TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Discount rates were 5 to 7 per cent for call and time loans. Clearings, $[illegible]; balances, $[illegible]. New York exchange, [illegible] premium bid, [illegible] premium asked; Louisville, par bid, [illegible] premium asked; Chicago, [illegible] premium bid, [illegible] premium asked; Cincinnati, par bid, [illegible] premium asked; New Orleans, par bid, [illegible] premium asked.

The bids for wheat at first [illegible] unchanged at 70c in March, [illegible] May; [illegible] July; [illegible] Sept. Corn opened higher at [illegible] March, [illegible] May, [illegible] July, [illegible] Sept. Oats opened at [illegible] March, [illegible] May, [illegible] July. [illegible] No. 2 white.

At Chicago wheat closed [illegible] March; [illegible] May, [illegible] July, [illegible] Sept. Corn closed higher at [illegible] March, [illegible] May, [illegible] July, [illegible] Sept. Oats closed at [illegible] March, [illegible] May; [illegible] July.

The local market for steadiest meats pork closed firm at [illegible] for cash and $[illegible] for new. Prime steam lard closed strong at 4[illegible], choice 5[illegible].

The local market for spot cotton closed quiet.

WASHINGTON.

Secretary Root at the Cabinet meeting yesterday said that he had [illegible] necessary to change the [illegible] of the Government money at Havana. The [illegible] held his Cape Nome and Alaska policy, and the Cabinet members indicated [illegible] claim that be acted within the law.

A joint resolution has been introduced in Congress demanding the withdrawal of the Federal troops at the Jackson mill pending the growth that they are there contrary to law. The [illegible] sensational testimony before the Senate committee of Inquiry yesterday.

The Republic [illegible] upon the [illegible] was only raised to [illegible] the latter from the Government [illegible].

A bill was introduced in the House providing for the [illegible] the Union, so that the [illegible] be constructed.

A House resolution would exclude "Sapho" from the mails.

At the Cabinet meeting yesterday Secretary Root said that he had changed the method of labelling fractional money in Cuba. He added his action in granting permits to dig for gold in the Cape Nome Sands. It was the present opinion of the Cabinet members that he acted within the law.

Senator Tillman attacked the measure to appropriate money for Tomb Riots.

The conference report was adopted by the Senate.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Patrolman James Dockery of the Fourth District was set upon by two ex-convicts whom he attempted to arrest on the levee, and while struggling with one, who attempted to shoot him, drew a revolver and shot the fellow, whose name is Silas Brown, in the abdomen.

John F. Geiger, a well-known liveryman, died suddenly yesterday morning at 3 o'clock in his room at No. 8 North Ninth street. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the residence of his wife, No. 486 Cook avenue.

In the Probate Court at Belleville yesterday Mrs. Lucy Reed accepted $8[illegible] from the Air Line Railroad Company as damages for the death of her husband, who was killed by one of the company's trains.

Mrs. Henrietta Hamberger, the midwife, withdrew her motion for a new trial yesterday and will be taken to the penitentiary to serve five years when the next batch of convicted prisoners is taken there.

Judge Fitzgerald decided yesterday that Mrs. Daisy Dozier Collins, is to be allowed to see her 11-year-old son, now in possession of her husband, who obtained a divorce in 1896 and was awarded full custody of the child at that time.

The Woman's Humane Society was yesterday awarded the custody of Ralph White, the 2-year-old son of Edna White of No. 607 North Jefferson avenue, by Probate Judge Henderson.

Doctor J. E. McCormick of Farmington, Mo., while in an Olive street saloon on Thursday night, took an overdose of chloral in order to quiet his nerves and his life was only saved by the heroic efforts of physicians at St. John's Hospital.

A number of prominent Italians have arranged a fair, to be held at the Expedition building from April 30 to May 6, inclusive. The proceeds will be used to build a church at Nineteenth and Morgan streets.

The cases of John Finney and William Seeghen, Kirkwood saloonkeepers, against the city of Kirkwood were sent to St. Louis by Judge Hughes of the Circuit Court of St. Charles, Mo., on an application for a change of venue. The cases were taken to St. Charles from Clayton.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

The Cass County Teachers' Association is holding a successful meeting.

More than eighteen hundred machinists are now on a strike at Cleveland, O.

The new gymnasium of the University of California was opened yesterday. Whitelaw Reid was the principal speaker.

Twenty-two head of Aberdeen Angus cattle sold at Chicago for an average of $59 each.

The trial of Miss Olga Nethersole has been postponed to April 3 by Judge Furnham.

The headquarters of the W. C. T. U. will be moved to Miss Willards' old home at Evanston, Ill., April 18.

Captain Ward of the tug Lawrence has been placed under $5000 bond for killing boatswain's mate Milligan on the gunboat Machias at Galveston.

The preliminary trial of Secretary of State Powers began yesterday at Frankfort. Armed deputies effectively preserved order. Taylor's manufacturers are now waiting orders to proceed to the capital. Colonel Jack Chinn arrived in Frankfort.

FOREIGN.

The Brazilian Minister to the Court of St. James, Chevalier de Souza Correa, was found dead in his bed yesterday in London.

The Duke of Orleans, who is traveling in the south of Spain, took part in a bear hunt Friday.

The British steamer Persian Prince has put in at Marseilles with her machinery disabled.

SPORT.

The winners at Tanforan Carlonian, Lode Star, The Lady, Hard Knot, Gauntlet and Red Pie 10.

The winners at New Orleans—Belle of Orleans, Philter, Possum, Cathedral, Bobby and Lord Neville.

James J. Jeffries will leave San Francisco Sunday for Chicago to prepare for his contest in the Windy City.

Frank Erne was given a decision over Joe Gans last night in New York in the twelfth round.

Jockey Mitchell piloted five winners at New Orleans.

RAILROADS.

Ernest Kindman has sued the Kansas City Southern for $5000 for alleged services in forming the Reorganization Committee.

A story comes from Kansas City of a proposed consolidation of the Union Pacific, C. & A., Rock Island and Illinois Central.

On April 9 there will be a conference of the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners of Missouri, Iowa and Illinois to discuss the classification of vehicles, farm machinery and other implements.

The Nebraska Board of Transportation will the case brought against it by the railroads.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for a new Cincinnati-Chicago short line.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, March 23.—Arrived: Graf Waldersee, from Hamburg.

Rotterdam, March 23.—Arrived: Maasdam, New York for Hamburg.

Liverpool, March 23.—Arrived: Waesland, from Philadelphia.

Glasgow, March 23.—Arrived: Korean, from New York.

Moville, March 23.—Sailed: Ethiopia from Glasgow for New York.

Genoa, March 23.—Sailed: Auguste Victoria for New York.

Plymouth, March 23.—Arrived: Furst Bismarck from New York for Hamburg.

Alexandria, March 21.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm II, New York via Genoa, etc.

Nagasaki, March 23.—Arrived: Steamer Victoria, San Francisco via Manila.

Naples, March 23.—Arrived: Werra, New York for Genoa, and proceeded.

VENICE TOWNSHIP REPUBLICANS SPLIT.

Convention at Granite City Divides and Two Sets of Delegates Are Selected.

BITTER CONTEST AT ALTON.

Senator Brenholt Wins Out Over Richard Gallhally by a Majority of 220—Hamey's Prospects.

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BRENHOLT WON AT ALTON.

Victor in Two Out of Three Districts—Instructions for Hamey.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Alton, Ill., March 23.—In what was one of the most bitterly contested primary elections ever held in Alton, Senator J. J. Brenholt today won out over Richard Gallhally by a majority of 220. A total of 1529 votes were cast in the three districts. Brenholt's majority came in the [illegible] District, 12 votes in the Second District and Gallhally 22. No instructions were given before 6 in Alton for Governor. From reports received from the various townships in the county outside of Alton the Hay wagon will go into Madison county with the Brenholt delegation. At Godfrey, Brenholt's home, instructions for President Hamey. At Collinsville there is a split the entire delegation of 22 and in Venice another delegation of 22. Venice Township, one of the strongest for Hamey, and will send Hoff votes to the Venice Convention on Tuesday. Wood River selected a delegation of 23, which the Hamey workers claim will vote as a unit for their candidate, although at their primary Brenholt was there [illegible] votes. At Roxanaville another round robber in the way of a primary was held at the Madison County Courthouse. Not wanting to be the recently elected primary election law, and so [illegible] primary was held at Former Congressman W. A. J. Hall's campaign headquarters in the complete success of the situation. The ballots were examined when the Hall's faction nominated Attorney C. M. Travers for chairman and the opposite wing, Edward Meyer, as a [illegible]. The contest was [illegible] with a delegation of seventy-seven from Granite City and a third solid for Brenholt. W. R. Trautman was elected chairman of the Brenholt opposition, after which Henry Lick moved that the [illegible] be given to Hamey.

Congressman Hadley had opposed this move [illegible] the ground, as he stated, that it would be held free to exercise their own discretion. The motion was lost and the thirty-two delegates will go to the Venice Convention unrestricted. The show of strength for Hamey really cannot be called a Hamey victory, granting that Hamey is the choice of the Republicans of Madison county, for the Hall-Trautman faction have never been taken into account. The leaders of the Republican party in Madison county are exceedingly [illegible] at the publication, on the other hand, have been wont to watch the fight in the other sections of the State with considerable. Taking this both sides claim victory, each other so badly that Congressman Hadley felt he could be spared himself for Tuesday night, the man he sought in the present March will not forth W. L. E. Muller is a candidate for the Senate, relying upon Hadley's attitude or at least upon his failure to insure his opponent by both factions.

Helvetia's Delegates.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mexico, Mo., March 23.—The Republicans of Helvetia Township assembled in primary this evening and selected seventeen delegates to the County Convention to be held at Vernon next Tuesday.

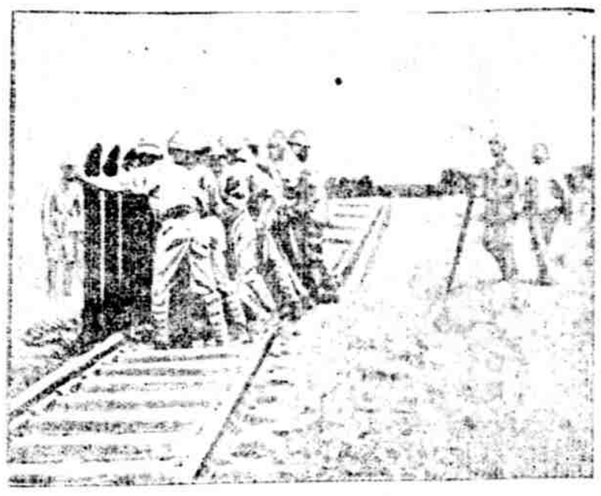
BESIDE THEIR DEAD MOTHER.

Two Little Girls Waited Until Help Came.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 23.—While returning from a neighbor's, Mrs. John W. Wheeler, wife of a farmer near Hall Station, this county, fell dead in the road. Her two little girls remained with her two hours until discovered. They did not know she was dead.

REPAIRING BOER RAVAGES.



"Tommy Atkins" is a jack-of-all trades even when he is soldiering. One of his duties in the South African war, as shown by the above snap shot, has been the repairing of railroads wrecked by the Boers in their retreat. The burghers usually tear up a section or so of track bodily, and the work of replacing the scattered ties and rails has not been very difficult.

STARTLED THE CLERK.

Jacob Bunim's Unexpected Display of Wealth at the City Hall.

Jacob Bunim, aged 70, created a commotion in the Election Commissioners' office yesterday by an unexpected display of wealth. The old man had called for the purpose of having his name put on the polls, and was referred to the Clerk in charge of his district. The clerk, after learning his name and age, asked: "Where were you born?"

"In Germany."

"Have you your papers?" asked the clerk, meaning naturalization certificates.

"No," said the old man, diving into his pocket and producing a yellow United States bond bearing his name.

The clerk examined the bond, fondled it a bit, and, with a sigh, handed it back, saying: "This is all right. I wish it belonged to me. But haven't you some other papers?"

"No," replied the old man, as he dived into another pocket and produced another bond of the same kind and value.

The clerk was so overcome by this second display that it took him some time to explain that he didn't want to see bonds, but naturalization papers.

When the matter was made plain to the old man he said that he had naturalization papers at home, but thought any Government papers would do him as well to register. It took some argument to get him started, and then he went home for his papers.

He got back before the office closed, and his name is now duly entered upon the poll-books of his ward.

The clerk is now wondering how many more bonds the old man had concealed about his person.

SPLIT THE COMBINE.

Convict Labor Bill Resolution in the House.

Three members of the House of Delegates combine bolted their colleagues last night in support of a minority report which came from the Committee on Education and Labor. They were Messrs. Decker, Modera and Schumacher.

The majority report recommended the passage of a resolution urging the St. Louis Congressmen to aid in the passage of the anti-convict labor bill now pending in Congress. It was presented by Mr. Kelly, supported by Messrs. Schnettler, Denney and Faulkner.

The minority report contained an addendum which censured Governor Stephens for his course in urging Missouri Congressmen to fight the bill. Mr. Schumacher offered the report.

For the first time since in the present House Mr. Crosby found himself with the majority. He made a vicious speech declaring the Governor and his action "selling out" and vowed that "every man who would do anything to kill the bill" would be with him.

Then follows a wrangle which was a revival of the good old days when ink bottles and cuspidors flew in the chamber. Mr. Kelly sought to hold the combine together. When the vote was called the combine member voted together practically and with several Democrats in the minority rolled a vote on the majority report of 97 to 6.

RESIN WAREHOUSE BURNED.

Loss of Several Thousand Dollars to the M. & O.

The Mobile and Ohio Railroad resin warehouse, situated near the company's roundhouse in East St. Louis, was completely burned last night. The fire is supposed to have been caused either by sparks from a passing locomotive, or by tramps.

The warehouse, in which were stored several hundred barrels of pine resin awaiting shipment South, was close to both the railroad roundhouse and the Tudor Iron Works. The entire plant, a total loss, brilliant blaze, which was plainly seen on the east side of the river, and set all the steam whistles on both shores to blowing.

A number of freight cars in close proximity to the burning building were threatened, but locomotives pulled them to places of safety.

The building and contents are a total loss.

MISS EVALINE PADDOCK DYING.

Aged Sister of Gaius Paddock and Once a Social Leader.

Miss Evaline Paddock, 97 years old, is lying at death's door at the Paddock home in Fort Russell Township, near Alton. Miss Paddock is a sister of Gaius Paddock, the well-known St. Louisan. During her early life Miss Paddock was a social leader in St. Louis, and recounts as one of her triumphs the dancing with Lafayette on the occasion of his visit to the Mound City.

Old Fracture Caused Death.

Coroner H. J. Talley of Alton held an inquest at Collinsville yesterday on Louis Lawrence, who died suddenly Wednesday. The jury developed the fact that death was due to a fracture of the skull received two years ago.

PILES CURED WITHOUT THE KNIFE.

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CIVIL WAR PENSIONER FINED.

Attempted to Hypothecate His Certificate Once Too Often.

Francis M. Maple, an old soldier, pensioner and member of the G. A. R., pleaded guilty in the United States District Court yesterday to a charge of violating the pension laws, and was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and costs or serve a term in the Montgomery County Jail.

Maple was arrested at Bell City, Mo., several months ago. When first taken before Judge Adams he pleaded not guilty, and demanded a jury trial. Yesterday he withdrew his former plea and pleaded guilty.

The offence Maple committed was the hypothecation of his pension certificate as security for borrowed money. The statute provides that no pension shall be liable to attachment or execution for debt, neither shall a pensioner be allowed to borrow money on his certificate; and any one pledging a certificate for a loan or receiving one as security is liable to prosecution.

Maple belongs to that nomadic band of veterans who wander from place to place and generally secure sympathy and support by the relation of the battles, sieges and the like they have taken part in. His scheme was to pass from town to town, [illegible] when he was [illegible] and when the money [illegible] he would be [illegible] from [illegible]. It is [illegible] that [illegible] Tuesday, Kirkland [illegible] Maple [illegible] Bill Fitz. Counsel [illegible] the law is [illegible] Maple [illegible] Bill Fitz. [illegible] and when Maple [illegible] [illegible] Fitz [illegible].

TOWN HELD BY MINERS.

Threatening State of Affairs at Boonville, Ind.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Evansville, March 23.—Telegrams received in Evansville from Boonville, Warrick County, state that the town is held by about 300 union miners, who have driven the nonunion miners out of the mines and are defying the local authorities. The latter are powerless to prevent disorder or protect the nonunionists.

Last night the town was invaded by the union miners, who demanded that nonunion labor should not be employed, and when the mine operators refused to discharge the men, the unionists became so threatening that the nonunion men quit work.

Since then the union men have been on guard at the mines, and the Sheriff has not been able to protect the men who were forced to quit work. The town is practically in a state of siege, as all the miners are armed.

ON THEIR WAY TO PARIS.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer Have No Serious Differences.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer arrived in New York today on their way to Paris, where Mrs. Palmer will be one of the Commissioners of the United States to the International Exposition. Mrs. Palmer will have an active part in the management of the Woman's Department of the United States exhibit.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have leased a house in Paris for six months. Their children will join them there in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer held a reception today at the Waldorf-Astoria and spent the evening at the theatre.

Mrs. Palmer denied herself to all interviewers, but a friend of the family told the reporters that there was no significance whatever in the recent transfer by Mr. Palmer to his wife of the greater portion of his property in Chicago. Stories that any trouble existed between Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, the friend said, were unfounded. The transfer was made for convenience, and inquiries as to the contrary in a case of record were unjust and unwarranted.

Mrs. Palmer was appointed one of the Commissioners of the United States to the Paris Exposition by President McKinley in February. Her appointment was promptly confirmed by the Senate without reference to a committee.

The Woman's National Auxiliary to the Blue and Gray Legion headed a women's movement, leading to Mrs. Palmer's appointment.

After her return from Newport last fall Mrs. Palmer took an active part in the management of her husband's and business interests. Mr. Palmer is well advanced in years, while his wife is in her prime, and since Chicago was on the accounts probably for the transfer of the Palmer properties to her. Mrs. Palmer has made arrangements to keep in close touch with these interests while abroad.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

National Horse Breeders' Association in Session at Chicago.

Chicago, March 23.—The third annual meeting of the National Horse Breeders', Dealers' and Exhibitors' Association opened at the Grand Pacific Hotel today. Papers were read by George McKerrow, superintendent of the Wisconsin Farmers' Institute, Doctor W. L. Williams, Cornell University, C. P. Elmhorf of Elmdale, Neb.; James R. McLaughlin, Columbus, O., Professor F. Davenport and J. C. Ware, Champaign, Ill.; N. J. Harris, Des Moines, Ia.; H. E. Fletcher, Minneapolis; James Hair and J. S. Cooper, Chicago, and J. B. Settle, Monroe City, Mo.

TO PAY MICHAEL J. DADY.

Three Appraisers Will Determine the Amount Due Him.

Havana, March 23.—Governor General Wood today issued an order appointing three appraisers to settle the amount due Mr. Michael J. Dady on his contract, one of the appraisers will be chosen by General Wood, another by the municipality of Havana and the third by Mr. Dady. Their decision will be final.

Another commission, consisting of three engineers, will be appointed to prepare a plan for sewerage for the entire city. This will be as far as the American authorities in Cuba will concern themselves, and General Wood's action settles a question which for a long time has prevented the carrying out of city improvements.

SHOT BY JOHN R. O'MALLEY.

Ex-Alderman William Lyman Probably Will Die.

Chicago, March 23.—Ex-Alderman William Lyman was shot to-night during a political quarrel by ex-Senator John R. O'Malley. O'Malley has been arrested.

The shooting took place in O'Malley's saloon. Lyman received two bullets in the stomach and probably will die.

Thomas Lyons, saloon keeper of O'Malley, and John Broderick, a bartender in the place, are also under arrest, and will be held as witnesses. O'Malley and Lyman have been rivals for political leadership in the Twenty-third Ward.

O'Malley's partner, Lyons, and the bartender assert that the shooting was an accident.

AS A M'CLINTOCK HEIRESS.

Mrs. G. W. Floyd Will Claim a Part of the Estate.

Chicago, March 23.—Mrs. G. W. Floyd of this city is preparing to go to St. Louis to claim a large share in the estate of the late James McClintock of Pittsburg and St. Louis. Mrs. Floyd was not aware that she was an heiress until so informed by her cousin, Miss Phoebe Floyd, whom she had not seen since 1881, although both have been residents of Chicago for years. Miss Phoebe Floyd's first intimation of the existence of a cousin in Chicago was word from St. Louis that she and her cousin were heirs to the McClintock estate.

CHARTER FOR GREAT STEEL TRUST SIGNED.

Differences Settled and Amount of Stock Each Member Is to Receive Decided Upon.

STARTS WITH $160,000,000.

General Power of Attorney Given to James B. Dill of New York to File Papers and Perfect the Organization.

PITTSBURG, PA., March 23.—The Associated Press is enabled through to present to the public the following absolutely true status of the Carnegie-Frick controversy at this time:

"All the parties in interest in the great Carnegie-Frick controversy were in attendance in the boardroom of the Carnegie Steel Company from 11 o'clock this morning until 6 o'clock to-night and as a result it is stated authoritatively that not only have all matters of difference been settled and adjusted, but that the separate and distinct amounts which each party is to receive in the great combined capital have been agreed upon. The charter of the Carnegie Steel Company has been signed by all of the parties in interest, some thirty-six in all, and the steps necessary in the papers are Andrew Carnegie, followed by Henry Phipps, Jr., and Henry Clay Frick, thus informing the world that the old friends and present associates are again united and [illegible] executive, heading the list of those who [illegible] in the combined industries to be [illegible] in the Carnegie company with [illegible] of [illegible], and its securities [illegible] by people as much more.

[illegible] it is stated, has the result of organization of a corporation that the [illegible] Steel has ever known, if not the world, in that it starts out with [illegible] signatures [illegible] for, over the signatures [illegible] who are fully able to respond to their subscriptions for this vast sum.

Of this amount Andrew Carnegie subscribed over $[illegible], Henry Phipps about $[illegible], Henry C. Frick about $[illegible], Charles M. Schwab about $[illegible], and Frederick F. Lovejoy about $[illegible]. The remaining subscribers are [illegible] amounts, although the aggregate is said to contain, and certainly represents, in the neighborhood of twenty millionaires. It is stated that on not one paper have there ever been signatures representing such an amount of actual wealth in the hereafter world. The result of the conference was an agreement on all minor points of detail, and the execution of a power of attorney signed by all of the incorporators, giving a general power of attorney to James B. Dill, the New York corporation lawyer, who brought about the organization and in whom all parties are said to have such confidence that he is probably the representative under a power of attorney in an amount exceeding any sum heretofore known to be so represented.

The charter in the case is likely to be filed on Monday of next week, and it is proposed on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week to dispose of the preliminaries, to call the directors' meeting here at Pittsburg and to elect the officers of the company and arrange every other matter of detail, all of which at present are fixed by agreements in writing, but which are not accessible to the public.

There was a conference this evening at the Duquesne Club between Mr. Dill, as representing Mr. Carnegie's interest primarily, and Mr. H. C. Frick, Mr. Henry Phipps, Jr., Mr. Lovejoy and others. The object of the conference could not be ascertained, but it was supposed to be to arrange some minor matters of detail.

Mr. C. M. Schwab, president of the company, left for New York. It is supposed, to confer with Mr. Carnegie and others in that city.

It is absolutely safe to state that all of the matters of difference have been adjusted, the suits have been withdrawn, the properties are all arranged for transfer under the power of attorney as stated above, and the conferences which may be had from now until these are simply to arrange matters of detail possibly involving the question of subordinate positions in the large company.

ABANDONS REPUBLICANISM.

Prominent Texan's Reason for Becoming a Democrat.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., March 23.—Colonel Stilwell H. Russell, one of the most prominent lawyers of Texas and one of the ablest Republicans ever in the State, and who was formerly United States Marshal of the Northern district of Texas, has left the Republican party and turned Democrat.

He said today:

"I have decided to quit the Republican party and cast my lot with the Democrats. This is my decision after much thought, and I will enter the coming Democratic primary, abide by its action and vote the ticket, national, State and county. I regret to have to cast old party affiliation, but the Republican organization and national administration has wandered into such dangerous paths of government as to threaten our Republican fabric. The policy in the Philippines and toward Puerto Rico are strange illustrations of Americanism. These unorthodox policies must be abandoned or the Republic must eventually perish. I hope for the survival of the Republic."

MME. CALVE FAINTED.

She Recovered and Pluckily Continued Her Part.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 23.—Mme. Ella Calve fainted on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera house tonight as a result of a blow received in the dueling scene in the third act of "Carmen." She was revived and continued her part, although still suffering from the shock.

In the smugglers' scene, Signor Scotti as Escamillo and M. Salignac as Don Jose had a duel with knives. When the life of both is threatened, Carmen rushes in to separate them. The chorus, in the rear of the stage, makes the scene more effective.

As Mme. Calve rushed in between the fighting men, Scotti fell forward. His elbow struck Mme. Calve on the right breast and she fell heavily to the floor in a swoon.

Salignac and Scotti leaned over the fainting woman, continuing to sing until it was seen that Mme. Calve could not proceed with her part. Then the curtain was rung down and she was taken, unconscious, from the stage. She was quickly revived with the aid of a glass of champagne, but swooned again. Meanwhile an explanation was made to the audience. Mme. Calve recovered, and resuming her part, received a tremendous ovation.

INTERNORMAL CONTEST.

Winners in Oratory and Declamation at Cape Girardeau.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 23.—The third annual internormal oratorical and declamatory contests were held in the chapel of the Southeast Missouri Normal this evening.

The decision was given to H. N. Whitelaw of Warrensburg, Miss Lena Wilkes of Kirksville winning second place.

At 2 p. m. a debating contest between the Warrensburg and Cape Girardeau Normals was held. The speakers from the Warrensburg Normal were R. E. Manville and R. Stewart, and from the Cape Normal J. H. Fulbright and L. L. Bowman. The decision in this was awarded to the Cape Girardeau Normal.

The prizes in the declamatory contest were Doctor J. S. Dalton of New Madrid, Mo.; T. O. Bland and L. L. Leonard, both of St. Louis, and in the oratorical contest George R. Block, Clarksburg, Mo.; D. C. Todd, Carbondale, Ill., and L. M. Gray, Bonne Terre, Mo.

After the exercises at the school all the visitors were given a banquet at the St. Charles Hotel by the four literary societies of the Normal.

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TENDERS' ITS GOOD OFFICES.

Action of Iron Molders' Union and Coremakers' Grievance.

The Iron Molders' Union held a meeting last night at Druid's Hall to discuss the advisability of taking definite action in regard to the strike now on between the coremakers and their employers, in St. Louis.

The meeting was attended by about 200 members of the Molders' Union, and, after a discussion of several hours, no decision was reached.

The coremakers are insisting upon an eight-hour day and a minimum wage of $2.50. An effort has been made to obtain the assistance of the molders in bringing about this result. To this end a meeting of the molders was called, hoping to have them join in the strike as a matter of sympathy.

The discussion at last night's meeting was extremely animated. A large number of the speakers advocated the inauguration of a strike at once. The older members, however, insisted that such a course would be in violation of the terms of an agreement made several months ago between the molders and their employers, and which is effective until July 1. They insisted that to strike now would be a breach of good faith on their part, and ever afterwards operate to thwart the settlement of their differences by arbitration.

This view was concurred in by a majority of those present, and a resolution to tender the good offices of the union to settle the trouble substituted for the resolution to order a strike.

SAYS BOND WILL BE FILED.

Seckner Contracting Company's Representative Returns.

George Mayer, secretary of the Seckner Contracting Company, the lowest bidder on the electric lighting contract for the business district, reached St. Louis yesterday after two days' conference with the "Chicago syndicate" which is reported to be back of the enterprise. In company with William H. Bryan of Bryan & Humphreys, engineers for the Seckner people, Mr. Mayer appeared before members of the Lighting Committee of the Board of Public Improvements with assurances that the $[illegible] bond demanded by the city will have been filed before 5 p. m. on Monday, when the time limit of five days expires.

HEARING ON STREET CAR BILL.

Managers of Two Companies Before the Committee.

The Railroad Committee of the City Council had a public hearing on the bill recently introduced which requires the street car companies of St. Louis to increase their facilities so that cars be run every two and a half minutes in the hours of heavy traffic in the morning and at night.

Division Manager Baumhoff of the St. Louis Transit Company and General Manager Jenkins of the St. Louis and Suburban Railroad informed the committee that the companies were doing even better than that in the downtown district, and it would not be long before the same systematic operation of cars for the benefit of the public would prevail all over the city.

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WILL PLEAD INSANITY.

Defense Introduced Testimony in the Horlocker Case.

Hastings, Neb., March 23.—The State rested to-day and the introduction of testimony commenced in the case of Viola Horlocker, on trial for sending poisoned candy to Mrs. Morey. One witness was called to show that the woman seen in the flat about the time the candy was left there was not Miss Horlocker. The corresponding witnesses were then called to show that the accused had inherited insanity from her mother and in introducing it her attorney stated it would be followed by testimony showing that she was insane at the time the crime was alleged to have been committed, and that she was insane at the present time.

A climax was reached this afternoon when Miss Eva Stewart told the story of Viola Horlocker's love affairs with Charles F. Morey. Miss Stewart said she was an intimate friend of Miss Horlocker.

REPORT EXPECTED TO-DAY.

Rumors of Indictments on Charges of Grafting.

The Grand Jury is expected to make a report to-day. It was rumored about the Four Courts yesterday that the report would cause a sensation. Among the many evils investigated by the Grand Jury the matter of "grafting" about the Four Courts was given particular attention, and it was hinted that indictments had been found against several officials suspected of the practice.

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