# VARICOCELE AND ITS RESULTS,

## IMPOTENCY and LOST MANHOOD

Over fifty per cent of all men are afflicted with varicocele or its results—Vital weakness and lost manhood. Are you one of the many afflicted? Do you feel that your manhood is on the decline, that your health and vitality are not up to the standard of perfect manhood? Varicocele is a stagnation of blood in the sexual organs, in consequence of the faulty circulation—the glands become softened and wasted. The organs which originate your vitality and manliness are being undermined. The very mainspring of your body and mind is broken. It makes no difference what the cause of your condition, be it injury, abuse or excesses, if you have the disease it is very essential to your future health, happiness and success that you be cured without delay. Even though it gives you no trouble at present it will ultimately do so, and it is a duty you owe yourself that you be cured at once. Your family physician may tell you it is of no importance, but he speaks through ignorance and inexperience. We are thoroughly familiar with every symptom of this condition, and knowing as we do the awful results of neglect, our sympathies are enlisted with every sufferer from the disease. If neglected it depresses the mind, racks the nervous system, unmans you, unfits you for married life, hinders your success, shortens your existence and leads to Spermatorrhoea and a complete loss of sexual power. Varicocele is a forerunner of Paralysis, Apoplexy, Rupture, Bright's Disease, Insanity and Nervous Debility.

### WE CURE VARICOCELE IN FIVE DAYS.

Our *Electro-Chemic* method of treatment is a ***positive, painless*** and ***permanent*** cure. Under our treatment the stagnant blood is forced from the dilated veins, all soreness and swelling disappear, the parts regain their normal size, warmth and vigor, a circulation of pure blood is established and you are strengthened in every way—mentally, physically and sexually.

***Don't let any doctor deceive you***—Investigate before taking treatment as carefully as you would in the purchase of real estate. There are many unscrupulous doctors claiming to cure this disease, who really do nothing for you in return for your money. Demand a written guarantee and references. ***We cure you to stay cured under written guarantee.*** We can prove to the most skeptical that we are doing just as we claim, by having you talk with reliable business men whom we have cured of a similar condition. We want every man who is desirous of a cure to consult us; we can positively assure you the quickest, safest and most reliable cure obtainable. Do not delay.

**DISEASES OF MEN**—We have made a special study of the treatment of Men's Diseases for many years, and over 50,000 cured patients will gladly testify to our success, skill and honesty in the practice of our specialty.

We also cure STRICTURE in 10 to 20 days. BLOOD POISON in 30 to 90 days, SEXUAL DEBILITY and all Vital Weaknesses and Diseases of men.

WRITE us a full description of your case if unable to call. Our perfected system of home treatment is always successful. Consultation and Examination Free.

Hours, 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. Sundays, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Mention this paper.

**Drs. FRANCIS & FRANCIS,** 800 Olive St., S. W. Cor. 8th St, *Opp. Post Office, St. Louis, Mo.*


# SHERIFF COMES FOR DRUMMOND.

### Topeka Officer Says Self Confessed Forger Has Many Friends in Kansas Town.

Sheriff Porter S. Cook of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kas., arrived in St. Louis last night and will return to-day with Alexander S. Drummond, the self-confessed forger who surrendered in St. Louis Monday night to Sergeant Driscoll.

Sheriff Cook declared that Drummond had never been employed by the Santa Fe Railroad as the prisoner had stated in his confession to Captain Creecy. He said that Drummond was formerly one of Topeka's best citizens, until he commenced drinking to excess about one year ago. He was the proprietor of one of the largest and most profitable feed stores in the city, but his business went to ruin when he took to drink.

"The amount involved in the forged checks is small," said the Sheriff, "and I believe that the matter will be settled out of court, as the losers in both cases are personal friends of Drummond. He is well known in Topeka, and much sympathy is felt for his family."

Drummond was very weak and nervous last night. The Sheriff and Detective Sullivan took him to the City Dispensary, where Doctor S. R. Johnson examined him and pronounced him suffering from nervous debility. The physician said that Drummond's condition was the effect of alcohol and morphine. The prisoner is perfectly willing to return to Topeka.

## KILLED AT TOWN PUMP.

### Knoxville Miner Shot Dead as He Was Drawing Bucket of Water.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 12.—George Hines, a miner, went to the town pump at Coal Creek to-night to get a bucket of water. While drawing it the wife of G. W. Bennett, another miner, appeared on the porch of her home a few yards away. Hines is reported to have fired two rifle shots at her. An instant later some one shot Hines through the heart. He was drinking, but no known enmity existed between him and Bennett.

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## STEAMBOATS.

### LOWER MISSISSIPPI.

STR. CHESTER.

Regular Chester packet, receiving daily at Eagle Packet Company's wharfboat. Leaves Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 3 p. m. Regular rate, meals and berth to or from Chester, $1.00. HUNTER BEN JENKINS, Agt. Phone Main 223.

### EAGLE PACKET COMPANY.

Str. Grey Eagle for Cape Girardeau, Commerce and all way landings, leaves Mondays and Fridays, 5 p. m.

HUNTER BEN JENKINS, Gen. Agt. Phone Main 223.

### COLUMBIA PACKET CO

STR. COLUMBIA

Leaves Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 3 p. m., from Diamond Jo Wharfboat, for Ste. Genevieve, Chester, St. Mary's and all way landings.

LAWRENCE MACDONALD, Agent. Phone M 2467A.

### Lee Line Steamers.

**TO MEMPHIS $7. ROUND TRIP $12. INCLUDING MEALS AND BERTH.**

Steamer PETERS LEE will leave wharfboat, foot of Pine street, Friday, December 14, at 5 p. m., for Memphis and all way landings, taking freight and passengers for Ark. River to Pine Bluff and all landings south of Memphis, to Vicksburg, Miss. Phone Main 46A and Kinloch A 112. JOHN E. MASSENGALE, Agent.

### ST. LOUIS AND TENNESSEE RIVER PACKET CO.

Str. CITY OF PADUCAH will leave wharfboat, foot of Pine st., Saturday, December 15, at 5 p. m., for Chester, Grand Tower, Cape Girardeau, Cairo, Paducah and all points on Tennessee River to Florence, Ala. Phones, Main 46A and A 112.

JOHN E. MASSENGALE, Agent.

## RIVER NEWS.

### Rise and Fall of the Rivers

For the twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m. St. Louis, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1900.

| Stations. | Danger. | Gauge. | Change. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburg | 22.0 | 4.4 | -1.4 |
| Parkersburg | 26.0 | 19.8 | -1.0 |
| Cincinnati | 50.0 | 16.2 | -1.8 |
| Louisville | 25.0 | 10.2 | -0.2 |
| Nashville | 40.0 | 11.0 | -0.2 |
| Chattanooga | 22.0 | 2.4 | [illegible] |
| Florence | 16.0 | 2.1 | [illegible] |
| Evansville | 35.0 | 7.1 | -0.3 |
| Johnsville | 24.0 | 3.9 | [illegible] |
| St. Paul | 14.0 | 2.9 | +1.2 |
| Dubuque | 15.0 | 2.9 | -0.6 |
| Davenport | 15.0 | 3.2 | [illegible] |
| Keokuk | 14.0 | 2.4 | -0.3 |
| Des Moines Rapids | [illegible] | 2.1 | +0.1 |
| Peoria | 14.0 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Grafton | 23.0 | 9.0 | [illegible] |
| Omaha | 18.0 | 2.1 | [illegible] |
| Kansas City | 23.0 | 3.5 | -0.9 |
| Boonville | 29.0 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Hermann | 24.0 | 4.3 | -0.1 |
| St. Louis | 30.0 | 4.6 | -0.2 |
| Chester | 20.0 | 4.5 | -0.2 |
| Cairo | 45.0 | 23.0 | -0.2 |
| Memphis | 23.0 | 18.7 | -1.1 |
| Little Rock | 23.0 | 2.1 | -0.1 |
| Vicksburg | 43.0 | 20.3 | -0.1 |
| Shreveport | 29.0 | 4.2 | -0.1 |
| New Orleans | 16.0 | 8.2 | -0.3 |

*Gauge. †Fall.

H. J. HYATT, Local Forecast Official.

### River Forecast.

The Mississippi at St. Louis will change slightly.

### River and Business.

St. Louis Harbor gauges read 6.6 feet yesterday, showing a fall of 2 of a foot in 24 hours.

Traffic active; receipts fair and outbound freights heavy as usual on Wednesdays.

Weather crisp and fair, with heavy white frost along the Levee in the early morning.

### To-Day's Forecast.

For St. Louis and vicinity, warmer, with probably showers.

### Arrived.

| | |
|---|---|
| Columbia | Chester |
| Spread Eagle | Alton |
| Davis | Fort Chartres |

### Departed.

| | |
|---|---|
| Columbia | Chester |
| City of Clifton | Tennessee River |
| Spread Eagle | Alton |
| City of Peoria | White River |

### Paragraphs.

—Officers of the Columbia arriving here yesterday from Chester, reported the Hill City off the bar and lying at White Sand at 7 p. m. She was being coaled there preparatory to continuing south, with a part of her cargo in a lighter. The wreck of rebuilding the fire-wrecked boat having been commenced at the Carondelet ways.

—Partee and Calahan, pilots on the Harvester, brought the boat in from Cairo and cleared her again yesterday.

—Weather permitting, the Spread Eagle will make a trip up the Illinois River Saturday, going as far as Naples.

—The City of Paducah passed Cape Girardeau at 2 p. m. yesterday on her way to St. Louis. She will be due this afternoon.

—The City of Clifton was out for the Tennessee River well loaded.

—Steamer Columbia arrived from Chester and cleared again in the afternoon, taking out a full cargo.

—The Chester will be found in port from Chester this morning, returning to-day at 3 p. m.

—Steamer Grey Eagle will arrive from Commerce to-day to return to-morrow at 5 p. m.

—Steamer Peters Lee, the next Lee steamer to Memphis and way points, will clear to-morrow evening.

—Mrs. Robert W. Wise, the wife of Captain Wise, general manager of the White Collar Line, died yesterday at Home City, a suburb of Cincinnati.

—Captain Sam Toms of the Valley liner Clark called on Captain Drown at the M. and O. rooms yesterday. Captain Toms, who has been threatened with pneumonia, is now well again.

—Memphis river receipts were 96 bales of cotton, 82 bags of seed cotton and 4,303 sacks of cottonseed.

—The James Y. Lockwood is towing the steel barges in, and the tug McDougal was due to arrive at the Carondelet ways last night. She will stop there for repairs.

—The City of Peoria, Captain G. M. Sivley and Pilot Warren Renfrow, Jr., departed for White River last night.

### By Telegraph.

REPUBLIC SPECIALS.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 12.—The river marks 18.5 feet on the range, a fall of 1.7 feet in 24 hours. Weather cloudy and cool. The James Lee arrived last night from Friar's Point with 229 bales of cotton and 1,425 sacks of cottonseed and left at 10 this evening on return with a fair trip. The Robert E. Lee got in last night from Ashport with 89 bales of cotton and 1,056 sacks of cottonseed and left at 5 this evening on return with a good trip. The Julia arrived last night from Vicksburg with 279 bales of cotton and 801 sacks of cottonseed and cleared at 5 this evening on return. The Leslie Nowland brought in from the Arkansas River 57 bales of cotton and 41 sacks of cottonseed and left at 3 this evening on return. River receipts were 1,199 bales and 3,329 sacks of cottonseed. The John R. Finlay with a coal tow of 46 pieces passed down this morning on her way to New Orleans. The Raymond Horner with a coal tow is due down on her way to New Orleans. The Kate Adams will arrive to-night from Arkansas City and leave tomorrow evening on return trip. The Hill City is due down on her way to New Orleans.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 12.—The gauge reads 22.2 feet to-night. The river has fallen .7 of a foot during the past 24 hours. The weather is clear and cool. The John K. Speed came up from New Orleans last night and cleared for Cincinnati at 2 a. m. The Peters Lee from Memphis passed to St. Louis at midnight. The Fred Herold cleared for Memphis at midnight. The City of Paducah with a big trip of Tennessee freight passed up for St. Louis at 3 a. m. Three of the big Pittsburg coal boats passed down to-day for New Orleans. The Alice Brown passed at 7 a. m. The Harry Brown followed at 8 a. m. with a tow of 24 pieces and the W. W. O'Neil passed down at 10 a. m. with 40 pieces. The Mary M. Michael came up from below after coal at 2 p. m. and returned. The Fritz brought two barges of logs from below at 4 p. m. The Fred Hartweg arrived from Grand Tower at 4 p. m. with three barges of rock, and will go below to-morrow after lumber and wood. The Rees Lee is due from St. Louis.

Grand Tower, Ill., Dec. 12.—Fred Hartweg departed south at 3 a. m. with 3 barges of stone. J. Y. Lockwood down at 6 a. m. after the McDougal's barges. Grey Eagle up at 8 a. m. Peters Lee up at 1 p. m. Hill City with lighter down at 4 p. m.; she reports the McDougal aground above here. J. Y. Lockwood with 2 barges up at 6:20 p. m. The Rees Lee down at 3:40 p. m. The gauge reads 5.8 feet, a fall of .1 of a foot in last 24 hours. Weather cloudy and cool.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 12.—River gauge reads 17.9 feet and falling. Steamer Josie and tow arrived here at 10 a. m. H. W. Butterff departed for Nashville at 6 p. m. with a good trip. Clyde to Tennessee River at 6 p. m. Richardson to Evansville at 10 a. m. O'Neil and Harry Brown passed down last night. John K. Speed up at 8 a. m. Weather clear and cool.

Chester, Ill., Dec. 12.—River falling; gauge reads 4.6 feet. Weather cloudy. Boats down: Chester arrived at 4 a. m.; Hill City at 9:30 a. m.; Rees Lee at 10:20 a. m. Boats up: McDougal passed at 7 last night; Condor with 2 barges of lumber at 11 a. m.; Chester left for St. Louis at 4 p. m.; Grey Eagle at 6 p. m.; Tender in and out on time.

Madison, Ind., Dec. 12.—River 22.4 feet, falling. Clear and cool. The City of Cincinnati was damaged about $3,000 by breaking her shaft and other machinery above Madison last night.

Louisville, Dec. 12.—River falling; 10 feet 2 inches in canal; 8 feet on falls; 25 feet below locks. Clear and cool.

Pittsburg, Dec. 12.—River 7 feet; stationary. Weather cloudy and cold.

Wheeling, Dec. 12.—River 9 feet 3 inches; falling. Weather cloudy and cold.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Dec. 12.—Weather cold and cloudy. River falling. The Fred Hartweg and 3 barges down at 9 a. m. The Peters Lee up at 9 a. m. The City of Paducah up at 2 p. m. Rees Lee due down.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 12.—The river is 2 feet six inches above low-water mark of 1864; falling. The ice is running heavily, and a blockade is probable soon. Weather cloudy and cold.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 12.—River 21.2 feet and rising. Weather clear and cold.

# SAW IN DREAM HIS OLD FRIEND KILLED.

### Samuel Main Had Strange Visions the Night That Robert Cooper Died Under Car Wheels.

### FOUND BODY AT THE MORGUE.

### Saved It From Potters' Field and Obtained Decent Burial—Men Had Been Close Chums Years Ago.

Robert Cooper, an old man, who was killed by a transit car at Twenty-first and Washington avenue, Saturday evening, was saved from a grave in potters' field through a dream of an old friend.

Samuel Main of No. 612 Walnut street, a poor carpenter, knew Cooper years ago when they were good friends, even to the point of sharing each other's money. When one had funds the other was not allowed to be in want.

On Saturday night Main says he had the strangest dream of all his life. In his vision he saw an old man run down by a street car. As the wheels passed over the body he uttered a cry of pain. Main recognized the face in the fleeting glance. It was quite familiar to him, but he was unable to recall the name. The vision passed away, he says, but after awhile he was aroused by a knocking at his door. He opened it, but nobody was there. A few minutes later the rapping was repeated, but again when the door was opened no one was to be seen.

Main says he went back to bed, and again there came another vision. It was the same form of an old man stretching out his hand and asking Main to come to his funeral. Monday, when he was reading a Sunday paper, he came across the account of Cooper's death under the street car. Without further delay he went to the Morgue, where he found the body of his old-time friend. It was the same face he had seen in the dream.

At the Morgue he told Superintendent Cowie of the dream. Main found that Cooper left no money with which to conduct the funeral, and he at once set about to save him from a pauper's grave. After some work he induced the St. Louis Transit Company to pay the expenses of burial. The body was conveyed from the Morgue to the Holy Ghost Cemetery yesterday morning. A plain undertaker's wagon sufficed for hearse and carriage and mourner's train. Main climbed into the wagon and rode out to the cemetery to see that his friend was buried properly and to say a prayer over the grave as the earth was shoveled in.

Cooper leaves a widow and son in almost destitute circumstances in Springfield, Mo.

### Attention.

If you are looking for Men's or Boys' Suits, the Globe, Seventh and Franklin avenue, will save you money.

## WESTERN UNION'S EARNINGS.

### Estimated for Last Quarter of 1900 at $1,700,000.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Western Union Telegraph Company reports that for the quarter ending December 31, partially estimated, the net earnings will be about $1,700,000. The dividend of 1¼ per cent, which was declared to-day, calls for the payment of $1,217,000.


# To Dealers in Hay, Oats, Corn, Bran, Straw, Etc.

Office of Commissioner of Supplies,
City Hall, December 12, 1900.

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned at his office until 12 o'clock m. of

MONDAY NEXT, 17TH INST.,

for supplying the City Hospital, House of Refuge, Work House, Quarantine and Smallpox Hospital, Insane Asylum, Poor House, Female Hospital, parks and fire engine houses with hay, oats, corn, bran, shipstuff and straw, from the 26th day of December, 1900, to the 26th day of March, 1901.

The hay to be fancy timothy, loose or in bales, and choice upland prairie in bales may be ordered; oats to be inspected No. 2 white oats in new sacks; the corn to be inspected No. 2 mixed, and delivered in new burlaps; straw to be clean, long wheat, loose or in bales. All sacks to be new. Samples of shipstuff and ear corn required.

Each lot of one kind of feed delivered under this contract to either the Insane Asylum, Female Hospital, Poor House, must be weighed upon the Thorp scales, and a separate weigher's ticket furnished with each lot.

The different articles to be contracted for to be delivered free of charge for package or delivery at such time and in such quantity as may be required by the officers in charge of the several institutions, or departments, and all orders to be filled within three days from date, except when a specified day shall be therein designated.

Bids will be received for the supplying of any one or all the above mentioned institutions, etc., and for one or more of all the articles in question.

In case any of the above mentioned articles prove on delivery to be not in compliance with the required quality and specifications, the same will be rejected, and the contractor shall as soon as possible replace the same with a suitable article, and in the event of his failure to do so, the Commissioner of Supplies is to have the right to purchase the same in open market at said contractor's cost, as also in the case of non-delivery within the time specified.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check to the order of the undersigned for $200, as a guarantee that in case of its acceptance the bidder will within five days of the award enter in contract and file a bond in the sum of $3,000, with two or more good and sufficient securities, to be approved by the Mayor, for the faithful performance of his contract.

All forage delivered to the Poor House, Female Hospital and Insane Asylum must be weighed on the Thorp scales.

The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All bids having any alteration or erasure thereon will be rejected.

Printed forms and any further information required will be furnished on application to this office.

Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of the bids.

FRED C. MEIER,
Commissioner of Supplies.

The estimated quantities required under the above advertisement are as follows:

| INSTITUTIONS | Hay, Timothy or Prairie, tons. | Shelled Corn, white or mixed, bushels. | Ear Corn, bushels. | Crushed Corn, pounds. | Wheat Bran, pounds. | Corn Bran, pounds. | Shipstuffs, pounds. | Straw, loose, tons. | Straw, bales, tons. | Crushed Ear Corn, pounds. | Oats, No. 2 white, bushels. | Crushed corn, sacks. | Clover Hay, loose, tons. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Engine Houses | 200 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| House of Refuge | | 25 | 25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| City Hospital | | 50 | 50 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Insane Asylum | 10 | 100 | 100 | 20,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 | 100 | 100 | | 3,000 | | |
| Poor House | 10 | 200 | 200 | 40,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 400,000 | 200 | 200 | | 6,000 | | |
| Female Hospital | 5 | 100 | 100 | 20,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 | 100 | 100 | | 3,000 | | |
| Work House | 5 | 100 | 100 | 20,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 | 100 | 100 | | 3,000 | | |
| Quarantine | 5 | 100 | 100 | 20,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 | 100 | 100 | | 3,000 | | |
| Parks | 5 | 100 | 100 | 20,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 | 100 | 100 | | 3,000 | | |
| Forest Park | 5 | 100 | 100 | 20,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 | 100 | 100 | | 3,000 | | |


# JOURNAL —OF— The Council.

### REGULAR SESSION.

### 1900—1901.

### (OFFICIAL.)

City of St. Louis,
Council Chamber,
December 11, 1900.

The Council met at 5 o'clock p. m., Mr. President Meier in the chair.

Present—Messrs. Carroll, Gaus, Hodges, Hoffmann, Horton, Kratz, Meysenburg, Schnell, Thuner, Wiggins and Mr. President Meier—11.

Absent—Messrs. Gast and Richards—2.

There being no objections the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 1900, as printed, were approved.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The following communications from the City Counselor were read and referred to the Committee on Public Improvements:

Law Department of the City of St. Louis.
Office of the City Counselor,
St. Louis, December 6, 1900.

To the Honorable Municipal Assembly:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report that proceedings to open Sullivan avenue, under ordinance number 17344, were duly instituted in the Circuit Court on February 9, 1895; that commissioners were duly appointed, and the report of said commissioners has been made and filed in said proceedings. That under the findings of said report the damages allowed for the property taken amount to $14,257.00, of which $1.00 is assessed against the city and $14,256.00 against the property included in the assessment district. The estimated costs, payable out of the city treasury, are $200.00.

By order of Court, January 31, 1901, is fixed as the extended time within which the Assembly shall approve or disapprove the report, and the matter is accordingly submitted for your consideration.

Your obedient servant,
B. SCHNURMACHER,
City Counselor.

Law Department of the City of St. Louis.
Office of the City Counselor,
St. Louis, December 6, 1900.

To the Honorable Municipal Assembly:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report that proceedings to open Semple avenue, under ordinance number 19531, were duly instituted in the Circuit Court on February 6, 1895; that commissioners were duly appointed, and the report of said commissioners has been made and filed in said proceedings. That under the finding of said report, the damages allowed for the property taken amount to $8,508.34, of which $900.00 are assessed against the city and $7,608.34 against the property included in the assessment district. The estimated costs, payable out of the city treasury, are $700.00.

By order of Court, January 31, 1901, is fixed as the extended time within which the Assembly shall approve or disapprove the report, and the matter is accordingly submitted for your consideration.

Your obedient servant,
B. SCHNURMACHER,
City Counselor.

Law Department of the City of St. Louis.
Office of the City Counselor,
St. Louis, December 10, 1900.

To the Honorable Municipal Assembly:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report that proceedings to open Kossuth avenue, under ordinance number 18752, were duly instituted in the Circuit Court on April 24, 1897; that commissioners were duly appointed, and the report of said commissioners has been made and filed in said proceedings. That under the findings of said report the damages allowed for the property taken amount to $12,996.00, of which $100.00 are assessed against the city and $12,896.00 against the property included in the assessment district. The estimated costs, payable out of the city treasury, are $500.00.

By order of Court, February 28, 1901, is fixed as the extended time within which the Assembly shall approve or disapprove the report, and the matter is accordingly submitted for your consideration.

Your obedient servant,
B. SCHNURMACHER,
City Counselor.

Law Department of the City of St. Louis.
Office of the City Counselor,
St. Louis, December 6, 1900.

To the Honorable Municipal Assembly:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report that proceedings to open an alley in city block 4185, under ordinance number 19839, were duly instituted in the Circuit Court on March 5, 1900; that commissioners were duly appointed, and the report of said commissioners has been made and filed in said proceedings. That under the findings of said report the damages allowed for the property taken amount to $924.00, which amount, $924.00, was assessed against the property included in the assessment district. The estimated costs, payable out of the city treasury, are $125.00.

By order of Court, January 31, 1901, is fixed as the extended time within which the Assembly shall approve or disapprove the report, and the matter is accordingly submitted for your consideration.

Your obedient servant,
B. SCHNURMACHER,
City Counselor.

Law Department of the City of St. Louis.
Office of the City Counselor,
St. Louis, December 6, 1900.

To the Honorable Municipal Assembly:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report that proceedings to open alley in city block 2265 under ordinance number 19934 were duly instituted in the Circuit Court on May 3, 1900; that commissioners were duly appointed, and the report of said commissioners has been made and filed in said proceedings. That under the findings of said report the damages allowed for the property taken amount to $160.00, which amount $160.00, was assessed against the property included in the assessment district. The estimated costs, payable out of the city treasury, are $125.00.

By order of Court, February 28, 1901, is fixed as the time within which the Assembly shall approve or disapprove the report, and the matter is accordingly submitted for your consideration.

Your obedient servant,
B. SCHNURMACHER,
City Counselor.

The following message from the House of Delegates was read and filed:

House of Delegates,
St. Louis, December 7, 1900.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Council:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that the House of Delegates, at its meeting held this evening, passed:

House Bill No. 27. An ordinance for the relief of Minnie L. Gross, wife of George W. Gross, deceased.

House Bill No. 120. An ordinance for the relief of Herman Bergmann.

Very respectfully,
W. H. JUDY,
Clerk.

House Bills Nos. 27 and 120, as above, were each read first time.

The following message from the House of Delegates was read and filed:

House of Delegates,
St. Louis, December 7, 1900.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Council:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that the Speaker of the House of Delegates has this evening, in the presence of the House, in open session, affixed his signature to the following entitled bill, viz:

House Bill No. 127. An ordinance authorizing the St. Louis Merchants' Bridge Terminal Railway Company to construct a switch track from its west main track in Hall street, near the north line of Mallinckrodt street, southwardly into the property of the Buck Stove and Range Company, in city block No. 1208.

Very respectfully,
W. H. JUDY,
Clerk.

House Bill No. 127, as above, was read at length. No objection being made, and all other business being suspended, Mr. President Meier, in the presence of the Council in open session, affixed his signature thereto, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Wiggins offered the following resolution:

Whereas, On December 7, 1900, the special committee appointed by the Council on the second day of July, 1900, to make inquiry into the official conduct of the Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis, and also as to the connection which any other official of the city may have had with any irregularity or malfeasance in the purchase of supplies for any department or institution of the city of St. Louis, did submit its written report, which was adopted on said seventh day of December, 1900, by that body; and

Whereas, In the said report, so adopted, the committee did embody and recommend the preferment of certain charges and specifications against George H. Martin, Deputy Commissioner of Supplies of the city of St. Louis:

Therefore, be it Resolved, By the Council, That the following charges be, and the same how are presented and preferred against George H. Martin, Deputy Commissioner of Supplies of the city of St. Louis, to wit:

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Against
GEORGE H. MARTIN,
Deputy Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis.

CHARGE I.

Misconduct in Office.

Specification 1. Attempted Extortion: In this, that the said George H. Martin, being then and there the Deputy Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis, duly qualified and acting as such, and as such Deputy Commissioner of Supplies, on or about the day of February, 1900, did request and demand of Stix, Baer & Fuller, a mercantile firm doing business in the City of St. Louis as a Department Store, a discount of ten per cent on the selling price of goods to be sold by said firm to the city of St. Louis, for the purpose and with the intention on the part of said George H. Martin of retaining said discount of 10 per cent on the price aforesaid of goods so to be sold to the city, to and for his own use and benefit, and thereby to take and withhold from the city of St. Louis money belonging to said city; the said George H. Martin being then and there an officer of said city, and required by the Charter and ordinances thereof (and more particularly by section 37 of article 4 of the Charter and sections 196 and 198 of ordinance 17188 of the city of St. Louis) to account for and pay over to the City Treasurer of said city all moneys of said city coming into his hands.

Specification 2. Attempt to Extort a Bribe: in this, that the said George H. Martin, being then and there Deputy Commissioner of Supplies of the city of St. Louis, duly appointed and qualified, and acting as such, and as such Deputy Commissioner of Supplies did, on or about the day of February, 1900, offer to Stix, Baer & Fuller, a mercantile firm doing business in the city of St. Louis as a Department Store, that he, the said George H. Martin, as such Deputy Commissioner of Supplies, being charged with and having in charge the purchase of goods and supplies for said city in the open market, would purchase for said city and from said firm of Stix, Baer & Fuller, of the goods, wares and merchandise by said firm kept for sale, and would give to said firm a part of the business of the city of St. Louis in connection with the purchase of goods and supplies within the lines of business carried on by said firm, provided the said firm would pay to him, the said George H. Martin, for his own use and benefit, a discount or commission on all sales of goods by said firm to said city, equal to 10 per cent of the price at which said goods might be sold to said city. And by his said offer he, the said George H. Martin, who was then and there an officer of the city of St. Louis, and receiving an annual salary as such, and who was then and there charged with and assigned to the duty of purchasing supplies for said city, said duty having been prescribed by the Commissioner of Supplies, intended and attempted to obtain money as a bribe, whereby the purchase of goods would be made for the city at a higher price than a reasonable price to said city, and he, the said George H. Martin, would profit thereby, contrary to the provisions of paragraph 8 of section 26 of article III of the Charter of said city of St. Louis, which prohibits any officer receiving a salary from receiving any fees or other compensation for his services.

Specification 3. Attempt to Secure or Extort a Bribe: In this, that the said George H. Martin, being then and there Deputy Commissioner of Supplies of the city of St. Louis, duly appointed and qualified, and acting as such, and while discharging and performing the duties of the Commissioner of Supplies in his absence, and while discharging and performing such duties as the Commissioner of Supplies had prescribed for him, among said duties being the duty of purchasing supplies for the city of St. Louis of the kind dealt in by the firm of Stix, Baer & Fuller, a mercantile firm of the city of St. Louis, doing business as a Department Store, for the lowest and best price at which supplies could be obtained in competition, did then and there, in violation of his duty as such Deputy Commissioner of Supplies, offer to the house of said firm of Stix, Baer & Fuller goods of the character and kind carried and dealt in by them, at prices greater than the prices for which the same could be procured in the open market, and at prices greater than those at which they could be procured from said Stix, Baer & Fuller, on condition that said Stix, Baer & Fuller would agree to pay to him, the said George H. Martin, an amount equal to 10 per cent on the amount of purchases of supplies to be made of them by him, the said George H. Martin; he, the said Martin, thereby intending to obtain for his personal advantage and use such sum of money; whereby the said city of St. Louis would, through such action on his part, and contrary to the ordinances which it was the duty of said Martin, as such Deputy Commissioner of Supplies, to respect in the purchase of supplies, be compelled to pay a higher and larger price for supplies than otherwise.

And be it further Resolved, That the Council do proceed on the eighteenth day of December, 1900, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., in the Council Chamber in the new City Hall of the city of St. Louis, to investigate the said charges and specifications, and to try the said George H. Martin, Deputy Commissioner of Supplies, upon said charges and specifications; and the Secretary of the Council is hereby instructed and directed to prepare a copy of said charges and specifications, and a notice to said George H. Martin, Deputy Commissioner of Supplies, as aforesaid, notifying and summoning him to be and appear before the Council on the said day and hour, and at the said place, then and there to answer to said charges and specifications, and to be tried thereon, and to show cause why he should not be removed from his said office of Deputy Commissioner of Supplies, and to deliver the said copy of said charges and specifications, and the said notice or summons, to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Council, who is hereby instructed and directed to serve the same upon the said George H. Martin, Deputy Commissioner of Supplies, as aforesaid.

Mr. Wiggins moved that resolution as above be adopted.

Carried.

Mr. Wiggins offered the following resolution:

Whereas, On December 7, 1900, the special committee appointed by the Council on July 2, 1900, to make inquiry into the official conduct of the Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis, and also as to the connection which any other official of the city may have had with any irregularity or malfeasance in the purchase of supplies for any department or institution of the City of St. Louis, did submit its written report, which was adopted on said 7th day of December, 1900, by this body; and

Whereas, In the said report, so adopted, the committee did embody and recommend the preferment of certain charges and specifications against Frederick C. Meier, Commissioner of Supplies;

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Council, That the following charges be and the same now are, presented and preferred against Frederick C. Meier, Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis, to wit:

Charges and Specifications Against
FREDERICK C. MEIER,
COMMISSIONER OF SUPPLIES OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

CHARGE I.

Neglect of Duty.

SPECIFICATION 1. In this, that he, the said Frederick C. Meier, as Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis, failed and neglected to advertise for proposals for the furnishing of articles called for on requisition when the amount to be purchased exceeded one hundred dollars for one article, and when the delivery of the same was not to be continuous, as required by Section 33 of Ordinance 17188, being the Revised Ordinances of the City of St. Louis, approved April 7th, 1893, to wit: On the twenty-fifth day of September, 1899, when said ordinance was in full force and effect, on a requisition in proper form from the Superintendent of the Poorhouse of the City of St. Louis, One Hundred and Fifty Men Base Dobson double blankets were purchased for the sum of Five Hundred and Forty-two dollars and seventy-five cents ($542.75), from Max Schulz, for use at the City Poorhouse, without any advertisement for proposals therefor, as required by said Section 33 of the Revised Ordinances.

SPECIFICATION II. In this, that he, the said Frederick C. Meier, as Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis, failed and neglected to advertise for proposals for the furnishing of articles called for in requisition, when the amount to be purchased exceeded the sum of One Hundred dollars ($100) for one article, when the delivery of the same was not to be continuous, as required by Section 33 of Ordinance 17188, being the Revised Ordinances of the City of St. Louis, approved April 7th, 1893, to wit: On the twenty-fifth day of September, 1899, when said ordinance was in full force and effect, on a requisition in proper form from the Superintendent of the Poorhouse of the City of St. Louis, One Hundred and Fifty Men Base Dobson double blankets were purchased for the sum of Five Hundred and Forty-two dollars and seventy-five cents ($542.75), from Max Schulz, for use at the City Poorhouse, without any advertisement for proposals therefor, as required by said Section 33 of the Revised Ordinances.

SPECIFICATION III. In this, that he, the said Frederick C. Meier, as Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis, knowingly committed a breach of the duties of the office of Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis, as regulated and prescribed, and of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Louis, in this, that he, the said Frederick C. Meier, as such Commissioner of Supplies of the City of St. Louis, during the month of August, 1899, entirely failed and neglected to advertise for proposals for the furnishing of articles called for by requisition, when the amount to be purchased exceeded the sum of One Hundred dollars ($100) for one article, and when the delivery of the same was not to be continuous, as required by Section 33 of Ordinance 17188, being the Revised Ordinances of the City of St. Louis, approved April 7th, 1893, which said ordinance was in full force and effect, and purchased articles aforesaid and of the values aforesaid and over, without advertisement during said month.

And be it further Resolved, That the Council do proceed, on the 18th day of December, 1900, at the hour of three o'clock p. m., in the Council Chamber in the new City Hall of the City of St. Louis, to investigate the said charges and specifications, and to try the said Frederick C. Meier, Commissioner of Supplies, upon said charges and specifications; and the Secretary of the Council is hereby instructed and directed to prepare a copy of said charges and specifications, and a notice to said Frederick C. Meier, Commissioner of Supplies as aforesaid, notifying and summoning him to be and appear before the Council on the said day and hour, and at the said place, then and there to answer to said charges and specifications, and to be tried thereon, and to show cause why