SAYS SPANIARDS SCUTTLED SHIPS.

Lieutenant Hobson Talks About Dewey's Victory at Manila.

HE RAISED THE VESSELS.

Hero of the Merrimac Declares the Fire of American Fleet Did Little Real Damage to the Enemy.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vancouver, British Columbia, Sept. 19.—Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson, U. S. N., of Merrimac fame, returned from the Far East yesterday, and left to-day for Washington.

While here Lieutenant Hobson gave to a reporter of the Vancouver Daily Providence an interview which is likely to create a sensation in the United States.

In a few sentences Hobson removes some of the glamour surrounding the brilliant victory of Admiral Dewey in Manila Bay.

The Spanish warships, he says in effect, were not destroyed by the American gun fire, but by the Spaniards themselves. At least, this assertion holds good in the case of the Isla de Luzon and Isla de Cuba, as well as other smaller vessels of the Spanish fleet. Lieutenant Hobson, it will be remembered, raised the sunken warships and repaired them. Several of the vessels are now in use as American cruisers.

When asked as to the condition in which he found the Isla de Luzon, the Isla de Cuba and the other vessels of the fleet which came under his observation, Lieutenant Hobson, it is alleged, replied:

"The damage to the hulls was mainly the result of the six months' submersion. The upper works had been badly damaged by fire, the woodwork having been destroyed, and the iron plates being badly twisted by the heat."

"And what, in your opinion," he was asked, "was the direct cause of the foundering of the vessels?"

"Oh, the Spaniards pulled out the plugs and opened the valves. They sunk the ships themselves. Our shell fire did very little damage."

"Then they were not injured below the water line?"

"Very little. We had practically done them no damage there at all; certainly not enough to sink any one of them."

MAY HEAR FROM LONG.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Sept. 19.—If Naval Constructor Hobson has made any reflections upon Admiral Dewey he will undoubtedly be called to account for them. Rear Admiral Crowninshield, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, who is Acting Secretary, was disinclined to discuss the matter to-night in the absence of full particulars.

Attention is called, however, to the fact that Secretary Long reprimanded Captain F. P. Chadwick several months ago for the publication of an authorized interview reflecting upon Rear Admiral Schley, and if Mr. Hobson has committed an indiscretion he will undoubtedly receive similar punishment.

If the interview with him contains any strictures upon Admiral Dewey's conduct of the battle it will be referred to Mr. Hobson for such remarks as he desires to make, and when his explanation is received, the department will act.

BRYAN NAILS A CAMPAIGN LIE.

Denies Story That He Was Opposed to Ex-Confederates.

T. R. Ballard, a member of the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Exchange, and treasurer of the Jefferson Club, is in possession of a letter from William J. Bryan in which the Democratic leader emphatically denies the story which has been so industriously circulated by Republican and anti-Bryan politicians to the effect that "eight years ago Mr. Bryan said that he would not support an ex-Confederate for any office."

Mr. Ballard, on hearing this report prior to the recent Bryan meeting at the Coliseum, addressed a letter to James W. Jump, chairman of the National Democratic Committee of Commercial Travelers, requesting that Mr. Bryan's attention be called to the statement. Mr. Ballard explained in the letter that W. T. Anderson, ex-president of the Exchange and a former Democrat, in a speech on 'change had attributed the statement about ex-Confederates to Mr. Bryan, and added that a number of ex-Confederates were interested in the matter.

When the letter was handed to Mr. Bryan by Mr. Jump, the Democratic candidate for President said it was impossible for him to answer publicly all of the foolish stories gotten up by his opponents, but wrote the following reply to Mr. Ballard:

"Tell him that the statement is not true.

"W. J. BRYAN."

This reply nails another campaign lie, and sets at rest any doubts that may have been raised in the minds of ex-Confederate soldiers who heard the story.

DECIDED HE WANTED TO LIVE.

Aged Man Tried Suicide, Then Called for Aid.

While temporarily demented, the result of a protracted spree, William Harpke, 69 years old, a brass finisher, living at No. 3612 North Twenty-third street, gashed his throat with a razor yesterday afternoon.

Coming to his senses immediately after the deed, Harpke decided he would rather live, and called for his wife for aid. Mrs. Harpke summoned Doctors Charles W. Schaub of No. 2202 Salisbury street, and Doctor J. H. Kern of No. 2306 North Fourteenth street. They pronounced the wound dangerous, but said that Harpke might recover.

FAVOR CREED REVISION.

Buffalo Presbytery Voted for a New Confession of Faith.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 19.—The Presbytery of Buffalo at its fall meeting, held in East Aurora, voted 32 to 19 in favor of a change in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

The vote was an affirmative reply to the third question submitted by the General Assembly asking if a substitutional and shorter creed "of the things most surely believed among us" was desired.

MONTANA TOWN DESTROYED.

Belgrade Almost Wiped Out by Fire—One Man Burned.

Bozeman, Mont., Sept. 19.—The town of Belgrade was nearly wiped out by fire today, and one man, West Riley, was burned to death. The fire originated in the hotel owned by Riley.

The loss is $15,000. Nearly all the business houses were destroyed, there being no fire department or apparatus.

JOHN SHERMAN'S GIFT.

Deeded His Washington Mansion to His Adopted Daughter.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Former Secretary of State John Sherman to-day placed on record a deed conveying to his adopted daughter, Mrs. Murye McCallum, his handsome marble-front mansion and his adjoining property on K street, this city. The consideration named in the deed was "$100, love and affection."

Mr. Sherman arrived in Washington today.

PREACHER STUCK IN THE MUD WHILE BRIDAL PARTY WAITED.

Doctor O. A. Bartholemew Was Rescued From a Mired Carriage to Officiate at the Wedding of Mr. Berry and Miss Hawkins—Wife Was With Him.

BENJAMIN L. BERRY. MRS. BENJAMIN L. BERRY, Who was Miss Clara Belle Hawkins.

Etzel avenue mud and the absence of street lamps in the West End almost put Cupid out of business last night.

A carriage containing the Reverend Doctor O. A. Bartholemew, pastor of the West End Christian Church, became mired at the intersection of Etzel Terrace and Etzel avenue, while the minister was on the way to officiate at the marriage of Benjamin L. Berry and Miss Clara Belle Hawkins, which had been announced to take place at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Andrew O'Donnell, at No. 1103 Etzel Terrace. The driver was not familiar with the neighborhood and, as there are no street lamps in the district, could not see where he was going.

The carriage was so completely stuck in the mud that the horses could not budge it. While the bridal party waited, a plan was devised to rescue the imprisoned preacher and his wife. They were so situated that they could not leave the vehicle without stepping into mud up to their knees.

The bride's young brother, her brothers-in-law, Mr. O'Donnell, another brother-in-law, William T. Greer, and the bridegroom's brother schemed a few minutes and, procuring a large stove zinc from the cellar, placed it in such a position that Doctor and Mrs. Bartholemew could step upon it and reach the sidewalk without trouble.

The front wheels of the carriage were stalled in a gully next to the sidewalk, and the horses were standing on the walk. The minister and his wife got out on the east side and the house to which they were going was on the west side of the team. Therefore, the horses had to be unhitched and Doctor and Mrs. Bartholemew were compelled to climb over the carriage tongue.

It was 8:45 when the ceremony was performed. The bride's little niece, a daughter of Mr. O'Donnell, preceded the couple into the parlor, scattering rose leaves as she walked. The bride, who is petite and quite pretty, wore a wedding gown of pure white and carried a bouquet of bride roses.

After the ceremony a course supper was served to the relatives and guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry are stopping at the Hotel Normandie, but expect to go to Chicago soon. Mr. Berry has been in business in Atlanta, Ga., but may remove permanently to the city by the lake. His parents live at Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. Berry is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Samuel Hawkins, and met her husband at the Central Christian Church, where she has been a member of the choir.

MR. BOLT FINDS $590, READS REPUBLIC WANT AD, WILL RETURN MONEY TO OWNER.

The purse containing $590, which was lost Tuesday evening about 6:30 o'clock by J. W. Paulette of Paulette, Miss., as he was going to the Union Station on a Park avenue car, was found yesterday by R. O. Bolt of the Mermod-Jaccard Jewelry Company.

When Mr. Paulette discovered his loss he reported it to Proprietor Straub of the Terminal Pharmacy. Mr. Straub advised him to try a Republic want ad. Mr. Paulette did not have time to wait, so he intrusted the matter to Mr. Straub, who inserted a notice of the loss in yesterday's Republic.

Mr. Bolt saw the advertisement and communicated with Mr. Straub. He declined to say where he found the money, but told Mr. Straub to advise Mr. Paulette that his money had been found. Mr. Bolt also communicated with Mr. Paulette direct. Mr. Bolt is chorister of the St. Louis Christian Endeavor Union.

When he was seen at his home, No. 5619 Bartmer avenue, last night he said: "I found the money and naturally looked over the morning papers to discover if the owner had advertised for it. I found the want ad. in The Republic and at once communicated with Mr. Paulette. I will not tell where I found the money, because unprincipled persons might take advantage of this information to claim it. Mr. Paulette is welcome to it and will receive it."

The Republic want ad that told of the lost money.

LOST—On Washington avenue car, going to Union Station Tuesday evening at 6:30, $590, divided as follows: eleven $10, one $20, one $100. Liberal reward if returned to Terminal Drug Pharmacy.

This advertisement was telephoned to The Republic counting-room from a drug store.

TRADE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Thomas E. Evans, a Wealthy Merchant, Talks of Trade.

Thomas E. Evans, one of the wealthy merchants in the Philippines, accompanied by his wife, is at the Planters. Mr. Evans does business at Manila, where he owns steamboat lines, and is largely interested in most of the big corporations. With his wife he is taking a vacation, the first in twenty-three years. He arrived a couple of weeks ago on the steamer Empress of Japan, and has been proceeding by leisurely stages across the country. He handles the goods of several St. Louis firms, and is here to become acquainted with the heads of the houses.

"Trade in the Philippines since the American occupation has increased 50 per cent, and trade with America has increased 5,000 per cent," said he last night. "We buy a great amount of goods from America, and while I handle only the wholesale trade, we sell things all over the Island where there is any demand. The Island of Luzon is a rich country. It has thousands of miles of undeveloped coal fields and mountains of mineral. All that is needed is the hand of development. There is great opportunity for any young man to become immensely wealthy with a small capital in the Philippines. Its resources are not limited. The country so far is practically unknown outside the cities or along the coast. I should say nine-tenths of the Island is yet unexplored."

Mr. Evans, prior to the occupation of the Islands by the United States, was in business at Hong-Kong. He was the first American merchant to enter Manila. He says the port of Manila is far superior to the port at Hong-Kong, and for that reason all the steamship lines on the Pacific now make Manila one of the terminals. Mr. Evans says he takes no interest in politics, although he does not believe the Filipinos is capable of self-government.

CELEBRATION AT PORTSMOUTH.

Naval and Military Pageant Closed the Kearsarge Festivities.

Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 19.—New Hampshire's Kearsarge-Alabama celebration practically closed to-day in this city, with a naval and military pageant, a reception to the two Governors on board two of the warships, the flagship New York and the battleship Kearsarge, and a grand state ball the evening at Hotel Wentworth.

This morning one of the largest parades of naval troops that ever trod the soil of New Hampshire marched through the narrow streets of Portsmouth. The column was reviewed by two Governors, the present Secretary of the Navy and two former secretaries, and the officers of the North Atlantic Squadron.

At the conclusion of the parade the State officials and their invited guests lunched at the Rockingham as guests of the city.

INVESTIGATING THE RATES.

Arkansas Railroad Commission to Hear Camden's Grievance.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 19.—The Arkansas Railroad Commission issued a call to-day for a meeting to be held at Camden, Ark., October 5, to hear grievances of shippers in regard to alleged inequality in freight rates. A copy of the order was served on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company and the St. Louis, Southwestern Railway Company.

TALE OF A "HUMAN BALLOON."

He Became So Full of Air Surgeons Had to Tap Him.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Sept. 19.—Patrick Cavanagh lies at the Harlem Hospital, the victim of a serious fall. He is known to the nurses and attendants as "The Human Balloon."

Cavanagh was working on the top of a five-story building yesterday when he fell to the ground. He sustained a fracture of three ribs, which penetrated the lungs. The result was that instead of exhaling the air in the ordinary way, it passed into the tissues of every part of his body. He began to swell, and with every breath his size increased until he resembled an airship.

It was hard work to keep him on the ground. The slightest movement and he would bounce up and down like a captive balloon. On the way to the hospital he was on the stretcher only half the time. In another hour his skin was stretched so tightly that when touched he gave forth a sound like a snare drum. It was feared he would burst.

Cavanagh had to be anchored to his cot, and an attendant told him that all he needed was a basket and a couple of instruments to be a full-fledged flying machine. His sufferings were finally relieved by tapping him as veterinarians do mules with the colic.

Holes were bored in him at different parts and the air was allowed to hiss out of him until he had flattened out sufficiently to make his stay on earth reasonably certain.

It was feared at first that he could not live, but with his numerous exhausts the doctors think he has a good chance to pull through.

CORNER STONE NOT LAID.

Central Illinois Methodists Postpone Intended Exercises.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 19.—The Central Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Peoria to-day, and the sessions will continue until Monday. Bishop Ninde of Detroit presided at the devotional services, which opened to-day's sessions. The morning was devoted to the organization of the conference and to other minor matters.

The laying of the Hale memorial corner stone was postponed to to-morrow afternoon and arrangements completed for the ceremonies.

It is rumored that the conference will make many important changes in the ministerial assignments, and that the eloquent Doctor Nelson G. Lyons of the First Church of Peoria will be transferred to Pontiac.

PROHIBITION NOMINEE'S TOUR.

Special Train Left Chicago Yesterday and Crossed Into Iowa.

Burlington, Ia., Sept. 19.—The "Prohibition Special," with John G. Woolley and Henry B. Metcalf, candidates for President and Vice President on the Prohibition ticket on board, arrived at Danville, Ia., to-night, having made the run from Chicago on schedule time.

The first stop after leaving Aurora was at Mendota, where a short meeting was held at the depot. The second stop was at Princeton, Ill., where the opera-house was packed with a demonstrative crowd, the addresses being given by Mr. Woolley, Mr. Metcalf and J. S. Hughes.

SON SAW FATHER SHOCKED TO DEATH.

Henry Benninger Electrocuted While Turning On an Electric Light Switch.

CIRCUIT WAS OUT OF ORDER.

Victim Helping a Workman Correct Trouble When He Came in Contact With Heavily Charged Live Wire.

Henry Benninger, 40 years old, foreman of the Buff & Blue Mineral Water Company at No. 1716 South Ninth street, was electrocuted yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock while turning on the electric light switch in the Buff & Blue building. His only son witnessed the accident.

A loose wire was hanging near the switch and the theory is that this wire was heavily charged; that Benninger either grasped it by mistake or came accidentally in contact with it.

Early in the day Benninger noticed that there was something wrong with the lights in the plant. He sent word to the Edison company, which furnished the power. Answer was returned that an electrician would be sent up some time in the day, but the lights grew worse, and Benninger went himself and brought James Aber, an electrician, to remedy the difficulty.

Aber examined the converter on the outside of the building, and, after half an hour's work asked that somebody step inside and turn on the light current to see if the power was better.

First Benninger's son, Harry Benninger, essayed to do this, but he received a shock and cried out that something was the matter with the switch. Then the father went in. The son followed a few feet behind, but it was dark near the switch, and he could not see exactly what happened. The father had barely put his hand on the switch when he sank to the ground with a groan. By the time a doctor arrived he was dead.

An attempt was made last night to obtain Aber's statement as to whether the full power of the Edison feed wires was passing through the converter into the Buff & Blue light circuit. But it was said at his home, No. 419 South Jefferson avenue, that he was not there and it was not known when he would return.

The wire which was hanging down was a light indoor wire, which had become detached from its supports. Benninger's body was removed to the undertaking rooms of Philip Schmidt, No. 2208 South Broadway. Benninger had two children, the son mentioned and a daughter, Freda.

MAN AS HOUSEMAID.

Latest Revolution in the Order of Domestic Service.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 19.—The man housemaid has at last arrived. He made his presence in Syracuse known yesterday by announcing in an advertisement that he was ready for a job, and a dozen housekeepers have besieged him.

"Yes," he said, to a question asked by the applicants for his services, "I am a regular 'hired girl.' I have been thoroughly trained for doing any kind of housework. My home is in Binghamton, and I took my first instruction in domestic service from my mother at home. When I began to look about for a man's occupation I found everything full except this business, and I determined to take up housework as a business.

"General housework is my line, and I do everything from cooking, washing, laundry work, sweeping, washing dishes, dining-room work and preserving and canning fruit.

"My hours are from 8 o'clock in the morning to 6 at night, but I get more work done in that time than three hired girls can do. I get $5 a week salary besides my board, and when working by the day $1.25. I have not any fault to find with the business. It's just what I want."

WARRANT FOR HOTEL CLERK.

R. L. Chandler and A. F. Gauen Accused of Robbing Till.

A warrant charging grand larceny was issued yesterday against Robert L. Chandler and Arthur F. Gauen, who were arrested in connection with the theft of $1,280 in money, besides notes and checks, from the West End Hotel. Chandler was clerk at the hotel and Gauen was his friend. A. Fountain, a bookmaker, one of the guests, deposited the money with Chandler and requested him to keep it until the next day. Instead of placing it in the safe Chandler put it in the cash drawer.

Chandler said that the money was taken while he was upstairs giving medicine to a sick guest, but the negro employed about the hotel told the detectives working on the case yesterday that Chandler suddenly sprang from his chair in which he had been sitting, apparently asleep, and said some one had robbed him. According to the negro, he did not even go to the drawer before making the announcement. Gauen, only a few minutes before the robbery was reported, told the watchman who walks the beat about the hotel that he heard several shots in the neighborhood. The police did not locate the money yesterday.

DENIES CRIMINAL INTENT.

Bernard Beitman's Explanation of Charges Against Him.

Detective Cardell returned to St. Louis yesterday morning, having in custody Barnard Beitman, who was arrested in Kansas City, Mo., on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Beitman, it is charged, represented himself as an agent for the T. F. Jackson Dry Goods Company of Caruthersville, Pemiscot County, Missouri. Several firms cashed checks for him to the extent of $26. When he departed from St. Louis, it was found that he was no longer connected with the Jackson company. His arrest in Kansas City followed a few days later. Beitman says that his arrest grew out of a misunderstanding. At the time he gave the checks he said he did not know he was not in the employ of the company.

FLED FROM BOXERS ON A RAFT.

Mrs. Upcraft of Alton and Friends Floated 2,000 Miles.

Word was received in Alton, Ill., yesterday that Mrs. W. M. Upcraft, who is well known there, and who was a missionary to China, had eluded the Boxers and was on her way home. She is coming to the United States by way of San Francisco. Mrs. Upcraft is the daughter of Captain Adolph Irveen of No. 7[illegible] Henry street, and has been a Baptist missionary to China for several years. Two years ago she was married to the Reverend Mr. W. M. Upcraft, also a missionary.

The Reverend and Mrs. Upcraft were ordered home by the American Baptist Missionary Union, and with two companions set out from Yo-Chow on a raft to float down to Shanghai. They made the entire trip of 2,000 miles on the raft, their party being increased to seventeen before the completion of the trip. Mrs. Upcraft is expected to arrive in Alton October 1.

Salesman Murdered.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Antlers, I. T., Sept. 19.—A man by the name of Plumbley, who had been selling fruit trees, was found murdered by the roadside near Goodland, I. T., about fifteen miles east of here, late yesterday evening. United States Marshals went to the scene of the crime, but could find no clew to the murderer.

John G. Springer Dead.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 19.—John G. Springer died to-night from the stroke of apoplexy with which he was stricken yesterday morning. Mr. Springer was secretary of the American Southdown Breeders' Association.

IN THE CITY.

RESIDENCE BURNED—Fire destroyed the one-story frame residence of Gus Sunert at No. 3822 Euclid avenue, Tuesday night. The furniture was damaged about $600. The cause of the fire is unknown.

DAMAGED BY FLAMES—The two-story frame house at No. 6820 Suburban avenue, St. Louis County, was damaged to the extent of $1,000 by fire Tuesday night. The origin of the flames is not known.

FATHER BYRNE ILL—Information was received in Catholic Church circles of the illness of the Reverend Father C. E. Byrne, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, at Edina, Mo. Father Byrne is also editor-in-chief of the Church Progress, a Catholic weekly paper of St. Louis.

FIRE DAMAGES RESIDENCE—Fire was discovered at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning on the second floor of F. L. Schmidt's residence, at No. 4187 Washington avenue. Before the arrival of the firemen the house and furniture were damaged to the extent of $500. The cause of the fire is not known.

ROBBED OF HIS ROLL—R. J. Williams, a stockman of Sedalia, Mo., reported to the police last night that he had been robbed of $28 in cash at No. 1201 Pine street. According to his story, he went to sleep in a house at the above number and was robbed while sleeping. Several arrests were made in connection with the case, but the money was not found.

SWEENEY WANTS THE CASH—J. J. Sweeney filed suit yesterday in Justice Haughton's court against Chief of Police John W. Campbell, Captain P. Reynolds and Chief of Detectives William Desmond for possession of $200, which, it is alleged, was found on James E. Murphy when the latter was arrested September 8.

BOOKS FOR CABANNE STATION—A daily delivery of books has been arranged for the Public Library delivery station at Cabanne Arcade. This station is the farthest west having a daily delivery, and on this account, and judging from its heavy patronage, it is believed that the convenience will prove acceptable to the residents of this district.

MARRIED—Berthold Widman of Webster Groves was married yesterday afternoon to Miss Layra M. Hunzicker, daughter of Adolph A. Hunzicker. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home in Maplewood. The house was nicely decorated, and an orchestra furnished music for the occasion. Otto Kellerman was the maid of honor, and Oscar Bauer served as best man. The young couple will live at No. 2318 Hertford place.

SUIT TO ANNUL AGREEMENT—Elizabeth Moran filed suit yesterday against the Bambrick-Bates Construction Company to have declared void an agreement by which the defendant was to operate a quarry at Garrison avenue and North Market street, and pay her a portion of the profits. She also asks for an accounting for the time which she claims the defendant operated the quarry.

ASKS FOR MANDAMUS—David Coleman applied to the Circuit Court yesterday for a writ of mandamus to compel the members of the Board of Police Commissioners to issue a warrant on the city for $252.77 salary, alleged to be due him. Coleman avers that he was a police officer and was retired by the Police Board on half pay October 17, 1895, and that he resigned August 3, 1898. He alleges that he was retired unlawfully.

CAR STRUCK WAGON—At the intersection of Serpy and Manchester avenues yesterday afternoon car No. 1124 of the Market street division collided with a one-horse wagon owned by Ben Jackson and driven by Henry Franklin, both of whom reside at No. 1402 Papin street. Franklin was thrown from the wagon and slightly injured. The wagon was completely demolished and the horse was so badly injured that it had to be killed.

TRUSTED A STRANGER—Wallace Ellenbech, 13 years old, of No. 516 South Ewing avenue, was sent by his mother yesterday at noon to buy a bottle of medicine. She gave him $1. While he was standing in front of the drug store at the southwest corner of Jefferson avenue and Market street, a strange man came up and asked what he intended to buy and how much he expected to pay. Wallace said he had been paying 25 cents. The man told Wallace to give him the money and he would get it for 20 cents. Wallace waited on the outside for an hour, but the man did not return. The police have been requested to arrest the stranger.

IN THE COUNTY.

—The fifth anniversary of the wedding of J. W. Benstein of Maplewood was celebrated in fitting fashion at his home on Vine avenue Tuesday evening. An impromptu programme, consisting of recitations and songs, was rendered by local talent.

—The first annual fair of the Citizens' Fair Association will commence this morning at Creve Coeur and continue for four days. Many premiums have been offered, both for exhibits of agricultural and mechanical products and for the exhibitions in the arena.

—Deputy Recorder Wetzel received a telephone message at Clayton yesterday from a man giving the name of Mueller, asking him not to issue a license to his daughter, Josephine Mueller, in the event that she attempted to get married in Clayton. He would not give his address.

—John M. Huffmann of Baden did not discover until yesterday that when he made out what he thought was a lease to his property to his son, Walter J. Huffmann, he in reality was deeding the place to him absolutely. The discovery was made by another son, O. N. Huffmann, who called at the Recorder's office in Clayton to investigate the matter and see what part of the property he was entitled to, as the old man now wants to divide the property among the children. Legal proceedings will be instituted to set aside the transfer, which was made a year ago.

ST. LEO'S BUSTLING FAIR.

Benefit to Accrue to Church Promises to Be Large.

St. Leo's Parish Street Fair, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth streets on Mullanphy street, is drawing great crowds every night. The benefit that will accrue to the church promises to be large. Last night was German night at the fair, and all the German Catholic merchants in the city attended in a body.

The German village was crowded with at least 1,000 persons, and the pretty young ladies, dressed in national costumes, bustled about, busily supplying the wants of the thirsty natives of the Fatherland. There was genuine German beer and coffee, and the Frankfurters had the real relish. A hilarious personage, who knew how to play all the German folk-songs, delighted the Teutonic heart with vigorous strains from an accordion. And George W. Kinstermann, dressed in a green suit, with green knickerbockers and red stockings and buckled garters and wearing a three-cornered hat, as the Burgomaster, led a dance with a long German pipe in his mouth.

The Japanese and the Irish villagers were also well patronized. In the Irish village there was a Blarney stone, which one was permitted to kiss upon payment of 5 cents, and there was a piece of turf from the old sod. Miss Hazel Moran, the little dancer, did Irish jigs to the delight of the crowd. Miss M. M. Loomis, the queen of the fair, is in charge of the village.

Master Eugene Brockmann and little Tootsie May cakewalked in the sideshow, and the Emerald Zouaves gave a clever minstrel performance in the church hall and drilled in the early part of the evening. There also was a pyrotechnic display.

To-night there will be dancing and music, as it is the parish's own night. The fair will continue until next week.

APPEAL FOR PROTECTION.

Dowieite Ministers at Mansfield, O., Fear Mob Violence.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—William H. Piper, overseer-at-large of the Christian Catholic Church, to-night sent a long telegram to Governor Nash at Columbus, O., detailing the recent mobbing of Dowieite ministers at Mansfield and appealing to him for military protection for ministers of Dowie's church, who will, according to Overseer Piper, conduct services in Mansfield next Sunday.

The telegram says: "We shall never cease to demand our right to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the members of our church in Mansfield. If the people do not wish to come to hear, it is their privilege to stay away."

The telegram says in conclusion:

"I believe that it will be necessary, in order to put down the awful spirit of lawlessness that has been reigning in Mansfield for these two months, that you keep the militia there for some days, really over Lord's Day, the 30th inst. It is certainly beyond any question that the situation in Mansfield now imperatively demands that you should call out the militia, to furnish protection to life, liberty and property in that city."

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GREAT ENGINEERING SCHEME.

Plan to Create Deep Channel in Lower Mississippi.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—The advisability of making a twenty-two-foot channel in the Lower Mississippi, and thus creating a waterway whose passage would be sufficiently large for ocean steamers, and the corresponding relation Chicago would bear to such a plan, were the principal questions discussed before the Drainage Board yesterday.

The scheme, which is fathered by United States Engineer James A. Seddon, is based upon the reservoir plan, by the construction of which, added to numerous dikes, it is said that the Mississippi floods can be done away with, and in the floodtime sufficient water can be stored in the reservoirs to preserve an unfailing flow of water in the summertime, when the river as a rule becomes low. The estimated cost of the improvement is as follows:

Flood protection expended, $50,000,000; completion of same, $30,000,000; cost of annual maintenance, $2,000,000; annual amount to be spent in dredging, $250,000; reservoir system, $32,000,000.

The plan has been examined by a number of eminent engineers. The drainage trustees are deeply interested in the plan, as they realize that the deep waterway between the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico will in all probability never be undertaken by the Federal Government until some practical method has been devised to establish a deep channel in the Lower Mississippi, and so control the flow during floods.

MARRIED AT THE TERMINAL.

G. E. Hardy Couldn't Get Home, So the Bride Elect Came to Him.

The long courtship of George E. Hardy and Miss Ida McGrew of Blue Mound, Ill., culminated in their marriage in the parlor of the Terminal Hotel at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning in the presence of Miss Mary McGrew, the bride's sister.

The ceremony was performed by the Reverend J. P. Edgar of Blue Mound, who accompanied the Misses McGrew to the city in order that he might officiate. Mr. Hardy and his bride are both members of his church. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hardy left on their bridal tour and the Reverend Doctor Edgar and Miss Mary McGrew returned home.

Miss McGrew and Mr. Hardy had been sweethearts since they attended the same school together in childhood. They had planned to be married in the village church at Blue Mound yesterday, but Mr. Hardy, who is a traveling man, found he would not be able to get back home in time for the ceremony. He wrote his fiancee, asking her to meet him here.

AGAINST THE STARCH TRUST.

Nebraska Attorney General Brings Quo Warranto Proceedings.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 19.—Attorney General Smythe to-day, with the consent of the Supreme Court, filed quo warranto proceedings against the United Starch Company and the Argo Starch Company, the latter a Nebraska corporation, operated at Nebraska City.

The Attorney General alleges that the National Starch Company is a trust, operating in restraint of trade, and should be prohibited from doing business in Nebraska.

The Argo company was founded by J. Sterling Morton and his friends, but was some months ago transferred to the United Company. This transfer, the Attorney General says, was illegal.

HIS SPORT WAS FATAL.

Indian Territory Citizen Accused of Murder.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 19.—Particulars of the murder of Joe Nemeshek, near Purcell, reached here to-day. Pete Vermillion became intoxicated at Lexington, Ok., it is said, and it is charged that while returning home he attempted to lasso every one he met. Finally he met Nemeshek, aged 67. The old man, the report says, was caught by the rope, jerked from his vehicle and dragged eighty yards. When life was extinct, it is charged, Vermillion threw Nemeshek's body in quicksand under a bridge, where it was afterwards found. Vermillion has been arrested.

SPRING LAKE, N. J., DESTROYED.

Three Hotels, Eleven Fine Cottages and Several Stores Burned.

New York, Sept. 19.—Spring Lake, N. J., a summer resort near Sea Girt, was destroyed by fire early to-day. Among the buildings burned were three of the largest hotels in the place, eleven fine cottages and several stores.

The total loss is estimated at $250,000. Most of the hotels and cottages had closed for the season.

CRUSHED UNDER BARRELS.

St. Louis Man Killed in Denison by Singular Accident.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Denison, Tex., Sept. 19.—Thomas Washington, a resident of St. Louis and a member of the coopers' union, was killed here today in a singular manner. He was seated in a box car partibly loaded with barrels of salt. The car was struck by a string of other cars, and the barrels of salt were hurled against him, crushing him to death.

METHODISTS IN CONFERENCE.

Bishop J. M. Walden Presides at the Iowa Meeting.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomfield, Ia., Sept. 19.—The fifty-seventh annual session of the Iowa Methodist Conference convened to-day. Bishop J. M. Walden presiding. Elias Handy was made statistical secretary, and T. S. Pool treasurer. Preliminary work occupied all the time of the session.

CONVENTION AT HARTFORD.

E. T. Orear of St. Louis Addressed the Insurance Commissioners.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 19.—The National Convention of Insurance Commissioners began its thirty-first annual session in this city to-day.

President Edward T. Orear of Missouri presided and delivered his annual address.

WHOLESALE HAT FIRM FAILS.

Georger & Co. of New York Go Into Bankruptcy.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 19.—A petition for relief under the United States bankruptcy law has been filed by Georger & Co., wholesale hat merchants. The liabilities are $[illegible]; assets, $5,697.

ROOMS, warm in winter, cool in summer. Fit for banker, clerk or drummer—

ADVERTISED IN THE REPUBLIC EVERY DAY.

MAY OWN ITS OWN LIGHTS.

Otherwise the State Capital Is in Danger of Darkness.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 19.—A majority of the City Council of this city has signified intention of submitting immediately to the people another proposition for the municipal ownership of the lighting facilities. The ordinance ordering the election will be introduced at the next meeting of the City Council, and the special election to determine the matter will be held as soon as legal notice to the voters can be given. It is thought the proposition will be carried next time.

The contract with the present electric light company expires in October. Unless a different proposition is made, members of the Council say, the contract will not be renewed. In this event the city will be in darkness, and unless some arrangement is made with the present company it is possible that Jefferson City may continue in darkness through the legislative session.

CINCINNATI FALL FESTIVAL.

Large Crowds Attend the Opening Events—Gov. Nash Present.

Cincinnati O., Sept. 19.—The Cincinnati fall festival opened to-day with a gorgeous street parade, in which all local organizations and industries were represented. It combines all the displays of the old Cincinnati expositions, together with other features, from the German village to the Midway.

The city was filled with excursionists yesterday, and to-day the attendance was unusually large. Miss Kolb was the festival queen. She was met at the depot from on arrival by steamer, and the parade started as her escort to Music Hall, where Governor Nash, Mayor Fleischman, Senator Foraker, Congressmen Bromwell and Shattuck and others delivered addresses. The festival will continue ten days.

SARGENT MAY RECONSIDER.

Will Serve as Grand Master of Firemen for Increased Salary.

Minneapolis, Sept. 19.—A special to the Times from Des Moines, Ia., says:

Grand Master Sargent of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen declared in an interview to-day that if the brotherhood would offer him sufficient inducement he might reconsider his announcement that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

"Unless the brotherhood offers me equal inducements," he said, "I will sever my official connection with it at the end of the year, and take charge of a large manufacturing house."

It is not known what action will be taken by the convention. In case Mr. Sargent is not re-elected with an increase in salary, First Assistant Grand Master Hanrahan will possibly get the position of grand master.

GAS FOUND NEAR MATTOON.

Company Formed to Develop the Illinois Field.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mattoon, Ill., Sept. 19.—While digging a well near Lerna, ten miles south of this city, gas was struck on the Wortham farm at a depth of ninety feet. The flow was so strong that large stones were thrown thirty feet into the air. The presence of gas and oil in other localities nearby has led to the organization of a stock company to develop the properties.

MONEY GOES TO PARKS.

Peterson Farm, Near Mattoon, Sold by Administrator.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mattoon, Ill., Sept. 19.—The Peterson farm, near this city, was sold to-day for $15,600 by the trustee, Judge J. F. Hughes. The proceeds are to be divided between the cities of Mattoon, Charleston and Newton to perpetuate parks bearing the name of Judge Peterson, the deceased donor.

JOINT DEBATE IS ENDED.

Congressman Rucker and W. C. Irwin Speak in Chillicothe.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chillicothe, Mo., Sept. 19.—W. W. Rucker, Congressman from the Second District, and W. C. Irwin, his Republican opponent, wound up a series of joint debates in this county at the City Hall to-night. The debate to-night was listened to by a large crowd, and national issues were thoroughly discussed.

HE IS WANTED IN IOWA.

Charles Eckhart Accused of Having Forged Checks.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chillicothe, Mo., Sept. 19.—Charles Eckhart of Chula was arrested this morning by Sheriff Taylor charged with having forged the name of Lafayette Dudgeon, a farmer living near Hedrick, Ia., to checks aggregating $500, and having cashed the checks at Hedrick Saturday. We will be held awaiting requisition papers.

TWELVE AMERICANS KILLED.

Thousand Filipinos Gave Battle to Detachments of Two