MILLION DOLLAR HARDWARE DEAL.

Norvell-Shapleigh Company Buys the Business of the Shapleigh Concern.

CAPITAL IS TO BE DOUBLED.

Four Department Heads From Simmons Obtain Control of New Corporation—To Be Organized July First.

OFFICERS OF NEW COMPANY.

- President—Saunders Norvell.
- First Vice President—Richard F. Shapleigh.
- Second Vice President—William G. Yantis.
- Third Vice President—Taylor D. Kelley.
- Treasurer—Alfred F. Shapleigh.
- Secretary—Harry B. Gordon.
- Assistant Secretary—A. Shapleigh Boyd.

The Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Company, with a capital stock of $1,000,000, will succeed on July 1 to the business of the A. F. Shapleigh Hardware Company, the new firm being the second largest in the West. It will be owned and controlled by two members of the old A. F. Shapleigh Hardware Company and four heads of departments of the Simmons Hardware Company.

The members in the new company are: Saunders Norvell, president, who has been for twenty-one years connected with the Simmons Hardware Company, of which he is still third vice president and head of the sales department and salesmen; Richard F. Shapleigh, vice president; William G. Yantis, second vice president, and at present head of the sporting goods department of the Simmons company; Taylor D. Kelley, third vice president, and now head of the railway supply department of the Simmons company; Alfred F. Shapleigh, treasurer; Harry B. Gordon, secretary, who has been the promoter of the deal and buyer of building and shelf hardware for the Simons company; A. Shapleigh Boyd, assistant secretary.

What Deal Means to St. Louis.

The consummation of this deal will make St. Louis the home of the greatest hardware firm in the world, and also of the next largest firm west of the Mississippi River.

There is no ill-feeling whatever between the Simmons Hardware Company, and its outgoing employes on account of their participation in the forming of the new company. It is regarded on both sides as a strictly business venture, and the employes of the Simmons company will retain their present positions with that firm until the new enterprise has been launched. The Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Company will be incorporated July 1, but by June 1 it is expected that all the members of the new firm will be at work in their new offices.

The deal has been in progress for the past three weeks, and was brought to conclusion Thursday.

New Blood for Old Concern.

The report that the formation of the Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Company was, in reality, an absorption of the Shapleigh concern by the Simmons company was denied by all parties interested. The Simmons Hardware Company will have no connection whatever with the Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Company, which will be its competitor. Not one share of stock in the new firm will be offered for sale, all of it having been subscribed in advance. The new firm is, more strictly, the old A. F. Shapleigh Hardware Company, with a large influx of new blood. All the men interested in the concern are young, only one, Mr. Richard Shapleigh, being more than 40 years old.

The reason for this enlargement of the hardware interests of St. Louis is found in the increased trade of this city with the South and West, and the increasing industrial activity of the section of which St. Louis is the metropolis. Experts in the hardware business saw an opportunity, which they were not slow to grasp. The increased capital of the new firm, with the great business experience of its promoters, they hope will do much toward bringing a great part of the business of the Southwest to this city.

Mr. Norvell, president of the new firm, was not the originator of the scheme. The deal was engineered by Harry B. Gordon, who will be secretary of the new firm. After the preliminaries had been arranged, he called upon Mr. Norvell, asking him, in view of his great experience, to accept the presidency. This Mr. Norvell agreed to do.

Tribute to Mr. Norvell.

In speaking of the departure of employes of the Simmons Hardware Company Thursday, I. W. Morton, advisory director of the Simmons company, said:

"Mr. Norvell leaves our company for business reasons only. He feels that, as president of the new organization, he will individually have a wider field for business success. He has been associated with us for a great many years, and from a very minor position has gradually worked his way up to his present position of third vice president. We regret to have him part company with us, not alone on account of a severance of business relations, but also for personal reasons, as our relations have been most cordial and friendly. The others who go with him are all valued employes, and they carry with them our sincere wish for their success."

Mr. Shapleigh on the Deal.

Mr. Alfred Shapleigh said: "The business of the A. F. Shapleigh Hardware Company began in 1842, when A. F. Shapleigh, Sr., came to St. Louis from Philadelphia to open a branch house for Rogers Bros. of Philadelphia. Within a few years he bought out the Roger Bros.' interests, and from that time until the present has held a controlling interest in the business, under the various names of Rogers Bros. & Co., Shapleigh, Day & Co., A. F. Shapleigh & Co., A. F. Shapleigh & Cantwell Hardware Company and A. F. Shapleigh Hardware Company, which is capitalized for $500,000.

"Since the recent death of Frank Shapleigh, former vice president of our company, we have considered the advisability of making changes in the business which would add to its volume and also tend to its perpetuity. The opportunity of making a connection with the above named gentlemen came through H. B. Gordon, and we were glad to enter into an association with them. We are warranted in believing that the new company will meet with success."

HERESY TRIAL POSTPONED.

Presbytery Takes No Action in Reverend D. A. Boyd's Case.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Moberly, Mo., April 18.—The Palmyra Presbytery, which convened here Tuesday, adjourned Thursday night.

The case against the Reverend D. A. Boyd of Unionville, Mo., charged by three members of the church of that place with heresy because he does not subscribe to the doctrine of a literal hell, was continued until May 7 at Unionville, when the presbytery will meet in adjourned session to finally determine the matter. This is regarded as a decided victory for the preacher.

Greenville, Mo., was chosen as the next place of meeting.

ELECT NONPARTISAN TICKET.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Lebanon, Ill., April 18.—Election returns from the municipal election Tuesday at O'Fallon, seven miles west of here, show the election of the following ticket:

President of the Board of Trustees, John Seddon; Village Clerk, William Lehman; Village Treasurer, William Reidelberger, Jr.; Marshal, John Davison; Superintendent of Streets, Jacob Schmidt; members of the Board of Trustees, Dominick Zitzman, James Halliday and Joseph Landgraf.

The ticket elected is nonpartisan. The vote was the largest ever polled there in a village election.

SAYS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HAS TWICE SAVED HER LIFE.

Cancer and Pneumonia Cured by "Healers," Declares Wife of Supreme Court Judge.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 18.—An impressive witness for the efficacy of Christian Science treatment is Mrs. Helen Woodruff Hatch, wife of Judge Edward W. Hatch of the appellate division of the Supreme Court.

Threatend with blindness through a cancerous growth on her left cheek, she placed herself in the hands of a "healer." Her eyesight improved. The cancerous growth had completely disappeared.

Later she was attacked by pneumonia. Again the ministrations of the "healer" proved effective.

"Believe in it? I am forced to do so," says Mrs. Hatch. Twice it has saved me from death. Through the influence of mind alone, I have triumphed over cancer and pneumonia. There are few stronger forms of organic diseases than these."

The Christian Scientists of New York point to Mrs. Hatch and the cures effected on her as testimony that the day of miracles is not past.

RAILROAD NEWS FROM ALL POINTS.

Transcontinental Passenger Association Fixed Rates for Two Important Occasions.

WILL INCREASE MEMBERSHIP.

Akron Route Differential Case—Burlington Deal Bonds—Pacific Improvement Company Will Extend—General Notes.

Delmonte, Cal., April 18.—The Transcontinental Passenger Association, in session here, has decided that the rate from Chicago to San Francisco and return for the Episcopal Convention, which is to be held in San Francisco, shall be $50 for a first-class ticket. The rate from the Missouri River will be $45, and from St. Louis and New Orleans $47.50. Tickets for this convention will be on sale east of Colorado from September 23 to 27.

The round trip rate from California to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo will be made on a basis of $60 to the Missouri River added to whatever rates may be made east of the river. It was decided to abolish skeleton tickets.

The following roads have joined the association: The Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern, the Burlington and Northeastern and the Keokuk and Western. The association now numbers thirty-six roads and it is announced that the number may be increased to forty-five at the next meeting. The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific are still out of the association.

AKRON DIFFERENTIAL.

The Hearing at Pittsburg Before D. B. Martin as Arbitrator.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 18.—An important meeting is being held in this city, at which the Big Four; Vandalia, Cleveland, Akron and Columbus; Erie; Wabash; Clover Leaf; Nickel Plate; Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, and the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern lines are represented.

The question of arbitrating the differential rates of the new Buffalo conection of the Pennsylvania system from Akron, O., to Buffalo, N. Y., has been left to D. B. Martin, manager of the passenger traffic of the Baltimore and Ohio road, who is hearing all the representatives of interested lines. The Pennsylvania Railroad has asked for a differential on account of the Akron route to Buffalo. The points affected are St. Louis, Cincinnati and Columbus. The matter was referred by the Central Passenger Association to J. F. Goddard, who in turn suggested a board of three arbitrators to adjust the matter.

When it was learned that E. A. Ford, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, favored Mr. Martin, the other lines decided that the whole question be submitted to him as arbitrator.

Mr. Martin will give his opinion in a few days.

STATEMENTS WERE IN ERROR.

President Hill Discusses Rumors of Railroad Consolidated.

Seattle, Wash., April 18.—President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, who is now in this city, on being asked by a representative of the Associated Press if he had anything further to say touching publications concerning the merging of various railway corporations into great syndicates, said:

"Say to the Associated Press that I have read the various statements published, and where there is one clean-cut statement of facts, there are about a dozen statements of erroneous character."

BURLINGTON DEAL.

Proposed Issue by Purchasers of $230,000,000 of Bonds.

New York, April 18.—It was officially stated in Wall street Thursday after the close of business that the proposed control of the Burlington by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific interests would be effected by an issue of $230,000,000 in bonds, on the basis of $3 in bonds for each dollar outstanding of Burlington stock. The issue will be underwritten by a syndicate at par with commissions off.

NEGOTIATIONS DELAYED.

New York, April 18.—The Evening Post to-day has the following: The formal announcement of the Burlington purchase, on behalf of the Northern transcontinental lines, is still further delayed. Messrs. Charles Steele and Robert Bacon of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. are in Boston conferring with the Burlington directors. When they return, it is expected that the form of the announcement of the Burlington's acquisition, the details of the terms offered to Burlington shareholders, and a request for deposit of stock with J. P. Morgan & Co. for the exchange into new guaranteed bonds will be issued.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT BOSTON.

Boston, April 18.—The first authoritative announcement concerning the negotiations for the purchase of Chicago, Burlington and Quincy by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroad companies was given out this evening from the office of the Boston News Bureau in the form of a statement from Director and former President Charles E. Perkins of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy as follows:

Mr. Perkins says it was practically settled this afternoon that a formal offer of $200 per share will be made in the course of a week or two, payable in the joint 4-per cent bonds of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies, secured by a deposit of Chicago, Burlington and Quincy stock in trust and that Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., in behalf of a syndicate will offer to buy $50,000,000 of the bonds at par. Mr. Perkins says that personally he is in favor of accepting the proposition.

PACIFIC IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

Negotiating for the Purchase of the Monterey and Mexican Gulf.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—The Examiner says:

"The Pacific Improvement Company is negotiating for, and will probability, will soon purchase the Monterey and Mexican Gulf Railway in Mexico. The road comprises 357 miles of road, running from Tampico by way of Monterey to Tampico on the Gulf of Mexico. The property will greatly strengthen the Mexican International road, now owned by the Pacific Improvement Company, by giving it a gulf port and a profitable system of feeders in Northwestern Mexico.

"The Monterey and Mexican Gulf is owned by Belgian capitalists. Its acquisition as a feeder to the Mexican International is thought to be a forerunner of the sale of both properties to the Southern Pacific."

HAULING PRIVATE CARS.

An Important Decision by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, April 18.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has announced a decision in which it holds that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, if it transports private cars of any class, must transport all private cars occupied for the same or similar purposes in like manner and upon like terms. It says that the defendant, however, lawfully may decline to haul private cars at all, or it may haul private cars of one class and refuse to haul others of a wholly different class.

No Successor to A. F. Walker.

New York, April 18.—The Executive Committee of the Atchison Railway met Thursday, but took no action in regard to filling the chairmanship, vacant through the death of Aldace F. Walker. It is said that there is not likely to be any election to that office for a considerable time. It is possible that the office may be allowed to lapse, or, at any rate, that one of the directors will be elected, and the active duties of the office divided among the board committees.

BURLINGTON DEAL APPROVED.

Stockholders Succeeded in Driving a Pretty Stiff Bargain.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 18.—The directors of the Northern Pacific Railway Company at a meeting Wednesday formally approved the terms of the Burlington purchase. No formal announcement of the action was made public, although one was expected. The reason for the delay, it is said, is that the Burlington directors desire to submit the proposition to their shareholders.

This is regarded as a matter of form. No doubt exists that the transaction will be approved by the stockholders of the Burlington, a majority of whom are persons who have bought out the property in connection with the deal.

It was definitely ascertained that the terms proposed are for the exchange of Burlington on the basis of $320,000 in 4 per cent bonds for each 100 shares of the stock. The price was decided at a late moment upon the definite rejection by certain large interests of a 3½ per cent bond, offered in exchange for the stock at 225.

The Burlington opposition were successful in driving a very stiff bargain, amounting substantially to sending up the dividend rate from 6 to 8 per cent and forcing a guarantee of the latter on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern interests.

Precisely what is to be the form of the new security cannot be ascertained, but it is assumed to be a collateral trust issued jointly by Northern Pacific and Great Northern.

ARKANSAS RAILROAD.

New Line From Mingo in Stoddard County to Ripley County.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 18.—Secretary of State Cook Thursday issued a charter to the Arkansas Railroad Company of St. Louis, with a capital of $400,000. The road is to extend from Mingo, in Stoddard County, through Poplar Bluff to the southern boundary line of Ripley County, a distance of thirty-six miles.

It is to be a part of the Southern Missouri and Arkansas Railroad, which has filed a certificate of increase of capital stock from $100,000 to $2,000,000; incorporators are Newman Erb of New York, John F. Sheley, R. E. Rombauer and Edward Hidden of St. Louis, E. E. Blomer and Leon J. Albert of Cape Girardeau.

Union Pacific Rumor Denied.

New York, April 18.—The Evening Post says:

"The report that the Union Pacific interests propose to call and retire Southern Pacific collateral trust bonds in order to segregate the Central Pacific Railroad from the rest of the Southern Pacific and merge it with the Union Pacific, which was current at the time of the absorption, and again repeated, is authoritatively denied. One of the highest Union Pacific interests said Thursday:

"There is no ground for these reports. The Southern Pacific will continue to be operated as an entirety. There is no thought of dividing the system. Any such ideas to that end which may have been entertained as a possibility when we took over the property were long ago abandoned."

New Arkansas Line.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 18.—The Arkansas Railway Company Thursday, through its representative, Judge R. E. Rombauer, filed articles of incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State. The capital stock is $400,000. The incorporators are Newman Erb, New York; John F. Shepley, R. E. Rombauer, Edward Kidden, St. Louis; Leon J. Albert and Edward J. Blomeyer, Cape Girardeau.

The road will extend from Mingo Station in Stoddard County through Poplar Bluff in Butler County, to a point on the southern boundary line of Ripley County on the Arkansas border. The length of the line as projected is thirty-six miles.

Cotton Belt May Extend.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Austin, Tex., April 18.—Reports come from the north to-day that the Cotton Belt is making arrangements to secure an entrance into Dallas over the Dallas Terminal road, and that the road will shortly begin construction of one or two branches in North Texas that will materially affect the railroad industries of that section of the State.

Personal and Current Notes.

—H. I. McGuire, traveling passenger agent of the Frisco at Cincinnati, was here Thursday.

—H. A. Bonn, general passenger agent of the Jacksonville and St. Louis, was in the city Thursday.

—Thomas Barnes of the dining station of the Missouri Pacific at Jefferson City was here Thursday.

—F. A. Wann, general freight agent of the Chicago and Alton, was at headquarters Thursday.

—G. B. Allen, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern, is attending a meeting in Chattanooga.

—The executive officers of Western lines have again postponed their meeting until the first Wednesday in June.

—W. M. Greene, vice president and general manager of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, was in St. Louis Thursday.

—F. E. Roesler has been appointed traveling passenger and immigrant agent of the Kansas City Southern, with headquarters at Kansas City.

—A committee of the Southwestern Passenger Bureau and one from the Travelers' Protective Association held a conference Thursday at the Union Trust building relative to the coming excursion to Texas.

—The appointment of C. H. Ackert as general manager of the Mobile and Ohio was confirmed at local headquarters Thursday. Mr. Ackert was president and general manager of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern.

—H. K. Gregory has been appointed assistant general passenger agent of the Santa Fe, with headquarters at San Francisco. W. H. Matson, Jr., has been appointed traveling passenger agent, with headquarters at Los Angeles, Cal.

—C. D. Boyd has been appointed assistant general freight agent of the Louisville and Nashville to succeed D. M. Goodwyn, recently appointed general freight agent. Mr. Boyd was formerly assistant general freight agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis.

—C. S. Crane, general passenger agent of the Wabash, was in Pittsburg Thursday, attending a conference with E. A. Ford, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines; W. J. Lynch, general passenger agent of the Big Four, and D. B. Martin of the Baltimore and Ohio, relative to a differential claimed for the "Akron Route." Mr. Martin is the arbitrator.

SUIT OVER BEER LABELS.

Judge Adams Refuses Temporary Injunction.

In the United States Circuit Court Thursday, Judge Adams refused to issue a temporary injunction, asked for by the Lemp Brewing Company, against the Western Brewing Company of Belleville, Ill. The Lemp Brewing Company alleged that the Western Brewing Company was using bottled beer labels which resembled those used by the Lemp Brewing Company, and that customers were often misled into buying Belleville beer, believing, from the similarity of the label, that the bottle contained Lemp's beer.

Judge Adams, in denying the injunction, held that the similarity in the labels was not so apparent as to cause customers to buy a bottle of Belleville beer, under the impression that they were purchasing Lemp's beer. He further said that defendants had given notice that a material change in their label would be made as soon as their present stock of labels was exhausted, and he made his order in refusing the injunction provisional upon the fulfillment by defendants of their promise.

EMPLOYES GIVE BANQUET IN HONOR OF EMPLOYER.

George L. Sands, Manager of Wiggins Ferry Company, the Guest.

MANY NOTABLES THERE

Railroad employer and employe sat side by side at a banquet given George L. Sands, manager of the Wiggins Ferry Company, by Lodge No. 49 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Lodge No. 44 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen at the Southern Thursday night.

The occasion was the fifty-sixth birthday of Mr. Sands. P. M. Arthur, grand chief of the locomotive engineers, and F. P. Sargeant, grand master of the firemen's brotherhood, were present and congratulated both the officers of the company and the employes on the friendly spirit displayed at the gathering.

President John Scullin of the Wiggins Ferry Company, who was present, spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Sands's service with the company and predicted further honors for him.

T. P. Burns acted as toastmaster. In the arrangements he was assisted by a committee composed of Edward Keifiin, Walter J. Stewart, Edward Powell and S. M. Dolan. Grand Master Sargeant, in the course of his address, declared the sooner the railroad officers and the men arrange a universal brotherhood, the sooner he would lose his job.

Mr. Sands was the recipient of a jeweled watch charm. He responded feelingly, thanking the employes for their kindness. Responses were made by several other officers of the company who were present. A letter from D. R. Francis was read expressing regret that business should take him out of the city and prevent his acceptance of the invitation to the present. Mayor M. M. Stephens of East St. Louis made an address.

GEORGE L. SANDS.
Guest of honor at the banquet given by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen at the Southern Hotel.

ONE INSURANCE AGENT ENDS HIS LIFE---ANOTHER MISSING.

Samuel D. Hagens, a special agent of the New York Life Insurance Company, living at No. 213 South Jefferson avenue, committed suicide Thursday by taking twenty grains of morphine in the Cherokee Hotel, Sixth and Walnut streets. He leaves a widow and seven children, and no reason can be assigned for his act.

Hagens went to the Cherokee Hotel late Wednesday evening and took a room there. He remained in his room all day Thursday, and about 7:30 o'clock in the evening the clerk went to the room to awaken him. There was no response to his knock, but he could hear some one groaning within. He broke open the door and found Hagens lying on the bed, writhing in agony and unable to talk.

Hagens was taken to the City Dispensary. A stomach pump was instantly put in operation upon the man, who was unconscious by this time, but before anything could be done for his relief he died. The body was taken to the morgue.

The identity of the body was learned from a railroad pass and a telegram in his pocket, the address on which agreed with the signature on the hotel register. Hagens's family at the South Jefferson avenue address were notified and Robert W. Hagens, oldest son of the dead man, called at the morgue with two younger brothers and identified the body as that of his father.

In Hagens's pockets were found several notes payable to his order, ranging in amount from $10 to $250. They were signed by W. L. Pritch, C. Murpel, Charles M. Smith, B. K. Martin and Thomas W. King. The telegram found in his pocket related to the illness of his mother at Shoals, Ind., and asked his presence for a few days.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Samuel Urmey, who dropped completely out of sight of his friends and family Tuesday evening, still remains unsolved and the police admit that they can throw no light on the case. His wife and three small children are awaiting any news from the husband and father.

Urmay, who is a solicitor for the Metropolitan Insurance Company, left his home at No. 3751 South Jefferson avenue Tuesday evening presumably to transact business downtown and to attend an insurance agents' convention and banquet at the Planters Hotel. The last seen of him by any of his acquaintances was when he crossed Jefferson avenue at Broadway shortly after 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. Urmey had $50 on his person that night and the only theory that Mrs. Urmey or the police place any credence in is that he met with foul play while on his way to the Planters Hotel. His wife and employers say that he is a steady, industrious man and that he never indulged in liquor.

E. H. Meyers, who met Urmey at Broadway and Jefferson avenue the evening of his disappearance, says that the latter remarked that he was on his way uptown to a banquet. For several years previous to the street-car strike of last summer Urmey was employed as a street car conductor.

When last seen Urmey was attired in a black coat and vest, gray trousers and a black derby hat. He is six feet in height, weighs 160 pounds, has black hair tinged with gray and a black mustache. The police have searched every hospital and station house in the city, but with no result.

LIVING BEYOND THEIR SALARIES.

General Campbell Talks About Manila Frauds—Homesteads for Soldiers.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, April 18.—General James R. Campbell of McLeansboro, Ill., who was mustered out March 25 as a Brigadier, on the return to this country of his old regiment, the Thirtieth, after service in the Philippines, is in the city. He has come to Washington on an interesting errand—to see Secretary Hitchcock and other high officials regarding the settlement of many of the men whom he has commanded since the beginning of the Spanish War upon homestead lands in Oklahoma.

"The law provides for a residence of five years on such lands," said General Campbell, "but there is a special provision for soldiers, to the effect that the time they have served in the army shall be deducted from the term required on lands taken under the homestead laws. Therefore, some of these soldiers will be required to live on their farms but about two years now.

"I heard intimations of the irregularities, recently cabled from Manila, before I left there," added General Campbell. "There was a class of officers and others who were living way beyond their salaries. One of my friends wittily referred to them as 'porcn climbers.'"

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE IN A DEADLOCK.

Kansas City Water Rents Cannot Be Paid Until It Is Straightened Out.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., April 18.—Because of a deadlock with the Board of Aldermen, Mayor Reed has posted a notice that, until his nomination for a Collector of Water Rates is confirmed, the Water Department of the municipal administration will be closed. Taxes for the current quarter are now due and there is no one to receive them.

A week ago the Collector died. The Mayor sent to the Aldermen for confirmation the name of Daniel O'Byrne. The board stands seven Democrats to seven Republicans. Two Democrats, Kelly and Berry, have taken umbrage at some action on the part of the Mayor and have joined the Republicans.

Thursday night the Mayor asked permission to explain his position to the Aldermen, but he was denied the privileges of the floor. He then sent in a communication asking the House to confirm or reject his nomination of O'Byrne. No attention was paid to this. When the House adjourned the Mayor issued his notice closing the department until the Aldermen act.

The reason is that the Collector is required to file a bond for $30,000, and that without a Collector or that bond the public moneys are not safe.

LOVE PROMPTS WIDOW TO FORFEIT INCOME.

By Second Marriage Mrs. Mary Rude Maginn Loses Title to Considerable Property.

Mrs. Mary Rude Maginn of No. 4219 McPherson avenue and Walter Hemsley of Chicago were married Wednesday evening at St. George's Church. As a result of her marriage, Mrs. Hemsley, it is said, will lose the title to a considerable amount of property which her former husband, John W. Maginn, now dead, left her.

In his will John W. Maginn granted all the income from his real estate and securities to his wife during her lifetime, unless she remarried. In case of her remarriage or death, it was provided that the property was to be held in trust for the testator's children, Francis Joseph and John Alphonsus, by Frank Maginn. Mrs. Maginn was made executrix of the will and permitted to sell or incumber the property in order to support herself and educate the children.

Mrs. Hemsley is well known in St. Louis, having lived here most of her life. She is the daughter of the late John Rude. At the time of her marriage to Mr. Maginn some interest was aroused because of the fact that she embraced the Catholic faith. Since the death of Maginn, it is said, she has returned to the Protestant church.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemsley departed Wednesday night for Chicago, where they will reside at the Windermere Hotel. The children of the former marriage remain at the home of their grandparents in McPherson avenue.

WOULD EXAMINE ACCOUNTS—John F. Meyer applied to the Circuit Court Thursday for a writ of mandamus to compel Alexander R. Meier to allow him to examine the book of accounts of the Athline Tea Company, at No. 616 Morgan street. Meyer owns ten shares of stock in the company, and Meier is its president, treasurer and manager, it is stated.

KANSAS CITY BRIDGE MAY BE COMPLETED.

Winner Piers Purchased by Syndicate Planning Extensive Improvements—New Depot.

Kansas City, Mo., April 18.—The Winner Bridge piers in the Missouri River at this point and other terminal property of the Kansas City and Atlantic Railroad was sold at public auction at noon Thursday to Theodore C. Bates of Worcester, Mass., for $108,005.

The sale was made to satisfy a mortgage for about $700,000 held in trust by the Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company of Boston, and the property was purchased in the interests of the bondholders.

The sale will end the receivership of the property and will terminate ten years of litigation.

Mr. Bates is at the head of an Eastern syndicate, which controls the property.

After announcing the purchase of the property, Mr. Bates explained that plans have been prepared for a three-deck bridge, steel superstructure for the piers. The superstructure will cost $1,000,000 and will have a draw span. The bridge will have two tracks for steam railroads, a 28-foot roadway for vehicles and street-car lines and a separate passageway for foot passengers. The bridge will be available for any and all railroads that desire to enter Kansas City from across the river and for suburban and interurban electric lines, which it is expected will be built in the next few years. The plans of Mr. Bates with reference to a union depot in connection with the bridge are most elaborate. There are two plans, one calls for a magnificent passenger station on Independence avenue.

All passenger trains, whether entering the city from the bridge or from either of the belt lines or other roads on the south side of the river, would back into the Union Depot. The tracks from the depot would pass 20 feet beneath the street-car line on Fifth stret, thus avoiding a grade crossing.

BURKLEY DIVORCE SUIT—Frederick Burkley alleges in his suit for divorce, filed Thursday, that his wife, Lillian, to whom he was married December 2, 1896, left him December 18, 1899, and on March 25, 1900, went to Shelbyville, Mo., and has remained there since.

CLASH BETWEEN CHINESE AND ALLIES APPEARS IMMINENT.

Emperor Kwang Su and General Liu Ignore Li Hung Chang's Request to Withdraw Troops From the Border.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Pekin, April 18.—Li Hung Chang has telegraphed Emperor Kwang Su and the Governor of the Province of Shansi, recommending the withdrawal of the Chinese troops from the border, but General Liu, if his boasting means anything, will remain to fight the German and French troops sent to oppose his advance.

The foreign Ministers, at a meeting Wednesday, approved the main features of the report of the Generals mentioned in previous dispatches, providing for the razing of the Chinese forts between Pekin and the sea, the establishment of military posts at certain points, and the gradual evacuation of China by the allied troops.

It is probable that the evacuation will begin by the foreign troops leaving Pao-Ting-Fu, provided there is no collision between the Chinese troops and the French and Germans during the march of the present expedition.

Several Belgian Catholic missionaries and native converts, having secured rifles and ammunition here, have returned to Mongolia to stengthen the fortifications there against a threatened attack.

This action was necessary unless the missionaries decided to abandon their property there and give up their work of making converts. Mongolia, like Shansi is still very unsafe for foreigners.

M. Pokotiloft, the head of the Russian bank in China, writes that a capable agent from the East is going to St. Petersburg, where his advice is needed in regard to the Manchurian convention.

At the last meeting of the Ministers, M. De Giers, the Russian representative, spoke in favor of harsh treatment of the Chinese. He had previously been in favor of treating the offenders with lenity. To some people this proved the folly of China in rejecting the Russian overtures.

NO REASON FOR THE ADVANCE.

BY STEPHEN BONSAL.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Pekin, April 17, 9:20 p. m.—(Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Company.)—General Loessel, commanding the German troops in China, started Wednesday morning for Pao-Ting-Fu with 1,000 additional men. He was accompanied by the French commander, General Bailloud. The Franco-German forces available for the expedition number 8,000 men.

The greatest secrecy is maintained as to the object of these military preparations, but I am confirmed in the belief that it is proposed to take possession of another of the Ansoling passes into Shan-Si, where Chinese troops are reported. Members of the diplomatic corps without exception are mystified and manifest considerable apprehension at this revival of military activity.

There is apparently no military or political reason for this advance.

SARGENT BLAMES OUR ANCESTORS.

Athletes Hurt Each Other Because Their Ancestors Were Barbarians.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 18.—One hundred and fifty men and women interested in physical culture and education were present Thursday at the twelfth annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Physical Culture, held in the hall of the Board of Education, Fifty-ninth street and Park avenue. The delegates represent colleges and schools from Maine to California.

Doctor Dudley Allen Sargent said: "I believe that lawn tennis, bicycling and golf have done more to win women away from tight clothing than the last century's endless lecturing and writing. Football and other such vigorous games have done much to offset over-refinement and excessive sentimentality."

Doctor Sargent deprecated the spirit which prompts the baseball player to "spike" his opponent or the football player willfully to injure a member of an opposing team. He said such manifestations are simply outcroppings of the barbaric conditions of ancestors.

After Doctor Sargent finished a permanent organization was formed by electing Doctor Luther Gulick of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, chairman, and Doctor James C. Babbitt of Haverford College secretary.

IF SHE IS RIGHT CONGRESS MUST ACT.

Case of Mrs. Dodge, Accused of Smuggling Diamonds, Again in Court.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 18.—Arguments in the action brought by the Government against Mrs. Phyllis E. Dodge for the forfeiture of jewelry valued at $64,000, which she is alleged to have smuggled into this country in July of 1895, were heard Thursday in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, on appeal from the verdict rendered by a jury last July before Judge Brown, in which the forfeiture proceedings were defeated.

This case has assumed such proportions that its settlement involves a construction of the law governing smuggling, and if the contentions of the claimant be correct will mean almost a revolution in the matter of declaration of dutiable goods, and will necessitate a revision by Congress of the statutes governing such matters.

Decision was reserved.

At the jury trial Mrs. Dodge's counsel held that she was justified in thinking she should make her declaration at any time before leaving the pier, and also raised the point involving what is familiarly known as the "one hundred-dollar clause."

In combating this Thursday General Burnett, United States District Attorney, had this to say:

"If the Government is wrong in its contention, a revision of the entire subject by Congress will be necessitated."

WILL MAKE TRIP TO TEXAS.

Forty Members of Business Men's League to Join Excursion.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Business Men's League Thursday afternoon J. B. Desnoyers reported that more than forty members of the league will accompany the excursion to Texas in May.

P. Taylor Bryan, counsel for the league, gave an opinion on the foreign corporation law which was passed by the Legislature of Indiana last month. The opinion sets forth in detail which corporations outside the State could do business in Indiana under the law. A copy of the opinion will be transmitted to all members who are interested. The next quarterly meeting of the league, which will be held in May, will take up the subject of smoke abatement. Among those present were:

C. P. Walbridge, Nathan Frank, Edward Devoy, George W. Brown, J. F. Coyle, J. B. Desnoyers, C. B. Smith, George Adam Roth, J. J. Schotten, H. A. Diamant, Murray Carleton, P. Taylor Bryan, W. H. Woodward, C. H. Huttig, C. F. Blanke, C. F. Wenneker, O. L. Whitelaw and James Cox.

TO BUILD NEW STEEL WORKS.

Immense Forging Plant Planned by H. C. Frick and Others.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Camden, N. J., April 18.—Congressman Loudenslager Thursday confirmed the rumor that an immense steel forging plant was to be built at Billingsport, N. J., along the Delaware River. The works are to be among the largest in the United States, the cost of construction running up into the millions.

The projectors include H. C. Frick, the Pittsburg steel magnate; A. W. Mellon, also of Pittsburg; Henry G. Morse, president of the New York Shipbuilding Company; John A. Potter and others, with unlimited capital at their command.

MARKED CHANGE AT CITY HALL.

Visitors at the Municipal Building Cordially and Frankly Received by New Officials.

Mayor Wells and the new municipal officials are rapidly becoming accustomed to their duties, and affairs are beginning to move smoothly in the City Hall. The new administration not only has readily learned its functions, but has instilled an emphatically changed and improved atmosphere.

The office of the Mayor presents a great change. City officials who disdained to visit ex-Mayor Ziegenhein, because of the crowd of ward politicians assembled there, now call daily on Mayor Wells to discuss matters of importance. Business men and citizens, preassured of a private interview with Mayor Wells, do not stay away, as formerly. Mayor Wells is kept busy from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mayor Wells has not yet decided when the first session of his cabinet will be held, but he hopes to summon the officials in the near future and to explain to them his intention of conducting a cabinet administration. These sessions will be held at stated intervals and the officials will discuss with the Mayor all matters of importance relating to the various departments. This course will enable him to maintain a close sympathy with every department.

President Phillips of the Board of Public Improvements will officiate for the first time Friday morning at the meeting of the board. It is probable that he will present the appointment of Waller Edwards as secretary for approval. The World's Fair park ordinance may come up for reading. Mr. Phillips is mastering the routine of his office and informing himself on forthcoming business.

The only appointments approved Thursday by Mayor Wells were those submitted by Marshal Scullin. All the new subordinate employes in the various offices will not be on duty before June 1, but the change will be virtually complete by that date.

Marshal James Scullin has appointed all his deputies, and they have veen approved by the Mayor.

Isaac Conran will be Chief Deputy at the Four Courts, and John McDermott will be the Chief Deputy at the Dayton Street Police Court. Joseph E. O'Connor is keeper of the dog pound. The other deputies are: John J. Rogers, John J. Moynahan, Ed J. Ratchford, Michael Hardy, Ed Flannery, James Farley, Leon Lueders, John T. Kiely, John Seifert, James Jackson, Edward Woodson and Josh G. Barnett.

Conran was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Marshal, but withdrew in favor of Mr. Scullin. There is said to have been some misunderstanding between Mr. Scullin and the Democratic bosses, who wanted to have a hand in the selection of his deputies. He made the selections to suit himself.

MADE A TARGET OF A FLAG.

S. W. Gill Becomes Unduly Excited Over Election.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carbondale, Ill., April 17.—S. W. Gill, a prominent merchant of Murphysboro and well known in this section of the State, while intensely excited as a result of the recent municipal campaign and election armed himself with a Winchester rifle and attempted to shoot the flag from the dome of the Courthouse. Several shots struck the clock in the dome, doing some damage.

For a time attempts to disarm him proved of no avail. Finally Sheriff Fox, a relative, succeeded in quieting him and taking him to his home.

ASPIRANTS FOR CONGRESS.

Politicians in Sixteenth District Discuss Candidates.

Politicians in the new Sixteenth Congressional District are beginning to feel around for footholds. The district, which is composed of the counties of Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Shannon, Dent, Pulaski, Phelps, Maries and Crawford, has plenty of eligible timber in the Democratic ranks. As it is likely to be reliably Democratic, it hardly makes much difference whom the Republicans nominate.

Among the Democrats who are mentioned as aspirants for the nomination are former State Senator J. B. Harrison of