

BY-LAWS OF EXPOSITION COMPANY TO BE CHANGED.

Special Meeting Called for the Purpose—Scope of the Committee on Manufactures and Machinery Deemed Too Large and It Will Be Divided—Suggestions for Permanent Features—Architects' Commission to Meet Next Monday—Competitive Plan Not Favored.

MUCH DELIBERATION ON SELECTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL.

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company yesterday afternoon called a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the Noonday Club Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

It was announced that the board was called together to consider certain changes in the by-laws of the company, originally among which was the dividing of the Committee on Manufactures and Machinery.

From the first it has been considered that the scope of this committee was too comprehensive to be handled by a single committee.

It is probable that the work of the committee will be divided into two specific departments, namely, a department of liberal arts and a department of machinery and manufactures.

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At this point the Republic artist finished his quick sketch of the gentle-voiced lady, who sat talking so interestingly that she did not know a picture of herself was in progress.

"How good that is!" she exclaimed. "You have caught the likeness well. I sketch myself in my own studio and I am sure that it is one of our pleasures when traveling—doing heads or full-length impressions of persons, umbrellas, and all the way from memory. My camera, too, is a great delight."

Then Mr. Buchanan, who had been giving thoughts to baggage, rushed up laden with large boxes of discoloring and pressed which she had prepared as a last delicate attention, and with his wife's dust cloak hung over his arm.

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change was that the plans of the committee were not ready for submission to the commission. This information was imparted to Chairman Taylor over the long-distance telephone by Cass Gilbert, in whose office in New York the plans are being drawn.

Chairman Taylor, immediately after his conference with Cass Gilbert, wired all the out-of-town members of the commission, as well as the advisers, apprising them of the change.

The Executive Board of the Missouri World Fair called a meeting yesterday holding a number of conferences. One was with the Historical Committee at the rooms of the Southern Historical Society, No. 199 Lucas place. Another was with Isaac S. Taylor.

At the rooms of the Historical Society, Chairman Chouteau of the Historical Commission showed the Commissioners the interesting historical material which it is proposed to present in the museum under discussion.

The members of the Executive Board also conferred with Chairman Taylor as to the selection of an architect to plan the Missouri buildings. It is likely that a separate firm will be selected for each of the buildings proposed.

Several of the members of the board at first favored calling for competitive designs, but the idea has now practically been abandoned as being wasteful of time and likely to be barren of results.

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WAITS AT HOSPITAL DOOR WHILE OLD FRIEND DIES.

Mlle. LaFranchi Cannot Be Admitted to Ward Where Aged Professor Jules Bellin, Stricken With Heart Prostration, Is Under Treatment—They Have Seen Each Other Every Day Since 1866.



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ST. LOUIS WOMEN VICTIMS OF A SUPPOSED SWINDLE.

William McGrain, Under Arrest at Clayton, Suspected of Being the Author of Alleged Misleading Advertisements Calling for a Traveling Companion for His Daughter—Letters Which Fell Into Hands of William Magrane, a Horseman, Led to Investigation and Arrest.

Because he received about two dozen letters from various women of St. Louis, threatening money with arrest unless he returned, McGrain was arrested at Clayton, Mo., and taken to St. Louis.

McGrain was arrested yesterday afternoon by Special Officer Jack Hanson and taken to Clayton last night about 6 o'clock. There was a warrant issued against him by Justice of the Peace I. W. Campbell charging him with being a fugitive from justice, and he was locked up by Sheriff Hencken to await preliminary hearing this morning at 10 o'clock.

Although Mr. Magrane, the horseman, who lives at Sixty-sixth street and the Olive Street road, received a number of letters that caused him a great deal of perplexity, the one that he received by special delivery on June 29 was what impelled him to appeal to the police. It read as follows:

McGrain: Your conduct last evening and your evident desire to avoid me to-day have confirmed my unwilling distrust of you. Facts as you have given me, and which have been previously brought to me, and I am thankful that I have found you out in time. If you do not return to me under false pretenses, I shall have to report the matter to the police and have you arrested at once, whole matter explained.

LAURA HAMILTON. No. 3877 Washington boulevard. All of the letters that McGrain received were turned over to Detective Rice of the Mounted District and he was working on the case. Yesterday afternoon they tried to arrest McGrain at his home, but he had fled, but Mr. Hanson was more successful.

FASHIONABLY DRESSED, BUT HAD NO MONEY. When taken to Clayton McGrain was rufly and declined to give bond. He was dressed fashionably, but did not have a cent in his pocket. After being locked up he sent for John Ryan, a saloonkeeper at Sixth street and Franklin avenue.

Mrs. Hamilton was not at No. 3877 Washington boulevard, but she was a public reporter called. Together with her daughter, she had gone to New York City to visit her daughter, Ethel Hamilton, who is shortly to make her debut on the stage. Her former landlady, Mrs. Eudora Leonard, said that Mrs. Hamilton had gone to New York to try and forget her experience with McGrain as much as anything else.

TELLS ACCEPTING OFFER. "Mrs. Hamilton has accepted the position with an insurance company in the Commercial building, which she resigned. He asked her for money to bet on the races for her, and she gave him \$10. Then he gave up good position.

REPORTS INDICATE ALMOST TOTAL FAILURE OF RUSSIAN WHEAT CROP. Washington, July 23.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the United States Department of Agriculture, dated July 21, states that a temperature of 100 degrees was reached that day in Odessa, and that phenomenal heat was prevailing through all of Northern Russia.

A cablegram to the department from London, dated July 23, mentioned reports that the crops in Russia are nearly a total failure, adding that in the districts of Minusinsk and Krasnoyarsk almost the entire growth of cereals had perished as the result of a two-months drought, and that in the trans-Baikal country the condition of the crops was almost equally bad.

The same dispatch mentions seven of the twelve districts in which the crops are a total failure, in the eastern part of European Russia, stating that in those districts the condition of affairs is almost as deplorable as in the Siberian districts named above. It shades trees were prostrated, many roads were impassable, and the entire wheat harvest was in jeopardy.

NEBRASKA. Lincoln, Neb., July 23.—Showers visited the east central part of Nebraska this evening, but were of no great benefit, and none at all in the sections most sorely drought-afflicted. The precipitation at Grand Island was nearly a third of an inch, and at other points it was from a sprinkling in the towns of Alma, Franklin, Trenton, Hastings and Aurora. In the State crop bulletin, issued to-day, it is admitted that the late season has been a very dry one, and late planted in great danger.

INTENSE HEAT IN MADRID. Parliament Has to Adjourn Owing to High Temperature. London, July 24.—"The shade temperature in Madrid to-day (Tuesday), was 108 degrees Fahrenheit," says a dispatch to the Daily Express. In the Spanish Capital the heat was so oppressive that the Parliament had to be closed hastily. In Seville, Cordova, and Cadiz the shade temperature was 125 degrees.

REQUISITION FOR KROEGER. Alleged Embezzler to Be Brought Back From Mexico. A special dispatch to The Republic from Washington, D. C., says: The United States government has issued a requisition papers to Governor Dockery of Missouri to secure the return from Mexico, under the name of Ernest W. Kroeger, a man charged with embezzling \$5,000 from his employers in St. Louis.

SEVEN COMMISSIONERS NAMED.

Honorary Members of Arkansas World's Fair Board.

A special dispatch to The Republic from Little Rock, Ark., says: The following additional honorary World's Fair Commissioners were named by Governor David Augustus Straus, Hot Springs; Mayor George R. Belding, Hot Springs; C. T. Cooley, Hot Springs; S. K. Waldron, Hot Springs; E. W. Woonble, Star City; R. A. Crump, Sebastian County; and John F. Williams, Sebastian County.

ALICE NEILSEN'S PLANS. She Will Make Her Debut in Grand Opera Next Season.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. London, July 24.—Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Company.—Yesterday finally disposed of the future plans of Miss Alice Neilsen, who, since the close of the season of "The Fortune Teller" at the Shaftsbury, has been besieged with lucrative offers both in London and New York.

Instead of entertaining any of these propositions, Miss Neilsen has decided to go at once to Lake Maggiore with her future manager, Mr. Russell, and there devote the next two months to close study of music under Signor Aosti, in order to fit herself for a debut in grand opera next season.

Senator Burton's Trip. Supposed to Be Looking for Territory Oil Leases.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Muscogee, I. T., July 23.—J. Ralph Burton, United States Senator from Kansas, arrived at Muskogee, Okla., yesterday at the head of a gigantic syndicate composed principally of Government officials, who are leasing large tracts of oil and mineral lands in the Indian Territory.

The Secretary of the Interior, it is reported here, has instructed the Indian office at Washington to approve all land and mineral leases granted by the Indians to the Muskogee Oil and Gas Company.

Funeral of David Block. Services Will Be Conducted by Occidental Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

The funeral services of David Block, who died yesterday morning at his home, No. 2836 West Pine boulevard, will be held this morning at 10 o'clock at the Occidental Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which Mr. Block was a member.

Captain Keiser Very Ill. Prominent Steamboatman Ailing at Penatang, Canada.

Captain John Finkey Keiser of No. 3504 Washington avenue, an old and well-known citizen of St. Louis, is seriously ill with gastritis at the Penatangue Hotel, Penatang, Canada.

Steel Strike in Court. Trust Will Ask Legal Aid in Running Its Mills.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 23.—It is asserted tonight, on good authority, that papers are being prepared by Percifer F. Smith, the district manager of the United States Superior Court to-morrow for the purpose of securing an injunction against the steel trust to prevent them from interfering in any way with the operation of the company's plants, wherever situated.

ORDER OF B.N.I. BRITH. Kansas City Chosen for the Meeting Next Year.

Denver, Colo., July 23.—The convention of the Grand Lodge of District No. 2 of the Independent Order of B.N.I. Brith ended this afternoon with the selection of Kansas City and the choice of Kansas City as the place for the next meeting.

BOERS BURN SUPPLY TRAIN AND DEFEAT THE BRITISH.

Lord Kitchener Reports Two Reverses for the British Forces in South Africa—Supply Train Burned and Crabbe's Force of Three Hundred Men Forced to Retreat.

London, July 23.—The British War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, July 23: "A train from Cape Town with 113 men, details and stores, was held up, captured and burned at Secopers, eight miles north of Beaufort West, on the morning of July 21. Our casualties were three killed and eighteen wounded. An inquiry is proceeding."

Crabbe Forced to Retreat. "Crabbe's force of 300 men, was attacked in the mountains near Cradock by Kritzinger, at dawn, July 21. "The horses stampeded. An all-day fight followed. "Crabbe fell back on Mortimer. Our loss was slight."

TWO KILLED AND FOUR INJURED. Disastrous Result of Head-on Collision Between Missouri Pacific Freight Trains.

A special dispatch to The Republic yesterday from New Haven, Mo., stating that a head-on collision occurred between two freight trains on the Missouri Pacific Railway at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning, six miles west of New Haven, and midway between Etiah and Berger, about seventy-three miles from St. Louis.

On the eastbound train, the engineer, James C. Hogan of No. 113 Hickory street, St. Louis, and a negro train were killed; Fireman John Smith of No. 915 Curly avenue, Chicago; Brakeman A. H. Donnelly of St. Louis; and a stockman received serious injuries. Brakeman W. M. Johnson of the westbound train, who lives at Pleasant Mount, Mo., had both legs broken.

On the eastbound train, the crew of the westbound train mistaking the orders and pulling out from Etiah instead of taking the siding. The trains were both wrecked, and the crew of the westbound train, through freight and passenger cars, were killed or injured. The engineer and fireman of both trains reversed their engines and jumped for their lives. Engineer Hogan seemed to have been killed, and his fireman, John Smith, pushed him from the cab. As he struck the ground one of the cars rolled from the track upon him, crushing him to death.

LEMONADE CAUSED STRIKE. Men Refused to Work Because the Supply Was Shut Off.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Pittsburg, Pa., July 23.—Because the George A. Fuller company would not furnish them with lemonade instead of water, fifty carpenters and others employed on the new \$2,000,000 twenty-two-story Frick office building struck work. The company furnished filtered water in which oatmeal was placed. The meal prevented cramps in the men, but it was not lemonade as they wanted. Each was to get "chip in" 10 cents a week.

OPPRESSIVE DAY IN KANSAS. Kansas to-day has been an oppressive day, but to one Illinois man it was a day of death. A death from heat occurred in Abilene, and prostrations in Leavenworth, Emporia, Atchison, Geary City, Topeka, and some of the smaller towns.

MUST FIGHT IT OUT. Boer General Reported to Have Abandoned Hope. Cape Town, July 23.—It is reported that General Delany has informed the Klerks command that there is no longer any chance of European intervention and that they must fight the war to the bitter end and entirely on their own account.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR TEXAS SYNDICATE. Minority Stockholders Allege That They Are Being Deprived of Their Rights.

Fort Worth, Tex., July 23.—The Capital Free Hold Land and Investment Company, better known as the "Capital Syndicate Company," whose property is estimated to be valued at between \$6,000,000 and \$10,000,000, has passed into the hands of receivers.

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INTEREST IN REALTY MATTERS. Lot on Fairmount Avenue Brings Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars.

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Dark Hair. We mean all that rich, dark color your hair used to have. If it's gray now, no matter; for Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair. And often it makes the hair grow very heavy.

Naturally I expected it to be warm," she said.