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FIELD LEFT TO TWO CANDIDATES.

Messrs. Haarstick and Plant Only Seekers for Position of Merchants' Exchange Presidency.

H. H. Wernse has withdrawn as a candidate for president of the Merchants' Exchange, and the contest now lies between W. T. Haarstick and George H. Plant. Friends of both candidates say that no matter what may be the result of the caucus Wednesday afternoon there will be two tickets in the field, as an independent ticket will be nominated.

A petition was circulated on 'change yesterday asking George J. Tarsey, president of the St. Louis Transfer Company, to make the race for first vice president.

T. R. Ballard and Frank Kauffman are also candidates for the position. Fred Orthwein is the only one mentioned as a candidate for second vice president.

For directors there are a number of candidates in the field. H. B. Grubbs is a candidate at large, and appears to have the support of all interests. James S. McGhee is the grain and elevator men's candidate, as well as that of the pit contingent. J. H. Wollbrinck has the backing of the "Pork Corner" and transportation interests. Nicholas Wall is the insurance men's candidate. Sam Whitehead has the support of the cash grain men, Chris Hilke of the feed men, and P. M. Kiely is running as the produce men's candidate.

Opponents of Mr. Haarstick spread a report that he had not subscribed toward the World's Fair and attempted to use this to Hodiamrefeat him for the nomination, but the committee in charge of the World's Fair subscriptions on 'change yesterday announced that Mr. Haarstick was one of the first to [illegible] Exchange subscription list.

Organ Volu[illegible] Anus will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and, as all of the candidates are determined to make a strong fight, an interesting contest is looked for.

NEGRESSES HEAVILY FINED.

Policemen Under Indictment Were Witnesses Against Them.

Jennie Winn, the negress who caused the investigation of the police bribery charges which resulted in the indictment of four officers, was fined $300 in the First District Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of conducting an immoral resort at No. 1321 Market street. Marie King was fined $100 on a charge of being an inmate of that house.

The testimony against the women was given by Policemen Ryan, Kennedy and Lange, who are under indictment, and Policeman Kuchner, who is suspended. Lange and Kuchner arrested the women on Friday night, December 14, on the complaint of a man from Texas, who said he had been robbed of $80 while in the company of the King woman. While the women were signing bonds the Winn woman remarked that if she had given Lange a Christmas present they would not have been arrested. The investigation followed.

In testifying before the Board of Police Commissioners the Winn woman admitted that she conducted a panel-house, and that though she had been arrested more than one hundred times, she had always escaped punishment by the payment of $15 to a police court attorney.

Neither of the women appeared in court yesterday. Judge Boettger said he would impose heavy sentences, and see that they received no stays. He ordered executions to be issued forthwith for the women to be arrested and taken to the Workhouse if they did not pay the fines.

It was not the intention to try the women until after they had given their testimony before the board at the trials of Officers Ryan, Kennedy, Noonan and Lange, which will come up this week, but there was a confusion of orders among the police officers.

Christmas Week Weddings.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Nashville, Ill., Dec. 22.—Two weddings for Christmas week in this city have been announced. The marriage of Miss Mae Hinsinger to Mr. Roy Elwood of Bakersfield, Cal., will take place on Tuesday, December 25; and the marriage of Miss Annette Rotter to Mr. William Jones of Texas will take place Thursday, December 27.

BANK ROBBER WAS CAUGHT RED-HANDED

Had Stolen $5,000 From Bank at Manchester, Tenn.—His Four Companions Escape.

Tullahoma, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The vaults of the Coffee County Bank at Manchester were blown open early to-day by five robbers and all the currency in the bank, amounting to $5,000, stolen.

The robbery was discovered by the town watchman shortly after his commission. He notified the authorities at Tullahoma, toward which place the robbers fled on a hand-car.

A Deputy Sheriff and policeman from Tullahoma met the robbers a mile from town, and, after a short fight, captured the thief with the money. His four companions escaped.

The captured robber refuses to disclose his name or the identity of the other four men. He claims to come from Ohio, and it is believed that this is the gang which has been operating recently in that State. Bloodhounds have been put on the trail of the escaped robbers.

ANOTHER ROBBERY IN ILLINOIS.

Dalton City, Ill., Dec. 22.—Between $3,000 and $4,000 was secured by a gang, who dynamited the vault of the Dalton City Bank early to-day.

Although a posse was quickly formed, no trace of the robbers has yet been found.

BURGLARS FRIGHTENED AWAY.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—Burglars late last night attempted to rob the Exchange Bank at Madison, O., twenty-five miles east of this city.

They blew open the safe, but were frightened away before securing its contents. A man, who discovered the burglars at work, was seized, bound and gagged.

DISPLAY OF FANCY PIGEONS.

Will Be a Striking Feature of This Year's Poultry Show.

Frank Griesedieck, president of the St. Louis Fancier's Association, announces that they have secured the annual meet of the American Turbit Club, which will hold its exhibition this year at the Coliseum during the St. Louis poultry show. This is one of the largest pigeon clubs of the country, its membership is made up of residents of many States, their object in associating being to develop finer specimens of the Turbit pigeon. They have a regular organization and meet once a year for competition.

The members contribute to the purses to be offered, and, in addition, the local association will add sufficient to make the club specials for this class $200. Competition being strictly among the members of the club, many of whom are expected to be in the city to look after their highly-prized birds. Among this class will be found pigeons valued at from $150 and $200.

The American Owl Club, the Eastern Magpie Club and the Western Tumbler Club will also meet here this year. The entries in the classes for open competition when added to the various clubs' entries will make the grandest pigeon display ever seen in the West.

Henry Steinmesch, the treasurer of the local association, attended the Cincinnati show last week. He says they had a fine show, especially in the pigeon classes, which contained some 1,800 entries. He was successful in securing entries for this city.

The poultry display promises to be unusually interesting this year. Arrangements are now being made for several new specialties.

The Belgian Hare Club of St. Louis, which will also take part in the show, is doing everything to make their exhibit interesting, and to bring in a large outside competition.

Mr. Steinmesch has been elected president of the State Association for 1901.

Death of Ex-Sheriff Huffman.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vienna, Mo., Dec. 22.—J. D. Huffman, ex-Sheriff of this county, died yesterday.

TRAILING DOWN THE CUDAHY KIDNAPERS.

Woman is Now Believed to Have Played a Prominent Part in the Abduction.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 22.—The Omaha police and detectives are trying hard to earn the $5,000 reward offered by Edward Cudahy for the capture and conviction of the kidnapers of his son.

It is now said that the party consists of three men and a woman, a buggy, a spring-wagon and a couple of horses. The neighbors, who live near where the lad was imprisoned, say that the party left during the morning, and were traveling westward.

A milkman named Hansen, who lives on the Center street road, near where Mr. Cudahy drove the night following the kidnaping to deposit the bag of gold and secure the return of his son, this afternoon told of seeing a buggy passing near his home with a red light affixed going westward. He also saw the rig return, but was unable to tell who the occupants were. This is a confirmation of Mr. Cudahy's story relative to the long drive he took that night.

Mr. Cudahy is taking personal account of all that is being done and watching keenly the developments. He will not talk of the matter, however, beyond stating his belief that the police have the matter well in hand and will soon effect the capture of part or all of the gang.

Chief of Police Donahue refused to-day to say anything about the case, further than that the discovery of the house, where the boy is alleged to have been confined, is the first link in the chain which will soon lead to the capture of the abductors.

"We are bound to get them in a short time," he said, "but to say what method will be pursued or what steps we are now taking would but embarrass the department. We have had too much newspaper publicity altogether. It is true we have several clews which we think are of great importance, and their discovery has melted the officers do[illegible] on the case to greater vigor. We think now that we are near the end."

From the discovery of the house, where the Cudahy boy was confined the police hope to trace the abductors step by step, as a good description of several men who were seen around the premises has been obtained. So long a time has intervened, however, between the release of the boy and the discovery of the place that the criminals have had an excellent opportunity to leave the city and place many miles between themselves and their pursuers.

The police stated this afternoon that they have learned that the kidnapers probably left the city by wagon on the day when Eddie Cudahy was returned home.

CROWE LOCATED IN DENVER.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 22.—A man answering the description of Pat Crowe, who is suspected of being the leader of the Omaha gang of kidnapers, was seen to jump from the Union Pacific train from the East this morning when it slowed up in the railroad yards. Later in the day a saloonkeeper, who knows Crowe well, informed the Police Department that he had seen him on the streets to-day. Detectives are looking for him.

PAT CROWE SUSPECTED.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 22.—All the clews in the remarkable kidnaping case of Eddie Cudahy now point, the police declare, to Pat Crowe, the noted bandit and train robber, as the instigator of the crime and the head of the gang which stole the boy away and secured $25,000 ransom for his return.

They point to less conclusively to the fact that he had a woman accomplice.

The Chicago police say that Crowe left for Omaha two weeks ago. He was seen in South Omaha the day before the kidnaping, and has since disappeared.

His wife was formerly employed by the Cudahys in their South Omaha packing-house, and is familiar with the Cudahy household.

That she may have been the woman in the case is more than suspected. The police of every Western city have been called on to aid in finding the pair.

Erie Despatch Resignation.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—George F. Mackay has resigned as general manager of the Erie Dispatch, to take effect January 1. C. P. Lamprey, agent of the Erie Railroad at New York, has been appointed to his place.

TO ABOLISH MISSOURI RIVER COMMISSION.

River and Harbor Committee Will Incorporate Such a Provision in Their Bill.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The river and harbor bill, as it will be reported from the House committee, soon after the reconvening of Congress on the 2d of January, will carry a provision abolishing the Missouri River Commission. The provision already has been agreed on and only awaits the formulation of the bill to find a place in it.

The decision to discontinue the commission is said to have been unanimous on the part of the committee, and it is the result of statements made to the committee by members of the House whose districts touch the Missouri on either side. They generally expressed the opinion that the navigation of the stream is so limited as to render the commission useless. The general opinion was that, as the improvements of the river consist almost entirely of the protection of the banks, this work could be done as well if left directly to the Secretary of War as if again placed in the hands of the commission, and the commission accepted this view.

The commission was created in 1884 and at present consists of Lieutenant Colonel Amos Stickney of the Engineer Corps, president; Major Thomas H. Handbury of the Engineer Corps, Major W. L. Marshall of the Engineer Corps, Charles C. Broadhead and C. L. Chaffee.

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