ILLINOIS FIGHT NEARS A FOCUS.

Yates's Promised Statement of His Position on House Organization Awaited With Keen Interest.

SHERMAN FOLLOWERS ACTIVE.

Speakership Battle May Be Settled Before Regular Caucus—Secret Ballot Plan Stirs Cullomites—Democratic Contests.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 31.—The scene of political action will be transferred from Chicago to Springfield immediately after New Year's Day, and Wednesday will witness the arrival of the senatorial managers and the opening of headquarters in the Leland Hotel.

The Legislature will begin its sessions on Wednesday, January 9, at noon, and the gathering in Springfield so many days in advance of the opening day indicates the interest taken in the senatorial and organizing contests. The crowds will be swelled also by those who come to seek appointments from Governor-elect Yates or from the two houses.

On Wednesday next Governor Yates has promised a statement of his position with regard to the House organization, and by many it is believed he will also include his views regarding the Senate organization. The Governor's closest friends did not hesitate in Chicago last Saturday to declare that he would come out openly against Judge Sherman for Speaker of the House on the ground that the election of Sherman would be inimical to his administration, or words to that effect. Mr. Shanahan's friends are hoping that Judge Yates will make a determined effort to elect Shanahan Speaker.

It is not presumed, however, that Mr. Yates will go that far in his statement. But Saturday next there will be a grand final round-up. Mr. Yates has changed his plans, I am told, and will not ask the House members to come to him during the week by dozens, but has asked that they all call on him on Saturday.

Sherman Forces Bellicose.

It may only be a coincidence, but Judge Sherman has sent word out to his supporters to meet him in Springfield in caucus on the same day. So there is a strong probability that the House organization question will be settled in advance of the regular Republican caucus, which will take place in the Leland Hotel on Tuesday, January 8. Only one thing seems assured in this speakership fight and that is that Sherman and his supporters will not "lay down" to the new Governor, and a short, fierce fight is promised, unless the Governor submits. Yates likes Shanahan for the good work he did for him at Peoria, and moreover, I'm told that Mrs. Yates, who witnessed some of the Shanahan maneuvers in convention hall, is a steadfast friend of the Chicago candidate.

On the Democratic side, Francis J. Sullivan, the Chicago, candidate, is meeting with considerable opposition, and it is no sure thing that he will be chosen as the Democratic candidate for Speaker. An effort was made last week to have the country candidates all withdraw in the interest of Thomas Tippit of Olney, and it may be successful. I learned at Chicago last Saturday that Denis Sullivan of that city would be a candidate against Francis Sullivan. There are fifty Democrats from the country in the House and twenty-one from Cook County, and the Cook County delegation at last accounts was not unanimous by any means for Francis J. Sullivan. Mr. Tippit is a brainy, hustling fellow, and displayed attributes of leadership in the two terms he already has served.

It is hard to gauge the condition of the Senate organization on the Republican side. The eighteen Senators who, a month ago, met and signed a compact to stand together and organize the Senate, still claim that they will be "the whole thing," notwithstanding the open hostility of Judge Yates to their programme. It is known that several Senators signed their agreement conditionally; Senator Koch was one, and the events of this week may develop that Mr. Yates has cut the foundation from under the majority faction. Still, the Governor is nervy, who will invite the blows of the majority faction, which contains some of the best and ablest men on the Republican side in the Senate. It was the minority faction that rejected his suggestion that each side take an officer and committee chairmanship alternately, as they were made up last session. Under the circumstances it may be that he will take no further interest in a faction that rejected his own solution of the difficulties.

Democratic Contests.

The Democratic minority in the Senate has a little contest of its own. Senator Joseph P. Mahoney, who has been the Democratic nominee for President Pro Tempore for many sessions, is being opposed by Senator Stringer of Lincoln, and it looks as though the contest would be close. There are nineteen Democratic Senators, and one of Mr. Stringer's friends assures me that he has ten pledged, a margin of only one. Before the day of the caucus I expect to see the Democratic Senate and House organizations involved to some extent with the fight in the Democratic State Committee.

The Hopkins wing of the committee has called a meeting of the new State Committee for next Monday evening at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Springfield. The Senate and House caucuses of the Democratic side will be held at the St. Nicholas the next day. Doctor Walter Watson, chairman, and Fred Eldred, secretary, of the present State Committee, have called a meeting of the new committee for January 8 at the Sherman House, Chicago. The sequel may be two Democratic State committees, and if it results this way I believe the next State Convention will wipe out both and elect a State Committee to run the campaign of 1902 following the State Convention, as it undoubtedly has the right to do.

The senatorial contest, of course, overshadows everything else in relation to the legislative session. Under the Federal statute the first ballot must be taken on Tuesday, January 22, in each house separately. The next day they meet in joint session, the journals of the preceding day are read so far as they apply to the election of a United States Senator, and if no one has a majority of all the votes cast, a quorum of the members elected voting, the two houses proceed in joint assembly, the Speaker presiding, to vote for Senator until one is elected.

The Republican caucus for United States Senator will likely be held on Thursday, January 17. Senator Cullom is a candidate for the fourth consecutive time. His first election was in January, 1883. In the joint Republican caucus that time he received 44 votes; Oglesby, 29; Green B. Raum, 22; General T. J. Henderson, 9; scattering, 3. After the fourth ballot the anti-Cullom element tried to adjourn, but failed, and in the excitement Jesse Rook fainted. On the fifth ballot Cullom was nominated, receiving 63 votes to 23 for Oglesby, 13 for Raum and 7 for Henderson.

Six years later, 1889, there was no opposition to Cullom, and he returned his thanks by telegraph from Washington. The third time, however, he had three opponents—William E. Mason, George E. Willitts and George E. Adams, all of Chicago. By shrewd management the Cook County delegation was hopelessly divided, and Mason and Adams both dropped out of the fight before the caucus convened, and Cullom was nominated on the first ballot, receiving 103 votes to Willitts's 21.

Secret-Ballot Question.

There is considerable speculation on the question of a secret ballot in the caucus, as indicated in these dispatches last week. A secret ballot is certain to be opposed by the friends of Cullom, for reasons I gave last week. The other candidates have already indicated an intention to push to a vote the question of voting by ballot, and if they win out, there is little chance for Cullom's re-election. The settlement of this question will be about the first thing for the caucus to determine, and it will develop the actual number of Cullom supporters.

If a secret ballot prevails, I am inclined to the belief that Governor John R. Tanner will succeed Cullom in the Senate. The caucus of 1891 was secret, but the Republicans were in a minority in the joint Assembly, and this caucus furnishes the only recent precedent. I am not sure but General Logan was nominated by a secret ballot in 1885. But the Legislature that year was a tie, the Democrats having as many members as the Republicans. On the two occasions named the Republicans were not in the majority, and it was necessary for them to proceed cautiously.

In 1891 it was Walter Warder of Cairo who moved for "an informal secret ballot," and the friends of C. B. Farwell, then Senator, opposed it, but it carried, and Oglesby received 48, Farwell 32, Walter Q. Gresham 11, Cicero J. Lindly 3, General McNulta 3, David Ross 2 and Thomas Hamer 1. Against strong opposition, the formal ballot was also secret, and resulted for Oglesby by a decisive majority. Had there been an open ballot, it is probable that Mr. Farwell would have won, for he was actually the only active candidate, and had received flattering assurances of support, while Oglesby was not a candidate at all. The result at that time shows the possibilities of a secret ballot in a Republican caucus, and, if it prevails, practically insures the selection of Governor Tanner this time. It is sure that there is a strong sentiment in favor of a secret ballot, and if it prevails—adieu to "my dear old friend, Cullom."

J. L. PICKERING.

FOUND SITE FOR ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

Board of Directors to Build a Modern Institution on Delmar, North of Union Boulevard.

Within the next year it is expected that St. Luke's Hospital, which is now located at No. 1835 Washington, will move farther west and on a new site erect a hospital building which in equipment, convenience and capacity is expected to equal any institution of the kind in the West.

The present location of the hospital is rapidly being drawn toward the business center of the city. For this reason the Board of Directors has decided that the institution could better perform its mission if it were removed to a section less subject to the annoyances that result from a location in the heart of town.

Some months ago the board determined to solicit funds with which to meet the expense incident to the change of the habitat of the institution. Already more than $100,000 has been voluntarily subscribed. With this fund and an addition of $50,000, which the directors hope to procure in the next few weeks, a new hospital building will be erected under the most approved plans and equipped with the very latest improvements used in such institutions.

The directors have already obtained a site for the new buildings, two blocks north of Union avenue, on the north side of Delmar boulevard. The ground fronts 470 feet on Delmar avenue and runs back to Von Versen, a distance of 350 feet. The new site is high, healthful and accessible, and generally considered an ideal location for a hospital, and is sufficiently large to admit of additions to old buildings as the occasion may demand.

A corps of skilled physicians and trained nurses will have charge of the hospital and administer to the patients. To facilitate their work the most modern appliances and conveniences will be introduced. To thus perfectly equip the institution will require a considerable amount of money, but with the $100,000 already subscribed and the revenue from the present endowment of $150,000 and the $50,000 which will be solicited in the next few weeks, every hope is entertained that the directors will be able to erect the ideal hospital now contemplated.

The directors, in undertaking the task of finding a suitable home for the institution, appeal to generous St. Louis people for sufficient funds to not only inaugurate the work successfully, but carry it to completion with as little delay as possible.

With the money now in hand and the $50,000 it is hoped to raise, a proper start in the erection of the new hospital will have been made, but more funds will be required to put the institution on an easy footing financially, and it is the expectation that a knowledge of the hospital's needs will be sufficient to effect the desired results.

THE BROWN SHOE CO.

Capital Now One Million, Fully Paid Up.

On the first day of the Twentieth Century The Republic is glad to record on its pages the fact that The Brown Shoe Company of this city are starting the New Century with their paid-up capital increased from $800,000.00 to $1,000,000.00, and this company's rapid growth and present great business has not come by a chance or any special good luck, but by lots of hard work and earnest determination to make their goods desirable to their customers from the standpoint of durability, style, fit and finish at the smallest possible cost to the wearers, and thus win the hearts of all the people where Brown's "Star-Five-Star" Shoes are sold, and which now means from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans of the United States and some foreign countries.

Every St. Louisan has a pride in her great manufacturing industries, and in no line, perhaps, have we come to the front as fast the past few years as in our shoe manufacturing, which The Brown Shoe Company is entitled to more credit for than any other house, as it was the first to take hold of and make a success in shoe manufacturing here, which fact inspired the several other concerns to follow them one after another, until now St. Louis has become the great shoe market of the United States for retailers of shoes.

Wedding of Gowdy—Reece.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Eureka Springs, Ark., Dec. 31.—Augustus Scofield Gowdy of Carthage, Mo., and Miss Kate Reece of Little Rock, were married here last night.

Farmer Adjudged Insane.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Virginia, Ill., Dec. 31.—William Hardy, aged 34, a farmer well known in this community, was adjudged insane here to-day. The weakness is thought to be the result of injuries received recently.

Well-Known Omaha Mason Dead.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 31.—James Gilbert, City Gas Inspector, died at 4 this morning of pneumonia. He was one of the best-known Masons in the State, having been an officer in the Grand Lodge of that order. He has been City Gas Inspector in Omaha for twenty years.

RAILROAD NEWS FROM ALL POINTS.

Oklahoma and Western, a New Company, Organized by St. Louis Capitalists.

ROUTE OF THE PROPOSED LINE.

Changes Announced on the Chicago and Alton and Illinois Central—New Erie Bonds—Presentations—Notes.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Dec. 31.—The Oklahoma and Western Railway Company was organized here to-day, with a capital stock of $2,000,000. Articles of incorporation will be filed with the Secretary of the Territory to-morrow.

The directors of the company are: James Campbell, William P. Reed, John P. Newell and Festus J. Wade of St. Louis; D. C. Lewis, J. L. Wilkins and E. E. Brown of Oklahoma City.

The line is to run due west from this place through Canadian, Washita and Roger Mills counties, to the Texas line, near Amarilla. The survey will be begun at once.

WILL SURELY BE GOOD.

The Chicago Great Western Makes Most Profuse Protestations.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—The Chicago Great Western determined to rid itself of the reputation of being a rate disturber, which accusation, the company claims, is seldom deserved. On the first of the year the road will place itself before its competitors not only backed up by the personal statements of its officers, but by the sworn affidavits of its traffic employes.

The traffic department to-day sent out to every rate clerk, soliciting freight agent, traveling agent, contracting freight agent, station agent, and, in fact, every employe intrusted with the handling of rates, instructions to forward immediately an affidavit stating that it has no contracts in force and effect for any rate lower than tariff carrying over the new year. These affidavits will be filed with the traffic department, and in case it should be discovered that the employe had such contracts in effect, contrary to affidavit, the employe will be dismissed.

Instructions were also sent out that whenever it was found that a competitor was cutting a rate the fact should be immediately reported, either under the head of "mere rumor" or "actual fact." Under no circumstances is an employe to meet the rate of its competitor, but is to refer it to the traffic department.

NEW ERIE BONDS.

Central Trust Company Will Finance the $35,000,000 Deal.

New York, Dec. 31.—It was announced today that the Central Trust Company will finance the $35,000,000 4 per cent bonds of the Erie Railroad Company, which will be issued for the purchase of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. The property of the Erie Railroad will be back of this mortgage, which will be further secured, it is reported, by a large amount of the stock of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad Company.

The fact that J. P. Morgan & Co., who arranged the purchase of the Pennsylvania Coal Company by the Erie Railroad, have been arranging with their banks for a loan of $20,000,000, has been known for several days, and the presumption was that this cash was to be used in the liquidation of the indebtedness of the Erie to the Pennsylvania Coal Company's stockholders. The issuance of the bonds will, in turn, repay these loans and leave something over $5,000,000 in the treasury for use by the Erie in improving its coal properties.

CHICAGO AND ALTON CHANGES.

President Felton Announces Changes in the Operating Department.

President S. M. Felton of the Chicago and Alton has made the following appointments, effective January 1:

J. H. Barrett, general superintendent, vice Willis E. Gray, resigned. The Alton is to be divided into three operating divisions. The eastern division, embracing lines from Chicago to Rood House, Ill., Dwight to Peoria and Lacon, with A. Griggs, superintendent at Bloomington, Ill.

Middle division, embracing lines, Bloomington to East St. Louis; Roodhouse to Godfrey, Springfield to Peoria; W. M. Corbett, superintendent, office at Springfield, Ill.

Western division, embracing lines, Roodhouse to Kansas City, including Jefferson City branch; W. H. Starr, superintendent, Kansas City.

Little Rock Southern.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 31.—Articles of incorporation of the Little Rock Southern Railroad Company were to-day filed with the Secretary of State, and the charter granted by the State Board. The proposed road is to run from Little Rock south through the counties of Pulaski, Saline, Grant, Dallas, Cleveland, Calhoun, Bradley, Union and Ashley to a point on the State line between Arkansas and Louisiana, a distance of 138 miles.

The capital stock is $3,500,000, of which $300,000 has been subscribed in good faith by the following incorporators: P. V. Nithcrop, F. Del Hyde, Louis K. Hyde, F. C. Wheeler, J. P. Crossley, Titusville, Pa.; W. S. McCain, W. E. Lenon, Horace G. Dale, J. S. Pollock, P. K. Roots and Howard Adams, all of Little Rock. The first Board of Directors consists of the following: P. V. Nitherop, F. Del Hyde, Louis K. Hyde, F. C. Wheeler and J. P. Crossley.

Frank Tremble's Promotion.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 31.—The following circular was issued to-day jointly by the Texas and Pacific Railway Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company: "Mr. Frank Tremble is appointed assistant superintendent of telegraph, vice Mr. F. R. Place, deceased; effective January 1, 1901, with headquarters at Dallas."

Mr. Tremble is 38 years old, a native of Mattoon, Ill., where he first entered the telegraph service with the Western Union. He was later at Terre Haute, Ind., with the same company. Fifteen years ago he entered the service of the Texas and Pacific as an operator, and was promoted until he reached the chief clerkship, to Mr. Place. During the last two years he was practically Mr. Place's representative, during that gentleman's illness, and has filled the vacancy caused by his death, which occurred about thirty days ago.

Illinois Central Changes.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mattoon, Ill., Dec. 31.—Beginning with January 1, several important changes will go into effect on the Illinois Central system. The western terminus of the Indiana and Illinois Southern Division will be removed from Effingham to this city, with the division offices and train crews. This city will also be the operating point of the Peoria division, formerly the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville. It is unofficially stated that the Illinois Central will shortly erect a $40,000 depot in this city, modeled after the one recently completed in Decatur.

Mr. Derrah and His Successor.

S. V. Derrah, assistant general freight agent of the Missouri Pacific, who will become general freight agent of the Rio Grande Western, with headquarters at Salt Lake City, and not at Denver, will leave St. Louis on January 12. This will be the third time that Mr. Derrah has had his headquarters at Salt Lake. He was there in 1883 with the Santa Fe and later with the Missouri Pacific as commercial agent in 1889. From there he went to Kansas City for three years and then came to St. Louis.

He will be succeeded here as assistant general freight agent of the Missouri Pacific by E. B. Earle, who has been chief clerk in the freight department for a number of years and who is fully competent to assume the duties of his new position.

New Ticket Offices Opened.

The new ticket office of the Wabash in the Chemical building at Eighth and Olive streets was formally opened for business yesterday morning. The work on the furniture and fittings is not yet completed, and a detailed notice will be given later.

The Illinois Central also moved into its new quarters on North Broadway, but its offices are not yet completed.

Mr. Bunch Will Not Come Here.

George C. Smith, general manager of the Southern Railway Company at St. Louis, has issued the following circular:

"Referring to Circular No. 2, announcing the appointment of R. E. L. Bunch as assistant general passenger agent St. Louis-Louisville lines, office St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Bunch, having accepted service elsewhere, will not assume office referred to, and all communications respecting passenger traffic of the St. Louis-Louisville lines should until further notice be addressed to R. A. Campbell, acting assistant general passenger agent, office Chemical building, Eighth and Olive streets, St. Louis, Mo."

J. G. Love Remembered.

J. G. Love, commercial agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, was presented yesterday by his St. Louis friends with a handsome gold watch and chain. H. L. McFarland, commercial agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, made the presentation speech, to which Mr. Love made a happy response. The occasion of the presentation was Mr. Love's transfer to Sioux City, Ia. He will be succeeded here by C. L. Walier, who was traveling passenger agent at Milwaukee.

Changes on the L. & N.

John Fitzgerald, superintendent of terminals at St. Louis, announces the following changes in the freight department of the Louisville and Nashville: Oscar Vandenberg, at present assistant to the live stock agent at East St. Louis, will be made traveling freight agent at Kansas City, Mo.

J. P. Hartsough, present traveling freight agent at Kansas City, will be transferred to Chicago as traveling freight agent, and I. H. C. Clark, now traveling freight agent at Chicago, will be sent to Pittsburg, to succeed J. P. Bowling, resigned.

Presentation to Mr. Jarvis.

Receiver George T. Jarvis of the old Air Line was the recipient of a handsome solitaire diamond pin, the gift of former officials of the company under the receivership. Mr. Jarvis wrote a highly complimentary letter of the ability of the officials upon receipt of their handsome testimonial of esteem.

Large Mortgage Filed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Eureka Springs, Ark., Dec. 31.—The largest mortgage ever filed in this State outside of Little Rock was recorded here Saturday by the St. Louis and North Arkansas Railroad to the Union Trust Company of St. Louis. The consideration was $7,012,500.

L. S. Allen Has Resigned.

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 31.—On account of ill-health, General Passenger Agent L. S. Allen of the Seaboard Air Line has retired from his office. The resignation will be announced to-morrow.

Personal and Current Notes.

—C. A. Schlender has been appointed commercial agent of the Mexican Railway, with headquarters in New York.

—The Terminal Association has opened a new warehouse at Twelfth and Poplar streets, which will afford its patrons new facilities for the coming year.

—F. C. O'Neil, station agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad at Oklahoma City, received word to-day from the freight traffic manager of his road that he had been awarded $250 as first prize for the largest increase of business in the past twelve months. The competition extended over the whole system.

—No inspector has been appointed to succeed the late Captain M. D. Nelon, inspector of floating stock of the Illinois Central, who died last week from pneumonia. It is reported that the railroad company will abolish the office and have each captain of their boats act as inspector.

—Ed Swift, southern passenger agent of the Wabash at Cincinnati, was here yesterday.

—H. C. Shields, traveling passenger agent of the Wabash at Kansas City, was at headquarters yesterday.

—W. J. McLean, traveling passenger agent of the Illinois Central at New York, was here yesterday.

T. F. Godfrey, passenger and ticket agent of the Missouri Pacific at Omaha, and T. H. Hughes, city passenger agent at Kansas City, were at headquarters yesterday.

—Colonel G. A. A. Deane, land commissioner of the Iron Mountain Route, was at headquarters yesterday.

—W. H. Brill, district passenger agent of the Illinois Central at Omaha, was in the city yesterday.

—R. J. Woods, secretary to Vice President and General Manager Ramsey of the Wabash, has returned from an extended trip South.

—L. M. Fletcher, general Pacific Coast agent of the Missouri Pacific, left last night for Kansas City.

—C. L. Hilleary, assistant general passenger agent of the Big Four, will return today from a Western trip.

—The general freight and passenger offices will be closed to-day. The ticket offices will remain open until noon.

—E. H. Fitzhugh, vice president and general manager of the Central of Vermont, was here yesterday.

—Chairman James Charlton of the Transcontinental Passenger Association has issued a formal call for the meeting to be held at New Orleans January 15.

—Illinois lines are voting on propositions for a reduced rate to Springfield, Ill., on the occasion of the inauguration of Governor Yates, on January 14.

—The Atterbury Station of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis has been transferred to W. H. Knapp.

—From date J. W. Sweeney will have charge of track and R. R. Greer of bridges and buildings of the Litchfield branch of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis.

—The old Air Line offices were yesterday removed to the Chemical building, where the headquarters of the Louisville-St. Louis lines of the Southern Railway will be established.

BRANDT'S ALTERATION SALE

COMMENCES TO-MORROW MORNING.

WE MUST HAVE MORE ROOM

Owing to our constantly increasing business, we find our floor room inadequate, and have determined to make extensive alterations, whereby we gain SEVERAL THOUSAND SQUARE FEET.

All Broken Lots Less Than Cost.

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300 pairs Calf Congress, small sizes, at..... 75c
248 pairs Men's Cork Sole Lace Shoes at.. $1.98
220 pairs Men's Enamel Lace Shoes at.... $1.48
600 pairs Men's Tan and Box Calf Lace (new goods) at..... $1.98
700 pairs Men's Satin Lace Shoes (new goods) at..... $1.48
600 pairs new Tan Hu-man-ic Lace Shoes, sold always at $4.00, now..... $2.48
500 pairs Wax and Box Calf Bals, latest styles, new goods.. $4.00 to $2.48

Ladies' Shoe Dept.

200 pairs Ladies' small size Shoes at..... 50c
240 pairs Ladies' Boots, broken sizes..... 75c
300 pairs Lace Shoes, new and fresh, all sizes, at..... 98c
400 pairs Dongola Lace Boots, coin toe, good shoe, B, C, D and E, 3 to 8..... $1.48
320 pairs Patent Leather, Cloth Top, Lace, coin toe, nobby shoe, all sizes, at..... $1.98
600 pairs Ladies' Dongola and Box Calf Lace Shoes, good run of sizes..... $1.75
500 pairs Ladies' Finest Sample Shoes, 4, 4½ and 5, CHEAP

Misses' and Children's

Child's Dongola and Tan Lace and Button, 5 to 8.. 68c
Child's bright Dongola Shoes, good values, 8½ to 11, at..... 87c
Misses' Lace and Button, regular and samples, splendid goods, 11½ to 2..... 98c

Boys' and Youths'.

Big lot Patent Leather Lace Shoes at..... 98c
300 Tan Shoes, all new goods, 11 to 2 and 2½ to 5½..... $1.48
100 pairs Boys' Satin Shoes in button, large sizes, at. 50c
75 pairs Boys' Narrow Toe Lace, 5 and 5½, at.... 98c

Ladies' Warm Shoes.

175 pairs Ladies' Felt Slippers, small sizes..... 50c
Ladies' Felt Juliets, fur trimmed, all colors..... 98c
Ladies' Quilted Bals and Button, flannel lined, at..... $1.48
One big lot warm Slippers, broken sizes..... 98c
Ladies' Crochet Slippers, all colors, regular goods. 75c
Ladies' Satin Quilted Juliets, all colors.. $1.50

Come Early, as These Goods will not last long.

J. G. BRANDT SHOE CO., Cor. Broadway and Lucas Ave.

NO COUNTRY ORDERS FILLED ON THESE GOODS.

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Don't worry yourself trying to decide where you shall get that WINTER OVERCOAT, but come to us and you will get the best in our Clothing Department, $10, $12 $15, $20 and up. "We Make Them."

WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

MILLS & AVERILL, Broadway and Pine.

WILL TAKE HIS NEW OFFICE.

Judge E. J. Broaddus Places His Resignation With the Governor.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chillicothe, Mo., Dec. 31.—Judge E. J. Broaddus to-day forwarded to Governor Stephens his resignation as Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, to take effect January 1. On January 7 he will become a member of the Kansas City Court of Appeals. Judge Broaddus's fourth term as Circuit Judge would have expired January 1, 1905. R. E. Ball of Richmond, D. C. Allen of Liberty, and J. W. Alexander of Gallatin are candidates for the circuit judgeship.

ANOTHER RECORD BROKEN.

Laprelle-Williams Shoe Company Has Passed the Half-Million Mark.

The La Prelle-Williams Shoe Company have billed and shipped $502,913.69 worth of shoes from October 15 to January 1, a period of two and a half months. This is a record that has never been equaled by beginners and proves conclusively that the value of their line is appreciated by merchants all over the country.

The "New Giants of the West" are sweeping everything before them, and their trademark, a heart pierced by an arrow, and their battle-cry, "Come along with us!" are already known from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Minnesota to Mexico. They have received orders up to date amounting to nearly a million dollars. Watch them grow.

Banks Given Certificates.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Certificates have been issued authorizing the following banks to begin business:

The First National Bank of DeLeon, Tex., with a capital of $25,000.

The First National Bank of Merkel, Tex., with a capital of $30,000.

The City National Bank of Kansas City has been approved as reserve agent for the First National of South McAlester, I. T.

Walter Acker has been appointed vice president of the Lampasas National Bank, Lampasas, Tex.

The corporate existence of the Union National Bank of Kewanee, Ill., has been extended until the close of business December 29, 1920.

Puerto Rico.

The Vandalia-Pennsylvania lines will have two excursions to Puerto Rico via steamer from New York, leaving St. Louis January 17 and February 14. Tickets include all expenses. Make reservations and secure particulars at ticket office, 109 North Fourth street.

Rural Free Delivery Routes.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Rural free delivery will be established January 15 in Illinois as follows:

Belvidere, Boone County; one carrier; length of route, twenty-three miles; population served, 500; carrier, J. B. Lawrence.

Brimfield, Peoria County; one carrier; length of route, twenty-three and seven-eighths miles; population served, 567; carrier, R. E. Burt.

Sidney, Champaign County; one carrier; length of route, twenty-four and a half miles; population served, 560; carrier, M. J. Neer.

Charles F. Miller has been appointed a substitute letter carrier at Jefferson City, Mo., and Henry L. Martin at Salem, Kas.

A Pointer.

Take the Dixie Flyer for Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and the Southeast. Tickets and information at No. 208 N. Broadway, Illinois Central New City Ticket Office.

Federal Appointments.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Doctor A. N. Compton and Alfred Lewis have been appointed Pension Examining Surgeons at Valentine, Neb.

George Bent of Lawrence, Kas., has been reinstated as assistant teacher at the Pine Ridge Indian School, South Dakota.

CUNNINGHAM BROS. WOOLEN CO. Have removed to their new building, corner Tenth and Locust streets.

Close of Successful Revival.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Eldorado, Ill., Dec. 31.—The Reverend W. H. Neff, pastor of the M. E. Church in this city, closed a four weeks' revival meeting last night. There were seventy conversions and twenty-one accessions to the church.

DRINK AND DRUG HABIT CURED

The Paquin Immune Treatment makes drink so obnoxious that it cannot be retained upon the stomach, thus immunizing the patient. Reclaims relapses from other treatments. Indorsed by business firms of *NATIONAL REPUTATION.* Address PAQUIN IMMUNE COMPANY, Dept. P, Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Chapped hands, cracked lips and roughness of the skin cured quickly by Banner Salve, the most healing ointment in the world.

CONDITION OF STATE BANKS.

Secretary of State Tabulates Statement of Financial Institutions.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 21.—Secretary of State Lesueur to-day completed the tabulation of statements of the financial condition of State banks at the close of business on December 1, 1900, under call of December 6, 1900, as follows:

Incorporated banks outside of Kansas City and St. Louis.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security, $36,370,486.66; loans and discounts undoubtedly good on real estate security, $2,084,521; overdrafts by solvent customers, $738,959.01; United States bonds on hand, $272,118; other bonds and stocks at their present cash market value, $2,222,869.36; real estate (banking-house) at present cash market value, $1,504,976.29; real estate other than banking-house at its present cash market price, $350,862.32; furniture and fixtures, $469,094.73; due from other banks, good on sight draft, $19,224,084.78; checks and other cash items, $2,614,942.27; national bank notes, legal tender United States notes and gold and silver certificates, $2,064,752.25; gold coin, $1,904,441.18; silver coin, nickels and pennies, $408,362.82; all other resources, $96,288.19. Total, $70,865,161.69.

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, $12,929,535; surplus fund, $1,951,919.16; undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid, $1,371,119.58; deposits subject to draft at sight by banks and bankers, $2,298,969.79; deposits subject to draft at sight by individuals and others, $45,906,462.27; demand certificates of deposit outstanding, $1,194,096.22; time certificates of deposit outstanding, $4,898,325.48; bills payable and bills rediscounted, $292,655.43; dividends unpaid, $18,281.58; liabilities other than those above stated, $8,612.28. Total, $70,865,161.69.

Kansas City banks:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security, $1,441,231.71; loans and discounts undoubtedly good on real estate security, $49,315.34; overdrafts by solvent customers, $40,603.72; United States bonds on hand, $27,500; other bonds and stocks at their present cash market value, $155,796.67; real estate (banking-house) at present cash market value, $30,000; real estate other than banking-house at its present cash market price, $1,280; furniture and fixtures, $3,250; due from other banks, good on sight draft, $1,348,894.28; checks and other cash items, $15,164.50; national bank notes, legal tender United States notes and gold and silver certificates, $62,007; gold coin, $18,835; silver coin, nickels and pennies, $19,334.28; all other resources, $765.48. Total, $3,201,159.36.

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, $250,000; surplus fund, $35,500; undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid, $45,669.58; deposits subject to draft at sight by banks and bankers, $136,574.85; deposits subject to draft at sight by individuals and others, $2,371,139.17; demand certificates of deposit outstanding, $36,962.25; time certificates of deposit outstanding, $41,933.77; liabilities other than those above stated, $46,367.94. Total, $3,201,159.36.

St. Louis city banks:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security, $21,185,915.71; loans and discounts undoubtedly good on real estate security, $1,822,919.35; overdrafts by solvent customers, $54,548.89; United States bonds on hand, $13,000; other bonds and stocks at their present cash market value, $5,924,891.16; real estate (banking-house) at present cash market value, $800,827.85; real estate other than banking-house at its present cash market price, $270,831.02; furniture and fixtures, $5,385; due from other banks, good on sight draft, $7,866,255.18; checks and other cash items, $1,245,890.25; national bank notes, legal tender United States notes and gold and silver certificates, $2,972,061; gold coin, $640,962.50; silver coin, nickels and pennies, $145,181.61; all other resources, $25,740.08. Total, $61,750,963.34.

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, $5,500,000; surplus fund, $4,000,974.41; undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid, $469,614.65; deposits subject to draft at sight by banks and bankers, $8,357,620.21; deposits subject to draft at sight by individuals and others, $39,766,896.32; demand certificates of deposit outstanding, $258,646.21; time certificates of deposit outstanding, $16,676,798.37; dividends unpaid, $91,298.56; liabilities other than those above stated, $2,617.07. Total, $71,720,963.34.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security, $4,756,925.56; loans and discounts undoubtedly good on real estate security, $784,381.61; overdrafts by solvent customers, $108,341.18; United States bonds on hand, $189,700; other bonds and stocks at their present cash market price, $174,475.43; real estate (banking-house) at present cash market value, $138,[illegible]; real estate other than banking-house at its present cash market price, $30,968.85; furniture and fixtures, $16,366.46; due from other banks, good on sight draft, $2,427,874.79; checks and other cash items, $77,028.09; national bank notes, legal tender United States notes and gold and silver certificates, $413,981; gold coin, $62,50; silver coin, nickels and pennies, $[illegible]; all other resources, $39,987.21. Total, $9,763,[illegible].

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, $886,370; surplus fund, $259,785.99; undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid, $168,145.66; deposits subject to draft at sight by banks and bankers, $1,328,615.36; deposits subject to draft at sight by individuals and others, $6,432,756.12; demand certificates of deposit outstanding, $237,069.97; time certificates of deposit outstanding, $471,309.06; bills payable and bills rediscounted, $38,135.00; liabilities other than those above stated, $249.74. Total, $9,763,[illegible]739.71.

Grand total:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security, $73,704,577.64; loans and discounts undoubtedly good on real estate security, $7,741,038.36; overdrafts by solvent customers, $942,422.89; United States bonds on hand, $852,646; other bonds and stocks at their present cash market value, $7,963,093.42; real estate (banking-house) at present cash market value, $2,461,414.59; real estate other than banking-house at its present cash market price, $991,580.16; furniture and fixtures, $546,398.32; due from other banks, good on sight draft, $30,778,938.34; checks and other cash items, $1,352,234.25; national bank notes, legal tender United States notes and gold and silver certificates, $5,312,811.33; gold coin, $2,765,942.15; silver coin, nickels and pennies, $[illegible]501.38; all other resources, $240,762.45. Total, $[illegible]850,932.06.

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, $19,635,805; surplus fund, $6,217,259.56; undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid, $2,566,621.47; deposits subject to draft at sight by banks and bankers, $[illegible]; deposits subject to draft at sight by individuals and others, $74,477,298.29; demand certificates of deposit outstanding, $1,613,761.60; bills payable and bills rediscounted, $[illegible]; dividends unpaid, $197,589.88; liabilities other than those above stated, $57,799.62. Total, $[illegible].

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