HOUSE COMBINE'S OPPONENTS WIN.

Speaker Cronin Appoints a Committee to Confer With the Council on Garbage Bill.

WARM DEBATE ON SUBJECT.

Indications Are That the House Committee Will Be Instructed to Recede From Seven Years' Contract.

Debate over the garbage-reduction contract bill was precipitated in the House of Delegates last night by Mr. Reiss, whose motion for recedence from amendments rejected by the City Council caused an uproar from the combine. Mr. Kelly posed as defender of the combine and indulged in an oratorical outburst.

On motion of Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Meysenburg, the Council adopted the report of the Committee on Sanitary Affairs, recommending nonconcurrence in the House amendments. On Mr. Markham's motion, the amendments were read and rejected collectively.

The reading of the Council message conveying this information was delayed in the House until the last minute. Clerk Judge had scarcely finished reading the communication when Mrs. Reiss moved that the House recede from all amendments. Messrs. Windmueller and Karbe immediately supported the motion.

Meantime Messrs. Kelly, Sweeney, Faulkner, Burke and other members of the combine stood near their seats ready to offer substitute motions or objections. Mr. Sweeney moved that a conference committee be requested and that the House representatives be instructed to urge adoption of the amendments.

"I move," said Mr. Kinney, "that 100 copies of the Council amendments be printed."

"Sit down!" exclaimed Speaker Cronin; "there ain't no Council amendments."

Mr. Burke was recognized in the tumult and moved that the House insist on the amendments and request a conference committee.

In a timed speech Mr. Kelly followed Mr. Sweeney and defended the combine, saying the House has no disposition to resort to dilatory tactics. Some Councilmen, he said, had informed him that some of the amendments might be good. He argued for a conference committee.

Mr. Reiss moved that the House recede from its amendment for a seven years' contract and that it state a preference for a three years' contract.

All Delegates present voted aye, except Messrs. Klute and Windmueller. Mr. Murrell was absent. Speaker Cronin declared a motion to adjourn in order, but when Mr. Sweeney asked for the appointment of the Conference Committee, the Speaker finally appointed Burke, Gazzolo and Faulkner.

The House adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock this morning, at which time the Council will also convene.

Information emanating from the combine indicates that the House committee will be instructed to recede from the proposition for a seven years' contract and urge a five years' contract. The Council is expected to remain firm for a three years' contract. It is thought that the five-year idea is to be advanced in order to cause delay.

AMERICANS AS FIGHTERS.

Colombia Securing Officers to Man Her Warships.

New York, Aug. 20.—The Government of Colombia is engaging American seamen as officers in its navy. On board the steamship Finance, which has just sailed for Colon, were Joseph Merritt and John Grundal, who have been engaged as first and second officers, respectively, the Times will say to-morrow. They will be assigned to duty on the gunboat General Pinson, which was formerly James Gordon Bennett's steam yacht Namouna, and recently purchased in England for $400,000.

The British officers refused to serve on her after they delivered the yacht at Panama. Then General Carlos Alban, Governor of the Department of Panama, commissioned Captain Sukefort of the steamship Advance to secure Americans capable of filling the places.

BOY STONED TO DEATH.

Four Children Arrested Charged With the Crime.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kokomo, Ind., Aug. 20.—Four Kokomo boys, Roy and Lester McVeta and Ray and Freddie Marvin, all in knickerbockers, ranging in age from 6 to 10 years, were arrested to-day for stoning another boy, Eddie McKee, to death. The children were playing on the railroad when the McKee boy, who was older, came along and a fight followed. McKee, whom the boys accuse of being the bully of the neighborhood, was pelted with stones. He died shortly afterward from his injuries and his youthful assailants are held on the charge of murder.

St. Louisans in New York.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Aug. 20.—Among the arrivals at the hotels here to-day were the following: St. Louis—J. Ramsey, Jr., Mrs. R. Atkinson, R. L. Atkinson, W. S. Gemp and Mrs. Gemp, Miss Gemp, Mrs. Kouta, Holland; W. Forman and Mrs. Forman, G. W. Hellmuth, F. E. Newberry, E. Richards, R. C. Kerens, C. P. Stanley and Mrs. Stanley, Miss Stanley, G. Stanley, E. W. Brooks, J. W. Nute, Waldorf; C. P. Ellerbe, Miss L. M. Kilburn, Hoffman; C. D. Compel, A. Nan Wormer, Astor; R. A. Mills, J. E. Pilcher, Westminster; W. P. Harpold, E. Wechel and Mrs. Wechel, Grand Union; E. Hattensauer, G. S. Holloway, Earlington; W. F. Bolte and Mrs. Bolte, L. Gelzhuesen and Mrs. Gelzhuesen, Cosmopolitan; Miss J. Baun, Miss B. Gratiot, Continental; A. H. Lewis, Fifth Avenue; A. Thayer, Marlborough; J. T. Pickett and Mrs. Pickett, Broadway Central; B. C. Sanford, Ashland; J. F. Lynn and Mrs. Lynn, Imperial; A. C. Murray and Mrs. Murray, Raleigh; E. M. Read, Manhattan; G. Strode and Mrs. Strode, Gilsey; A. L. Potter, Herald Square; J. J. G. Walker, Vendome; L. Gardner, Broadway Central; T. W. Garland, Gerard; L. A. Hardy and Mrs. Hardy, Navarre.

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DELEGATES FAVOR CONDUIT EXTENSION.

Resolution Introduced by Mr. Kinney Is Adopted—To Be Sent to Council for Approval.

DELEGATE KINNEY'S MAIDEN EFFORT AT ORATORY.

After his resolution providing for the conduit system had been adopted Mr. Kinney addressed the House on the necessity of working for the New St. Louis, and especially in regard to New St. Louis legislation.

"The New St. Louis is sure to come," he said. "It seems to me that we should think about ordinary people and make good laws for their benefit. We're here to think for the people and make good laws for them. We're thinking for the ordinary people.

"This resolution is for the New St. Louis. It's a resolution for legislation for the benefit of ordinary people. It's for the New St. Louis. We want the wires buried. Seems to me the City Council ought to pay some attention to this resolution. The Councilmen are not too good to help make legislation for ordinary people."

Extension of conduit lines and establishment of conditions for placing wires and cables underground are the substance of a resolution offered by Mr. Kinney last night and adopted by the House of Delegates.

The new boundaries defined in the resolution are the river, Arsenal street, St. Louis avenue, Union and Macklind avenues. Mr. Kinney's object is to provide legislation prescribing conditions for the burial of cables and wires in this district.

The resolution must be accepted by the City Council to become effective. Subsequently a committee is to be appointed, consisting of three Councilmen and three Delegates, to make a thorough study of the problem and report conclusions, accompanied by a bill.

For several months the Special Committee on Lighting of the Board of Public Improvements has had under consideration the subject of extension of conduit limits, but no report has been submitted to the board. Necessity of examining into ordinances covering the subject, and desire to guard against errors, has consumed much time.

Yesterday morning property owners appeared before the board and objected to the application of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Carondelet to erect poles on the north side of Olive street between Jefferson avenue and King's highway boulevard. The application and remonstrances were referred to the Special Committee on Lighting.

The board rejected the petition of the St. Louis Transit Company for permission to erect trolley poles on Pine street from Twelfth street to Twenty-first street. Under the Central Traction ordinance, the Central Traction Company obtained right-of-way on Pine street on condition that the cars be operated by an underground trolley system. The board followed the advice of City Counselor Schnurmacher in refusing the application. It is thought that the St. Louis Transit Company will take the matter to court.

Members of the board are almost unanimous in the opinion that the present boundaries of the underground district should be extended. In his last message Mayor Wells urged legislation to make burial of charged wires compulsory. The general opinion is, however, that the Board of Public Improvements is most competent to take initiative steps.

IN RUNAWAY CAR ON PIKE'S PEAK.

Thrilling Experience of Post Office Auditor Fox of St. Louis and His Wife.

A special dispatch to The Republic from Denver, Colo., states that E. P. Fox, Auditor of Post Office Stations in St. Louis, who lives at No. 2252 Park avenue, and Mrs. Fox had a nerve-shattering experience on board a car of the Pike's Peak Railway which became uncoupled while ascending the mountain on Sunday, and raced down around the cliffs and precipices at a terrific speed.

The car was crowded, and all escaped injury saved one man, who leaped through a window in his excitement.

Describing the accident to a Republic correspondent at Denver, Mr. Fox said:

"It was a very high grade, and we were looking out at the windows, when suddenly we saw the engine shoot ahead of us. A pin had slipped. The conductor rushed for the brake. The car seemed to be going like the wind. We gazed out of the window, dumb with horror. Down, down, around rocks and precipices, dashed the car, still holding the rails. I expected momentarily to be dashed to atoms. I'm not a coward. I merely thought of what was going to happen. My wife clutched my arm and I glanced at the other passengers.

"Never will I forget that scene. Every face was as white as paper. One man trembling with fright jumped through a window of the car. The rest of us hesitated—and then there came the jar—the engine and cars had collided. We held our breath, prepared for our fate and the next minute we all took a deep breath of fresh air just to make sure we were still alive. The brake had righted itself partially and the car stopped. The only person hurt was the man who jumped."

Mr. Fox is visiting his son-in-law, George Ellsworth, ticket agent at the Union Depot for the Pullman company at Denver.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE.

Professor Ankeney and Mrs. Lucy G. Tindall Will Wed Soon.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., Aug. 20.—John S. Ankeney, the newly elected professor of free-hand drawing in the State University, and Mrs. Lucy G. Tindall of Columbia, will be married in this city some time about the first of October.

Professor Ankeney is at present filling the chair of free-hand drawing in the Kansas City High School. Mrs. Tindall is of one of Boone County's oldest and best families, and is Governor Dockery's private secretary.

ILLINOISANS WED IN MISSOURI.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mexico, Mo., Aug. 20.—James Kenner and Miss Effie Kellion of Petersburg, Ill., were married in this city last night. They returned to Illinois this afternoon, and will live in Springfield.

PEPPERKORN—CROCKER.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carlyle, Ill., Aug. 20.—Fred Pepperkorn and Miss Belle Crocker were married last night.

HOUCK—BUNN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 20.—Miss Virginia Bunn, daughter of Chief Justice Bunn of the Arkansas Supreme Court, and Jesse French Houck of Memphis, were married this afternoon by the Reverend S. G. Miller of the First Presbyterian Church. The couple left for Lookout Mountain, Tenn., to spend their honeymoon.

JONES—BROWN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fort Smith, Ark., Aug. 20.—Miss Onis Brown of this city and Robert M. Jones were married here this morning by the Reverend George McGlumphy, at the home of the bride's parents. The bride is an accomplished elocutionist and reader. Mr. Jones is a young business man of Muscogee, I. T., where they will reside.

DEJARNETT—ARNOLD.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Butler, Mo., Aug. 20.—William Dejarnett, a prominent merchant of Rich Hill, and Miss May Arnold were married here today.

HOUSE PASSES IMPROVEMENT BILLS.

Fender Ordinance Bill Still Pigeonholed — Smoke Abatement Measure Signed.

The House of Delegates passed several public improvement bills last night. Many bills, however, are still in committee pigeonholes, notably the fender bill, which Chairman Howard of the Committee on Railroads promised to report favorably last night.

The smoke abatement bill was signed by Vice President Boyce of the City Council and Speaker Cronin of the House of Delegates. The following bills were passed: Appropriating $15,000 for completion of the Waterworks electric light and power plant; providing for renovation of the new home of Engine Company, No. 6; appropriating money to pay damages incurred in the opening of Euclid avenue, between St. Louis avenue and Natural Bridge road, and St. Louis avenue between Euclid and Belt avenues.

The bill creating the office of Assistant Superintendent of the Insane Asylum bobbed up. Clerk Judge read it and Speaker Cronin signed it. The bill had been passed by both houses, but mysteriously disappeared in the House prior to the last meeting. The bill appropriating $256 for the relief of Doctor W. L. Wichman, whose buggy was demolished by a hose reel, was killed.

Although the House is holding up important bills, Delegate Kelly visited the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon and asked Mr. Markham to rush through the bill appropriating $25,000 for reconstruction of the Chouteau avenue viaduct over the Frisco tracks. Councilmen who overheard Mr. Kelly's conversation expressed surprise that Mr. Kelly was not displaying as much interest in bills that are being delayed in the House. "Street Commissioner Varrelmann is anxious to have this bill passed," said Mr. Kelly. "Well, if you can pass it, we can," Mr. Markham replied.

MRS. WEISS'S CUP OF SORROW.

Three Deaths in Her Family in Three Months.

William Weiss is the name of the man who was found floating down the river Sunday night near Cliff Cave, south of Jefferson Barracks. The body, which was interred Monday in a cemetery near by, was exhumed yesterday, and identified by the man's wife, Mrs. Annie Weiss, who lives at No. 1431 South Second street.

Weiss left his home at noon Saturday, and when he did not return that night his wife reported his disappearance to the police. She was much exercised over his disappearance, as she could not assign any cause for his peculiar action.

Sunday morning a hat was found on the river bank at the foot of Stein street and taken to the Carondelet Police Station. Mrs. Weiss identified the hat as the one worn by her husband when he left home. When the body of the unidentified man was found Monday night at the foot of Catalan street, Mrs. Weiss hurried to the morgue, thinking it might be her husband. From the description of the body found, she said it was not her husband.

While at the morgue Mrs. Weiss was informed by Assistant Superintendent Graham that an unidentified man had been found in St. Louis County and from the description given she was almost positive it was her husband. She went to Cliff Cave yesterday morning, and was informed that the body had been buried. At her request, it was exhumed and identified. The body will be removed to a cemetery in St. Louis.

Mrs. Weiss has endured her share of sorrow in the last three months. Her mother died in May, and shortly after she was buried, her sister, Mrs. Mathilda Stuil, died. Three days later Thomas Stuil, 14 years old, a nephew, lost his mind. Scarcely had she recovered from her bereavement when her husband disappeared and was drowned.

Weiss was 59 years old. He had been employed as a private watchman, but owing to ill health had not worked for several months.

TEXAS GOVERNORSHIP.

Several Candidates Announced, With More in Prospect.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 20.—Political circles in Dallas, and, for that matter, all over Texas were keenly excited to-day by the official announcement of Congressman Lanham that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor next year. Congressman Lanham sent word by wire from Weatherford to numerous friends in Texas's political centers of his final decision.

Last week former State Attorney General M. M. Crane of Dallas, in a letter to a friend in Hillsboro, announced his intention to run for the Democratic nomination for Governor. This set the ball to rolling and all the candidates are expected to hurry with their announcements now to get in on the "ground floor" before the voters line up for next spring's primaries.

The candidates who aare expected to be in the race, in addition to Lanham and Crane, are: James B. Wells of Brownsville, chairman of the State Democratic Committee; Tom M. Campbell of Palestine, already informally announced, and having the friendship of former Governor Hogg; the present State Attorney General, and former Congressman, Charles K. Bell of Fort Worth; R. E. Prince, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, of Corsicana, and J. W. Blake, a national banker of Sherman and former chairman of the State Democratic Committee. The indications point to the hottest campaign since the Hogg-Clark fight of 1892.

HASTENED THEIR NUPTIALS.

J. T. R. McKain and Miss Sophia Tenner to Wed To-Day.

Although their wedding had been announced for the latter part of this week, John Thomas Riley McKain, superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Belleville, and Miss Sophia Caroleen Tenner, the handsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tenner of No. 315 North High street, Belleville, decided yesterday afternoon to get married and journeyed to St. Louis for that purpose.

Mr. McKain and his bride elect surprised Marriage License Clerk Filley yesterday afternoon. Mr. McKain gave his name as John T. McKain. "Oh, give him your full name, John," the lady said. Clerk Filley wrote John Thomas McKain. "Give your family name, too, John," she said. "Oh, that's enough," he answered. Miss Tenner insisted, however, and Mr. Filley reached for another license and wrote John Thomas Riley McKain.

Friends of the young couple in Belleville were greatly surprised when told they were to wed. There were no objections to the match, but Mr. and Mrs. Tenner said they would prefer to have the wedding take place at home. The ceremony will take place this morning in St. Mary's Church, Third and Gratiot streets, this city.

PLOW TRUST SUED.

Original Promoter Says He Was Left Out of the Deal.

New York, Aug. 20.—Papers were filed in the County Clerk's office to-day in a suit by Fred M. Pease of Chicago against Charles R. Flint, Joseph S. Auerbach, George W. Young, about thirty plow companies and the American Plow Company for an accounting of the profits arising from the formation of the American Plow Company, which is the name of a combination of plow interests.

In addition to this an injunction is asked to prevent any of the defendants from continuing any proceedings they have begun toward the actual work of the formation of the company.

Mr. Pease claims that he, in 1897, conceived the idea of such a combination and talked it over with Young, Auerbach and Flint, but when the company was formed he (Pease) was not consulted.

KENTUCKY ROAD SOLID.

Frankfort and Cincinnati Line to Be Extended Into Coal Belt.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 20.—Superintendent George B. Harper of the Frankfort and Cincinnati Railroad Company confirms the rumor current for several days that that road has been sold to a party of Eastern capitalists, who propose to extend it to the coal fields of Eastern Kentucky. Charles E. Lewis of New York has been here closing the deal. It is unofficially stated that the price paid was $350,000.

Mr. Harper is to be president of the new company. The F. & C. road was built fifteen years ago, and is in good condition. It is forty miles in length, and runs through the counties of Franklin, Scott and Bourbon, in the famous blue grass region of Kentucky.

SEIBERT HAS SALOON-KEEPERS ON TRIAL.

One Case Dismissed, One Taken Under Advisement and Three Are Continued.

Excise Commissioner Seibert resumed inquiries yesterday morning into reported infractions of his early-morning closing law by saloonkeepers. One case was dismissed, one was taken under advisement and three were continued to enable the dealers to bring witnesses.

The case against Ryan & McGillicuddy, whose place is at No. 601 Franklin avenue, was dismissed. Sergeant Houlihan and a patrolman reported that the saloon had been open after 1 o'clock in the morning on August 11. Sergeant Houlihan said he had reported the alleged violation because the side door was open on the night in question. He said he had never seen drinks sold over the bar.

The Pickwickian Club, chartered by members of the firm and their friends, is in the basement. The side door leads to the clubroom. Sergeant Houlihan said he was not aware, until several days ago, that there was a club there. John McGillicuddy took the stand and said he had not disobeyed the law. Deputy Sheriff Dumont and other witnesses confirmed his evidence.

Commissioner Seibert decided that the evidence was insufficient, and he dismissed the case. Richard Kissane of No. 1400 Franklin avenue was reported as having twice sold drinks after 1 a. m. Officer Ahern excused Kissane, saying that he did not think the dealer intended to violate the law. The Commissioner deferred his decision.

In his report Captain Boyd stated that the saloon of Vincent Bernero, northwest corner of Eleventh street and Lucas avenue, had been frequented by objectionable persons. Detective O'Connell took the stand yesterday and said he knew nothing about the place, except from hearsay. He had heard that confidence men go there. Sergeant Houlihan said he knew nothing about the place. The case was continued.

The case against William Aschlager, No. 1901 Market street, was continued. Louis Fillman of No. 2328 Market street, said he had been robbed there. Judge Fisse, who chanced to be near at the time, corroborated Fillman's statement. The policeman on the beat testified that the saloon has been orderly so far as he knew. The case of Charles A. Valentine, No. 1328 Pine street, was postponed for one week.

In the City.

Dies From Injuries—Hugh Redmond, a laborer, 46 years old, who was run over by an Iron Mountain train at the foot of Carroll street August 16, died of his injuries yesterday at the City Hospital.

Says He Was Robbed—Jefferson Bishop of No. 2201 Wash street reported to the police that he was robbed of $11.60 by three men whom he met at Nineteenth and Market streets. No arrests have been made.

Filed Petition in Bankruptcy—Urban Weiner, a traveling salesman of Mexico, Mo., filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court yesterday, scheduling liabilities at $1,699.75 and assets $200.

Alexander Knopf's Will—Alexander Knopf, by his will filed for probate yesterday, left his estate, valued at $4,800, to his wife, Margaret, to go at her death to their children, Mamie, George, Lawrence and Virginia.

Claims He Was Assaulted—Joseph Purcell of No. 1827 Olive street claims that he was assaulted by Lawler Daly and three companions early yesterday morning. Bard Purcell and Daly were arrested pending an investigation.

City Surveyor Confirmed—The City Council yesterday confirmed the appointment of James T. Dodds as City Surveyor. Mr. Spiegelhalter introduced a bill to appropriate $5,000 for Forest Park, $3,000 to be used for extension of the greenhouses and $2,000 for repairs to the deer paddock and bridges.

Benefit for Father O'Flaherty—A euchre and lawn party will be given on the Christian Brothers College campus, Kings highway and Easton avenue, to-morrow evening for the benefit of the Reverend Father O'Flaherty, formerly assistant pastor of the Visitation Church.

Highwaymen Armed With Knives— Michael O'Leary, a stranger in St. Louis, registered at the Windsor Hotel, was held up at the mouth of the alley on Sixth near Market street at 11 o'clock Monday night. Three highwaymen confronted him with drawn knives and relieved him of $16.

Laborer's Sudden Death—Heat prostration is supposed to have caused the death of Patrick Thompson, a laborer, who was found dead at 9 o'clock last night in the rear of No. 911 North Twenty-third street, where he was digging a ditch. He was 60 years old and lived at No. 2219 Cass avenue.

Fractured Skull Causes Death —Robert Taylor, a negro, 13 years old, died yesterday morning at his home, No. 1102 South Cardinal avenue, from a fracture of the skull, sustained Monday afternoon by being struck by a brick falling from the Marion-Sims Hospital, Grand avenue and Caroline street, where he was employed.

Fell From a Train—While attempting to board a Missouri Pacific train at Wittenberg avenue yesterday evening, L. A. Brown, 22 years old, residing at No. 3111 Brantner place, fell. His right leg was fractured below the knee, and so badly crushed that it will have to be amputated. He was taken to the City Hospital.

Will Attend Alton Fair—The Board of Public Improvements will go to Alton to-morrow to attend the street fair. At yesterday's meeting the board listened to opinions of civil engineers concerning the proposed grade at Goodfellow avenue and Natural Bridge road, for the Terminal belt line. The matter was intrusted to the Committee on Streets.

Laborer Injured—William Sterner, a laborer employed in the Niedringhaus Rolling Mills, was struck on the head by a piece of sheet-iron which was hurled from a cutting machine yesterday afternoon. He sustained a gash about three inches long and a slight fracture of the skull. Doctor Walbridge dressed his injuries at the North End Dispensary and forwarded him to his home at No. 2210 Hebert street.

To Ask Aid for Strikers—Banner of the eWst Lodge, No. 18, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers has appointed a committee, consisting of A. N. Schumert, W. J. Payne and Thomas Godfrey, to solicit from organized labor subscriptions to the relief fund of the striking employes of the Steel Trust. There are three local unions of the Amalgamated Association in East St. Louis and Granite City, with a total membership of more than 2,000.

Missed Her Brother—Belle Campston, 16 years old, of Ironton, Mo., spent last night in charge of Matron Kintzing in the detention room at the Four Courts. The girl arrived in St. Louis last night over the Iron Mountain railroad and expected to meet her brother at the Union Station. He was not there to meet her and not knowing his address, the girl reported her circumstance to an officer. He took her to the Central District station, where she was placed in charge of the matron until her brother can be found.

Team Owners' Meeting—At the regular meeting of the St. Louis Team Owners' Association last night in Fraternal Hall, presided over by Thomas Sanders, a resolution was adopted urging the Mayor to consider the advisability of adopting the block system of cleaning streets by hand labor. The idea of agitating the establishment of a boulevard encircling the city, and other matters relating to street improvement, were discussed. Several new members were enrolled.

Shot in a Dice Game—In a Fight over a dice game at the corner of Market and Targee streets yesterday evening Arthur Franklin, 26 years old, residing at No. 1220 Chestnut street, was shot twice, one bullet striking him in the chin and another inflicting a flesh wound on the left arm. The police arrested Edward Bateman of No. 118 Targee street on a charge of having been Franklin's assailant, and his brother, Pink Bateman, for complicity. Franklin refused to name his antagonists.

Graham Bar [illegible] With Stoolies.

DR. KNAPP WILL BE LEPER'S NURSE.

Will Be Separated From His Family, but His Wife Is Satisfied.

Doctor Louis Knapp of 4126 Virginia avenue entered yesterday upon his duties as keeper of the leper, Dong Gong, who was taken in custody by the health officials several weeks ago. The physician voluntarily left wife and family to become an exile for the sake of science, and is now isolated with his patient, at the old City Hall. He possesses a private practice and relinquished a lucrative position as physician for a large lumber company of Arkansas to become Dong Gong's custodian.

His wife is reconciled to his forfeiting his freedom for years to come, and possibly his life, because she believes he "knows best" what he is undertaking. She did not know until yesterday evening, when he had been some hours at his post, that he had actually accepted the position of nurse, and although it shocked her, it was not a real surprise.

Doctor Knapp had prepared her and his four children for the separation by telling them Monday morning that he intended making application for the office of keeper to Dong Gong. He bade them farewell yesterday, but said he might return in the evening. Mrs. Knapp made several calls in the afternoon and learned while returning home that her husband had assumed charge of the leprous Oriental and was exiled from home, for a time, at least.

She takes a very conservative view of the matter. Her husband, she says, has been an earnest student for years, and ever since this case was made public has probed deeply into the subject. He decided to become the keeper of the afflicted Celestial, if possible. She did not oppose him, and they studied the disease together.

"I believed that my husband knew best what he was doing," she said last night. "He told us yesterday morning that he intended making application for the position, and for the above reason I did not oppose him. He is a deep student, a graduate of chemistry of Ann Arbor and also of a medical college of Detroit. He practiced medicine and was a chemist and prescription druggist there for twelve years with a good practice, but removed to St. Louis.

"He has been the physician for a lumber concern at Mosher, Ark., and we were preparing to go there when this matter came up, and Doctor Knapp decided to assume charge of the case if possible. I do not believe that the danger of contagion is great, and that he will be permitted to visit us from time to time."

William Woods, 18 years old, was arrested at Ninth and St. Charles streets at 1 o'clock yesterday morning on a charge of having stolen $50 worth of brass trimmings which he had in his possession. After his arrest it was found that the brass had been stolen from the Degge-Musick Nickel Plating Company of No. 717 and 719 Market street. He admitted stealing the brass, but refuses to talk about himself further than to say that he is an orphan without a home. A warrant charging burglary and larceny has been issued against him.

COUNTY PARAGRAPHS.

William Soehngen, a saloonkeeper in Kirkwood, pleaded guilty, yesterday, to a charge of selling liquor without a license and was fined $50 and costs by Police Justice Jacobi.

Marriage licenses were issued in Clayton, yesterday, to Joseph J. McBride of St. Louis and Sarah Berry of Festus, Mo.; Daniel F. Austin and Nellie Carroll of St. Louis, and Andrew O'Connon and Mamie Power of St. Louis.

S. A. Moody, City Clerk of Webster Groves, resigned his position at the semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board Monday night. The resignation will take effect October 5, and his successor will not be appointed until that time. The place is worth about $400 a year.

George W. Taussig has been empowered by the citizens of Kirkwood to appoint a committee of seven to examine the relative merits of the Missouri and Meramec River waters, preparatory to building a plant in Kirkwood. The committee will probably be named to-day.

Another horse that was stolen by William Smith, who was arrested in Kirkwood, was found yesterday. The horse belonged to Keyes & Marshall of St. Louis and was stolen with a buggy about a month ago. Smith had the outfit in the stable of a negro in Kentucky Town. Smith is in jail in Belleville and has already confessed to four robberies.

Edward Butler of St. Louis is building a $5,000 house on his farm in Fenton, which he will use for his summer home. Mr. Butler has a farm of 600 acres in Fenton on the Gravois road. Several other St. Louisans also have summer homes there. Among the list are Louis Stockstrohm, a manufacturer; Henry Griesedieck, a brewer, and Doctor W. John Harris, whose office is at No. 3518 Lucas avenue.

Marriage License Clerk Pete Wetzel of Clayton is blossoming out as the champion of runaway couples who come to his office to get married secretly. A prosperous looking couple were in his office yesterday afternoon, and, after giving their names, said they did not want to get married if it was to be published in the newspapers. Mr. Wetzel erased the names from the slip that is used for public convenience, and afterwards refused to give them out. He takes the ground that if a couple want to get married secretly it is nobody's business, and thinks that newspaper men, if they persist in trying to ferret out the secret, should be chastised. Mr. Wetzel has been Marriage License Clerk and Deputy Recorder for eight years. To some of his friends he has announced that he will be a candidate for Recorder of Deeds next year.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH REPORTED.

Coroner Investigating Story Concerning Fred Brink.

Nashville, Ill., Aug. 20.—Two strangers, whose names could not be ascertained this evening, brought the news of the death of Fred Brink, residing about nine miles northeast of this city.

According to their story, they were passing the Brink home when their attention was attracted by a cry for help. Going to the house, they were directed to the barn, where they found the body of Brink lying in the hallway between two rows of stalls, with his forehead split open. On the opposite side of the hallway was an ax, with which, seemingly, the deed had been done.

Brink was just convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever.

Coroner McIlwain passed through here this evening en route to the Brink home, but had received no other news outside of the announcement of the young man's death.

Deceased was a son of ex-State Senator F. E. W. Brink and was a wealthy and influential farmer. He leaves a family. He was about 45 years old.

Preparing for Labor Day.

Carterville, Ill., Aug. 20.—A large force of men began yesterday the erection of the band stands, platforms, etc., for the Labor Day street fair and celebration to be held here September 2, under the care of local lodges 716 and 1,569, United Mine Workers of America.

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THEATRICAL STARS HOME FROM EUROPE.

Maud Adams, Mme. Modjeska, Anna Held and Heinrich Conried Arrive in New York.

ALL DELIGHTED WITH TRIPS.

Leading Lights in the Mimic World Discuss Their New Plays and Plans for the Coming Season.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Aug. 20.—There was a batch of theatrical arrivals on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse to-day, chief among which were Miss Maude Adams, Mme. Modjeska, Miss Anna Held and Mr. Heinrich Conried.

As Miss Adams stepped from the steamer she was a perfect picture of health and good spirits.

"I've been resting all the time I was abroad," said she. "Practically, I spent my entire summer in the little town of Tours, France—a charming place for rest.

Maude Adams's New Play.

"In London I was only two days, and during that time I was not inside of a theater. But I had opportunity of seeing Mr. Barrie, who was working at his new play, 'Quality Street,' in which I am to appear this season. We talked matters over, and during my stay in Tours I received the manuscript from Mr. Frohman. I have not, however, taken it up for study. You see, I really was resting, and now I'm leaving for the mountains, where I shall study the role and get ready for rehearsals.

"I also heard from Mr. Frohman while I was at Tours that during the run of Mr. Barrie's play I would appear in some special performance of 'As You Like It' and give a few representations of 'L'Aiglon,' besides possibly appearing with Mme. Bernhardt in 'Romeo and Juliet,' which I would consider a great honor. I have had a fine rest and am almost fretting to begin my season's work."

Poland Delighted Modjeska.

Mme. Modjeska went to the Holland House, where she is stopping prior to leaving for one of the resorts on the coast of Maine. She will return to New York on September 8 to begin rehearsals with Mr. Louis James in "Henry VIII," opening in Montreal on September 30. She was in capital spirits and expressed herself as delighted with her summer in Poland.

Spoke Her Native Language.

"Just think," she said; "in Lemberg, where I played for charity to an enormous audience, I used for the first time in years my native language on the stage. I am looking forward eagerly to my production of 'Henry VIII,' and it is to discuss matters with my managers, Messrs. Wagenhals and Kemper, and Mr. James that I am staying here for a few days before going to the coast of Maine. I have brought over a wardrobe for my season, which also will include an elaborate revival of 'The Merchant of Venice.'

"The affection with which I was received in my native country has been a veritable tonic. At Crakow, after the performance, I was presented with a wreath of gold, the horses were taken from my carriage and the people drew me home."

Held Unruffled by Casino Affair.

Miss Anna Held, who was becomingly dressed in the latest Parisian creation, looked very happy to be back again, after a busy summer at the dressmaker's and also taking lessons in voice production. Nor was she ruffled at the announcement that her Casino engagement was in jeopardy, Mr. Fischer having stated that he intended to remain there with "Florodora," and was willing to bet $1,000 that he would.

Regarding this, Mr. Florenz Ziegfeld, her husband and manager, said that it did not give him the least concern.

"I have a contract with Mr. Erlanger of Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger," he said, "and, while I do not know what Mr. Fisher is banking on when he makes such a statement, I do know that Mr. Erlanger's word is as good as any other man's bond. My contract was to open September 30, and by cable Mr. Erlanger acceded to a request of mine to postpone the opening of 'The Little Duchess' to October 14, in order that Miss Held might have some much-needed rest. I shall certainly go into the Casino at the agreed-upon date."

"Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger have done all the booking for the Casino for us," said Mr. H. B. Sire to-night, "and whatever contracts they have made with Mr. Ziegfeld we will, of course, stand by. Personally I know nothing about the matter."

Messrs. Liebler & Co. have decided to produce in Atlantic City on September 23 Mr. Charles Henry Meltzer's new play, "The First Duchess of Marlborough," in which Mrs. Sarah Cowell LeMoyne will open her season. The play deals with incidents prior to, during and after the rupture between the Duchess and Queen Anne. Mr. Meltzer has drawn copiously from the history of the time, and many historical characters figure in the play.

Miss Blanche Walsh also is ready with a new play. It is Miss Jeanette L. Gilder's dramatization of Mr. Crockett's novel, "Joan of the Sword Hand." Miss Walsh's tour begins in Detroit on September 16.

TRIUMPH FOR AMERICANS.

English Locomotives Failed Utterly in a Contest at Kingston.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 20.—Another heavy test of the respective merits of English and American locomotives on the railroad here has resulted in a great victory for the latter, which drew 125 tons over the heaviest part of the line in seven minutes under the scheduled time.

The English locomotive failed to pull the same load, and, when materially lightened, failed to make even regular time. English experts and the local railroad officials were present at the test, which was a great disappointment to the former.

Having in mind the relative cost of the locomotives, the Government here is expected to make strong representation to the crown agents in London, who arranged the purchases.

IF it's a question of Pictures, to say nothing of the superior news service:

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