republicans, who have been working in his interests for some time as against Congressman Reeves, who previously visited East St. Louis. The welcoming delegation was headed by Judge Jos. H. Mosick and John De Edmiston and comprised among others, Postmaster Thomas I. Pickett, A. G. Schlueter, Chas. H. Carroll and Deputy H. C. Fairbrother. Chas. E. Thomas of Belleville came down later in the evening.

There was an absence in the welcoming delegation, principally of the Federalists, as the men are called who are holding office under or by virtue of the Federal Government. These Republicans already have expressed themselves as being for Reeves and are headed by Congressman Rodenberg. The split in the party was never more apparent than it was last night.

To the Democrats, of course, it only means that the Republicans are in a fair way to being split all through the campaign, and that with the additional votes thus gained that all of the Democratic candidates will be elected next fall.

Judge Hanecy brought with him lieutenants versed to the way that politics are "done" in Chicago, and it did not take the members of the rank and file in East St. Louis very long to learn that their friend was in town.

As was stated several days ago in The Republic, there is a disruption in the Republican party on the East Side. The rank and file have thrown off the yoke, and last night they rallied round the standard of the Chicago man.

Judge Hanecy stopped at the Marted House last night. This morning he will hold forth in the parlors of the McPherson Hotel where the men who have been working for him will gather in his honor. Hardly one of the Republicans who assisted in the reception of Reeves when he visited East St. Louis will have anything to do with the arrangements for the reception to-day.

In the afternoon Judge Hanecy will journey to Belleville, where he will receive his friends in the parlors of the National Hotel. There the reception will be in charge of the Republican City Central Committee. The Republicans of Belleville are not controlled so entirely as they are in East St. Louis by a few leaders.

To the East Side Republic reporter Judge Hanecy said last night that he had met with assurances of support everywhere he had gone. He said that he was highly pleased at the receptions which had been accorded to him, and that he was positive he could poll the Cook County delegation almost solid at the convention. Judge Hanecy will have to "make" thirty-six towns and cities in Southern Illinois within sixteen days.

AGAINST MRS. BRINKMAN.

New Charges Made and a Warrant Issued.

Charges continue to be made against Mrs. Mary Brinkman of No. 821 Oregon avenue, a midwife, who is being held in the holdover.

Doctor T. B. Drescher of No. 2836 South Broadway, yesterday reported to the Coroner the death of Mrs. Gustav Krah, who died at her home, No. 822 Pennsylvania avenue, of septic peritonitis on Monday evening. Doctor Drescher said Mrs. Krah made a statement to him to the effect that an operation had been performed. She told him, he said, that she had summoned Mrs. Brinkman.

Mrs. Brinkman, when see in the holdover yesterday, admitted that she had attended Mrs. Krah, but said the operation had been performed before she was called in the case.

Mrs. Mary Klein of No. 901 Lynch street, upon whom Mrs. Brinkman is alleged to have performed an operation is still in a critical condition. A warrant was issued yesterday against Mrs. Brinkman in this case, charging her with having performed criminal abortion. Colonel Johnson said if the woman died he would issue another warrant charging manslaughter. At present she will not be prosecuted for abandoning the baby, which she left near a doorstep in Arsenal street, a few weeks ago.

Captain Molen's Funeral To-Day.

The funeral of Captain John G. Molen, who died Monday night, will take place from his home, at No. 1109 Leonard avenue, at 10 o'clock this morning. From the house the body will be taken to the Missouri Crematory. Mr. Molen was an old river man, having spent several years of his life in operating steamboats up and down the Mississippi River. He was born in Clermont County, Ohio, in 1835. In 1867 he was married at Wheeling, Va., to Miss Helen Chase, daughter of Judge Chase of Washington, D. C. A few years afterwards he came to St. Louis, where he became associated with the management of the old Everett House in Fourth street. From hotel manager he drifted to the Anchor Line, where he became a pilot, soon reaching the rank of Captain. Later he became identified with the Western Anthracite Coal Company of St. Louis. A widow and seven children survive him.

OFFICERS OF CORPORATIONS.

Elections Held by a Number of Concerns Yesterday.

At the annual election of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association yesterday the "Regular Ticket" was elected as follows: President, Robert McK. Jones; vice president, George B. Markham; corresponding secretary, Alfred L. Shapleigh; treasurer, Henry C. Scott; directors, Lewis D. Dozier and Henry Stanley.

The annual meeting and election of the St. Louis Clearing-house Association was held yesterday afternoon and the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: F. W. Biebinger, president of the Fourth National Bank, president; T. A. Stoddart, manager, and W. W. Hoxton assistant manager. The various standing committees were reappointed.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Southern Electric Railway, in the office of the company in the Merchants' Exchange building yesterday, the following directors were elected: Edwards Whitaker, C. D. McLure, Henry C. Haarstick, William H. Thomson and Corwin H. Spencer. The election was only a formality, as the company has been absorbed by the United Railways Company, but it is necessary to maintain the corporate existence of the company on account of the bonds.

At the annual election of the Scarritt-Comstock Furniture Company yesterday, the following directors were elected: Henry H. Curtis, F. J. Comstock, George T. Parker, William McMillan, W. K. Bixby, Sanford G. Scarritt, Charles Scarritt and Howard M. Blossom.

FORMER STUDENTS MEET.

St. Louis University Alumni's Quarterly Reunion.

The quarterly reunion of the St. Louis University Alumni was held at that institution, on Grand avenue and Pine street, last night. About 150 former students of the university attended the affair, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A short business meeting was held, during which the finances were reported to be in good shape, and it was announced that the proceeds of the lecture given by Father Fanning at the Fourteenth Street Theater last month would be devoted to a free scholarship, which would be bestowed upon some deserving student, and not by competition.

After the business meeting a talk was given by Francis H. Hobein on "The Old College." A vocal selection was rendered by John B. Denvir, Jr., while the visitor of the evening, Charles Faherty, rendered selections on the guitar. Several songs were sung by the scholastic quartet. Mr. Paul Bakewell, who was on the programme, was unavoidably absent. After the programme was rendered, refreshments were served under the direction of a committee consisting of J. Boyce, W. P. Lighthouser and George Meckler.

The alumni association now has 300 members. There are 500 people in St. Louis eligible for membership, and an attempt will be made to enroll them. The annual banquet of the association will not be given until after Easter.

MR. RICHARDSON CRITICISES GAGE.

Favors Shown to the National City Bank at the Public's Expense.

SALE OF THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Says It Indicates Unfair Dealing With Government Trust Funds—Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Argued.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was taken up in the House to-day under an agreement which limited the general debate to to-day. It was the general expectation that it would open up a stormy debate upon the question of expansion in view of the large army and navy items it contains, but the members early became very much engrossed in a discussion of an item of $150,000 for rural free delivery, in which all are personally interested, and the subject of expansion was barely touched upon.

The last hour of the debate was enlivened with an attack by Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, upon the Secretary of the Treasury for his course in connection with the sale of the New York Custom-house. He rehearsed the charge that Secretary Gage had been guilty technically of embezzlement in connection with the sale of the custom-house, in depositing the proceeds in a national bank which was a Government depository instead of the Treasury of the United States, but said that this charge would not hold. His purpose, he said, was to show that the National City Bank had been favored on account of the contributions of its directors to the Republican campaign fund of 1896, and to show that the course of the Secretary in allowing the purchase price to remain in the bank, while at the same time paying rent for the property and keeping it exempt from taxation, was not dealing fairly with the trust funds of the Government.

Mr. Hopkins of Illinois championed the course of the Secretary, declaring that his reply to the House resolutions answered every charge brought against him, and displayed business ability that must meet the approval of all fair-minded people. He insisted, furthermore, that the title to the Custom-house passed to the bank when it purchased and took possession of the property, and that it had not been exempt from taxation since it had been purchased. The debate caused very little excitement, and there was no attempt to renew the assault upon the Secretary after Mr. Hopkins closed. The urgent deficiency bill will be taken up for consideration under the five-minute rule to-morrow.

SHIPPING SUBSIDY BILL.

Determination of the Bounty by Tonnage Carried.

The Republic Bureau,
14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, Jan. 16.—A disposition to push the consideration of the shipping subsidy bill is being shown by its promoters, and by the Republican majority of the committees in both houses having charge of the subject. Senator Edmunds appeared this morning before the House Committee on Merchant Marine and in the afternoon before the Senate Committee on Commerce in support of his bill. His argument was directed partly to the proposition which has been made, that the subsidy to be paid be governed by the tonnage of the freight carried, rather than by the registered tonnage of the vessel.

A movement to limit the bounty to freight actually carried has been making some headway among Republican Senators from the West, and has threatened to take the form of a strong vote for the amendment proposed in the last Congress by Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota. Senator Hansbrough and other Western Senators believe that a proposition which took money from the Treasury to encourage the export of farm products would be much more popular in their section than a bill simply proposed to pay bounties upon the running of vessels in ballast. There has been some disposition to limit the benefits of the bill to farm products and shut out manufactured goods.

SAYS PAPERS ARE MISSING.

Mr. Lentz on "Pigeonholing" of Charges Against Officials.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads to-day took up the resolution of inquiry recently referred to it concerning charges that certain Federal appointees in Utah were polygamists. Representative Lentz of Ohio, who introduced the resolution, was present and considerable excitement was caused by some of the statements made by him. His remarks that the resolutions were likely to be "pigeonholed" by the committee brought out a protest from Chairman Loud, who said the committee would not "pigeonhole" any business submitted to it.

Mr. Lentz, proceeding, stated that he could produce affidavits that papers had been placed on file alleging that certain Federal appointees were polygamists. These papers were receipted for by Mr. Porter, the President's private secretary, Mr. Lentz said, but the papers could not now be found. Mr. Lentz said that Representative Grosvenor of Ohio had told him that "We have not let the grass grow under our feet," that as soon as the charges were made the matter had been looked into.

Representative Grosvenor was sent for, but could not be reached. The committee adjourned the hearing until next Friday, when Secretary Porter, the Postmaster General and General Grosvenor will be invited to appear.

SAMOAN TREATY RATTIFIED.

Senators Bacon, Tillman and Money Spoke in Opposition.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Senate to-day ratified the Samoan treaty, without division.

The ratification took place in executive session, after two hours of debate, which was participated in by a number of Senators.

Messrs. Davis, Foraker and Spooner advocated, and Senators Bacon, Money and Tillman, opposed ratification. Senator Bacon made the leading speech in opposition. He based his objection upon the general ground that it was contrary to the spirit of our institutions to attempt to govern any people in opposition to their wishes. He said that he was not opposed to the new convention, because of any partiality felt for the old tripartite agreement, which was quite as repugnant to him as the new. He thought, however, a means might be found to that end without resorting to a subterfuge, which was repulsive to all American ideas of liberty and independence. There was no doubt of the intention to annex and exercise sovereignty in place of the protectorate, which was the distinguishing feature of the tripartite agreement of 1889. To this proposed change of policy, he objected most strenuously.

REPORT ON PHILIPPINES.

Results of Investigation to Be Sent to Congress Soon.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Philippine Commission to-day completed its report, and dispatched it to the Public Printer. Proofs of the first section are expected to-morrow, and there is every reason to believe that the first volume at least can be laid before Congress in a week.

Because of the pendency of the Philippine question just now before Congress, it is regarded as desirable by the commission that this material be submitted at the earliest possible moment.

WAR TAX READJUSTMENT.

Senator Cockrell Presents a Drug Company's Petition.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Cockrell today presented a letter from the Vlavi Company of Kansas City urging on Congress a readjustment of revenue taxes on proprietary medicines. The letter states that "the emergency which occasioned this war tax is now passed and the injustice of such a burden on any special line of business is so obvious, we trust that the matter of its readjustment will receive your active interest and support. We trust you will give us your help in seeing that a rebate provision of this kind is enacted and really made operative, so that in common with the other drug and chemical makers of the country we may be free from the handicap which the present alcohol tax imposes upon us."

Senator Cockrell presented also a petition signed by Ella Harrison, president, on behalf of the Woman's Suffrage Association of Missouri, in favor of female suffrage in the new territory acquired by the United States.

FOR JEFFERSON BARRACKS.

St. Louis Congressmen Want More Cavalry Troops There.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Representatives Bartholdt, Joy and Pearce, to-day called upon the Secretary of War in the interest of Jefferson Barracks. They asked that of the cavalry troops now being returned from Cuba a certain quota be sent to Jefferson Barracks. Mr. Bartholdt presented the matter and said that supplies for cavalry were cheaper in St. Louis than anywhere else, in fact, so much cheaper that even the British Commissary Department was sending its officers to that city to purchase supplies. Furthermore, St. Louis was the most centrally located distributing point in the country, and from there any point of the globe could be reached by water and rail.

Messrs. Joy and Pearce argued in the same strain, and Secretary Root finally said that St. Louis and Jefferson Barracks were entitled to and would receive consideration. The three Congressmen said that petitions from commercial and trade organizations of St. Louis soon would be presented.

OLD SHOEMAKER FOUND DEAD.

Ignatz Huber Suffocated by a Fire in His Bedroom.

Ignatz Huber, who kept a shoeshop at No. 157 South Second street, was found dead in his shop yesterday morning by his daughter, Mrs. Rosie Berviller. It is thought he was suffocated by the smoke arising from a fire started by an overturned lamp, and which he had evidently tried to extinguish.

Huber had been at No. 157 South Second street for more than thirty years, and everybody in the neighborhood knew him. He was 69 years old and a veteran of two wars in Germany and America. His daughter for years past was accustomed to bring his meals to him at his shop, in a room adjoining which he slept. Mrs. Berviller lived in four apartments at No. 156 South Second street, just across the way. When she went to the shop yesterday morning with her father's breakfast she knocked, as usual, but there was no response. Again she knocked, louder than before, but still no answer came. She pushed open the door and found the air within laden with gaseous fumes. Peering into the room, she saw the form of her father, lying lifeless on the floor.

Mrs. Berviller did not enter, but hurried to the office of Doctor Edwin Lowe, a few doors down the street. He came and told her that her father was dead. In the old man's bedroom was an overturned lamp and a rocking chair that had been burned. An empty pail stood near by, showing that Huber had attempted to extinguish the flames. Death was caused from asphyxiation. The gas engendered by the oil, water and flame had poisoned the atmosphere. There was a slight gash over Huber's left eye. It is thought that he was nearly suffocated by the smoke and gas and endeavored to make his way from the room and that in so doing he fell and knocked his head against a bench and was unable to rise again. Huber was a widower. He leaves five children.

COLONEL WETMORE RETURNS.

His Views on New York and Missouri Politics.

Colonel M. C. Wetmore has just returned from a business trip to New York. While there he made some political inquiries.

"The Democrats of the Empire State," said the Colonel to a Republic representative, "are getting together and are organizing for an aggressive campaign. Tammany and the State Democracy will present a solid front, and the delegation from that State will be solidly for Bryan. It will not be a crowded fight for the electoral votes of New York as it was in 1896.

"There is going to be a battle royal in that State. The hypocrisy of Mark Hanna and the Republican party managers on the trust question will greatly strengthen Bryan in New York and throughout the country. The people want men in office who will make no compromise with the trusts. They are a menace to the welfare of the country and should be treated as public enemies.

"Democrats must put forward their best and truest men everywhere. With Dockery for Governor and Cook for Secretary of State, and a ticket made up of men of that character, we will carry Missouri by a record-breaking majority, and be assured of a thorough business administration. While Democrats are prone to talk about 40,000 and 50,000 majority in Missouri, it would be well enough to remember that the size of the majority depends very much upon the character of the men nominated for State offices."

JUDGE BARCLAY TO SPEAK.

Address Before Missouri Historical Society.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Missouri Historical Society will be held at the rooms, No. 1019 Locust street, next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Shepard Barclay, ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri, will address the society on "Historic Controversies Over the Boundaries of Missouri." These controversies, which finally led to the present established lines of the State, are full of facts and incidents not generally known to the reading public.

Officers for 1900 will be elected, and an important change in the by-laws of the society will be voted upon. A movement to provide new quarters for the society, whose rapidly increasing collections urgently demand more room and better facilities for their display and study, will be considered at this meeting. In this respect the State of Missouri in providing for its historical department is behind that of other States. The general public is invited to attend the meeting.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY NOTES.

—John Roheman entered a plea of guilty at Clayton yesterday to a charge of selling liquor without a license. He was fined $50 and costs by Judge Hirzel.

—The Twentieth Century Vaudeville Company gave an entertainment last night in Saengerbund Hall at Clayton. The entertainment attracted a large crowd of people from Clayton and the surrounding country.

—The marriage of Mamie Engler of Kirkwood and Charles Proughet of St. Louis took place yesterday at St. Ann's Church. Proughet is head mail clerk at Simmons Hardware Company, in whose employ he has been for a long time.

—The case against Doctor E. L. Eggers of Creve Coeur, who was charged with practicing medicine without a license, was dismissed yesterday by Judge Hirzel. Doctor Eggers exhibited a certificate granted him by the State Board of Health.

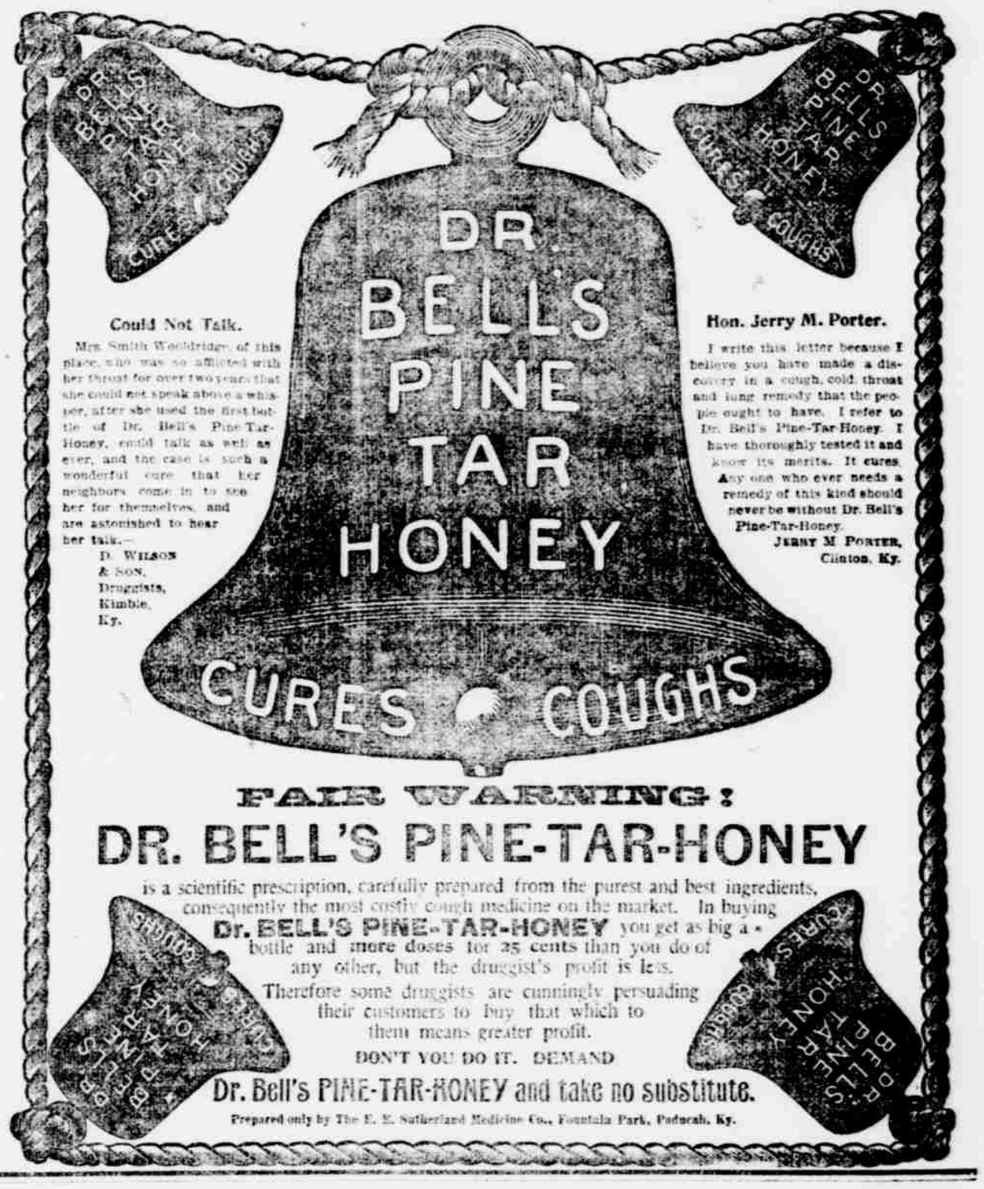
—The will of John Henry Zweige of St. Louis County was filed in the Probate Court at Clayton yesterday. The testator bequeathed his estate to his half-sister, Mrs. Mary Walker, and appointed her husband, Moritz Walker, executor without bond.

—Recorder of Deeds Fred Essen received a letter yesterday from Mrs. Alice Stanton of No. 127 North Third street asking if a marriage license had been issued by him about eight weeks ago to Edward Wright and Dora Cassidy. Mr. Essen replied that he had never seen the persons.

—The will of John H. Lippincott of Webster Groves was filed in the Probate Court yesterday. The testator bequeaths his home and one-half of his estate to his wife, Mrs. Mary T. Lippincott, to be held in lieu of her common dower at law. The other half is left to his children, Mrs. Lippincott and her son, Thomas E. Lippincott, are made executors of the estate without bond.

—Captain Fred Payton, recently from Manila, and more recently a bridegroom, arrived in Kirkwood yesterday, and, with his wife, is a guest of G. E. Purcell. The couple are on their way back to Bedford, where they were married, and from which place they set out on a wedding trip. Captain Payton was in the Philippines as a member of the Fifty-first Iowa for two years.

—John Doake and Miss Florence Hull, both of Kirkwood, were married yesterday evening at 4 o'clock at the residence of the bride, Reverend C. L. Smith of the Kirkwood Methodist Church performed the ceremony. Mr. Doake was offered a position in Ste. Genevieve, Mo., and would not have Kirkwood without Miss Hull, so the wedding, which was expected to be held later, was performed at once. He and his bride leave to-day for Ste. Genevieve.



An Unusual Picture Display.....

Of Great Interest to EVERY St. Louisan—

Next Sunday's Republic.

MANY SEARCHED FOR GOLD.

Vain Seeking After Reville's Pot of Money.

The dying statement made by Benton Reville, the noted horsethief, who was shot in the Belleville jail last Saturday night by Sheriff Barnsfield while trying to escape, to the effect that he had a pot of money buried in St. Louis County just west of the city limits, enticed a crowd of at least half a hundred people to the vicinity west of Forest Park yesterday. And each and every one of the crowd thought that he might be able to locate the place where it was buried.

The crowd was a motley one, and consisted of representatives from practically every section of the city. They came armed with spades, shovels and picks, and wherever there was what seemed to be the slightest evidence of the earth having recently been disturbed, then and there they would stop and examine the surface minutely. The people went as far west as the Hanley road, where it intersects the the Clayton road, before they gave up the search. Even then they did not despair, as a number of them announced their intention of returning to-day.

The news of the search at the 400 Clayton road were bothered almost all day long by inquirers, who seemed to think that they could give them the information they desired, as an impression existed that Reville had formerly been a member of their coterie. The campers assured the questioners that Reville had never been one of them, although they admitted having formed his acquaintance, to their sorrow.

IN A GENERAL FIGHT.

Saloonkeeper Badly Injured—Three Men in Jail.

Emile Winhelm of Affaville is lying at the point of death at his home in St. Louis County as a result of a general fight in his saloon last Sunday evening about 10:30. Three men are in Clayton jail, held to await the outcome of the saloonkeeper's injuries and also to answer to a charge of disturbing the peace, for which they will be tried before Squire John Crecelius of Carondelet Township next Saturday.

The trouble started in a dispute over a game of pool. George Myers, Christ Rosen and William Berger, the men now in jail, became involved in a fight with August Jenney and Edward Busch. Winhelm and Edward Busch's father joined in. Winhelm was struck over the back of the head by a billiard cue and fell senseless to the floor. The fight then became general.

As a result of the fight Ben Felte, who had also been a participant, swore out warrants Monday for the arrest of the three men. Myers gave bond, but the other two were not able to do so and consequently had to go to jail. Myers returned to Clayton to face the trouble, and a second warrant was issued when the gravity of Winhelm's condition was known.

MRS. COLTHAR MISSING.

Sister Is Unable to Locate Her—Peculiar Case.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carlinville, Ill., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Mary J. Colthar cannot be located by her sister, Mrs. Annie Twitchell of Bunker Hill.

Mrs. Colthar, it will be remembered, married James Munroe, who induced her to give him $100 for the purpose of buying a drug store. After Munroe left her she came back to Bunker Hill and resided with her sister.

Munroe was arrested on the charge of bigamy and is now awaiting the action of the Grand Jury at Rochester.

Mrs. Colthar left her sister's home and went to Greenfield, where she was noticed in company with a strange woman. Last night the two women disappeared from the village.

Her testimony before the Rochester Grand Jury would have great weight in the Munroe case.

FREE FIGHT IN SCHOOL.

Several Scholars Injured, One Seriously—Teacher Bruised.

Cortland, Neb., Jan. 16.—In a free fight between J. G. Ludlam, the teacher of the grammar school here, to-day, and Fred Young, a 16-year-old boy, the latter was seriously hurt, and the teacher and several other pupils considerably bruised. The boys had resolved that the teacher should not punish any of their number, and when he attempted it the trouble broke out. The teacher defended himself the best he could and finally came off victor. The parents of the boys have sworn out a warrant charging Ludlam with assault. The little town is greatly wrought up over the occurrence.

MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

Henry Peters, Supposed to Have Been Murdered, Found.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 16.—Information has been received by the authorities here that Henry Peters, a hackman supposed to have been murdered ten years ago and burned in a brewery, is living in Oklahoma.

Peters's disappearance was one of the mysteries connected with the famous Haddock murder case in the latter eighties. Haddock was the Methodist preacher murdered here for his relentless war on saloons.

One of the principal witnesses desired by the prosecution was Henry Peters, a hackman, known to have driven the party of liquor dealers, of whom Arensdorf was one, about the city a short time before Haddock was killed. But from the date of the murder, Peters disappeared. He was sought for a while, and the story finally gained circulation that he had been killed and his body cremated in a furnace under Arensdorf's brewery. A letter has been received from F. M. Tomlinson, now touring Oklahoma, saying that he knows where Peters can be found and offering more definite information.

PUERTO RICAN DELEGATION.

It Wants to Borrow Ten Million Dollars.

New York, Jan. 16.—The steamer Philadelphia, which arrived to-day from Puerto Rican ports, brought a delegation of merchants from that Island, who are going to Washington to discuss provisional tariffs with President McKinley and to advocate closer relations with the United States.

The delegates are instructed to bring to the attention of the President and the Fifty-sixth Congress these needs of Puerto Rico:

1. Free trade with the United States.
2. The recall of all Spanish coin and the adoption of the American currency.
3. To use every effort to effect a loan, with the Government as security, of $10,000,000 United States currency.

FRED SIBLEY CONVICTED.

Sentenced for Life for Complicity in Brunot Murder.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Taylorville, Ill., Jan. 16.—The trial of Fred Sibley for complicity in the murder of Jane Brunot last April terminated last night, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty this morning. His sentence is fixed at life imprisonment, the same as Henry Brunot received from Judge Farmer on a plea of guilty.

Sibley was seen at the jail this evening, but refused to make a statement for publication until the motion for a new trial, made by his counsel, has been passed upon by the court.

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H. J. Spaunhorst Rejects Proposals of Mueller and Gonner.

Nicolas Gonner, president of the Central Society, and C. A. Mueller, president of the German Catholic Widows and Orphans' Fund, accompanied by Attorney G. H. Lubke, yesterday morning called upon H. J. Spaunhorst, formerly secretary of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and made a formal demand for $13,796.86, which amount appeared to be due from Spaunhorst to the fund, according to the report of an expert accountant who examined the books of the secretary.

Spaunhorst replied that on no consideration would he accept the report of the expert as final, and denied that he was indebted in that or any other sum to the Widows and Orphans' Fund. He declared that the fund was indebted to him and expressed a desire to have the controversy submitted to court for a settlement of the respective claims.

Instructions were then given to Attorney Lubke by President Gonner and Mueller to bring suit to recover the amount alleged due. Mr. Lubke said that he would file suit against Spaunhorst to-day.

Elmer Deane.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 16.—Elmer Deane, 20 years old, died to-day.

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