PROSECUTION WILL NOT BE DROPPED.

Police Board to Proceed Against Telegraph Companies, Despite Judge Clark's Ruling.

PLANS WILL NOT BE DIVULGED.

President Hawes Says All Forms of Gambling Will Be Suppressed—Columbian Company Begins Operations.

Despite the decision of Judge Willis H. Clark of the Court of Criminal Correction, in which he held that the Southern Telegraph and Money Order Company had not violated the breeders' law, the Board of Police Commissioners will continue to prosecute the company for alleged violation of the law. The board also declares that all other forms of gambling are to be suppressed.

This action was decided upon at a special meeting of the board yesterday afternoon. What methods will be pursued is a matter which members of the board refuse to divulge or discuss.

"It has been decided not to make public the course we intend to pursue," said President Harry B. Hawes after the meeting adjourned, "and we have also decided not to discuss the matter at the present time."

Mayor Wells attended the meeting. In assembling the board President Hawes announced that the object of the meeting was to take action on the reported violations of the statutes and ordinances forbidding gambling and the keeping and frequenting of gaming houses. Lieutenant Johnson, who is in charge of the gambling squad, furnished information to the effect that gambling houses were being operated in the city. His report not only referred to the poolrooms alleged to be conducted by the Southern Telegraph and Money Order Company and the Columbian Company, which opened for business yesterday, but to other public games of chance which are said to be conducted.

All Gambling Ordered Suppressed.

City Attorney Taylor and Attorney John H. Overall, attorney for the board, were present and advised the members on the provisions of the city ordinances and the statutes relating to gambling. The board then went into executive session and decided that all forms of gambling should be suppressed. The board has been advised how to proceed since Judge Clark decided the cases against the nine employes of the company, but their intentions will not be made known.

Attorney F. N. Judson, who, with Attorney Charles T. Noland, represented the Southern Telegraph and Money Order Company, presented a communication to the board asking that, before further proceedings in the case are taken, he be allowed to appear before the board to discuss the company's side of the case. To this request a written reply was made to the effect that the board considered it not proper to try the case.

Attorney Overall, in speaking of the opinion of Judge Clark relative to the fact that the prosecution intimated that the company was a subterfuge to evade the law, but produced no evidence to show it, said he had presented all the evidence obtainable on that point, and that if more evidence could be secured he would be only too glad to present it.

Another Company in the Field.

The Columbian Telegraph and Money Order Company opened for business at No. 108 and 110 North Third street yesterday. It has a line to West Baden, Ind., and transmits messages and money to that point. The Ballard Commission Company has an office within easy reach of the Columbian office, and receives wagers on horse races run all over the country.

The officers of the company are: James E. Cunningham, president; Thomas M. Gardner, manager; John A. Gernez, secretary. Gernez is an attorney who has been connected with the defense of several of the poolroom cases.

STOPS FORSYTHE ROAD WORK.

Petition for Injunction Says Inferior Material Is Used.

The Mound City Sand and Gravel Company, of which Harry L. Block is president, filed a petition for an injunction in the Clayton Circuit Court yesterday to restrain the County Court and the contracting firm of John L. Moss & Co. from putting further improvements on Forsythe boulevard, in the manner that the work is being done at present.

The complainant's main objection in the petition is to the quality of the gravel that is being used in the construction of the boulevard. It is alleged that it is far below the standard required, and further maintains that the members of the firm claim to have a secret agreement with the County Court, by which, contrary to the provisions of their contract, they are permitted to use the alleged inferior grade.

In addition to the three Judges of the County Court and John L. Moss, Ellsworth Hunter and Thomas Madden, the members of the firm, Road Commissioner William Elbring and Road Overseer Christ Ziercher are named as defendants. The complainant alleges that red cement bank gravel, consisting mostly of clay, earth and bowlders, is being used in the reconstruction of the highway, and that, by paying for it at the rate of $2.65 per cubic square, the County Court is giving the taxpayers the worst of the deal.

In the absence of Judge McElhinney, Probate Judge Wurdeman issued a temporary injunction. The petition will be finally argued upon by Judge McElhinney in January.

Don't fail to consult the famous palmist from the Far West at Children's Hospital Fair, 3631 Olive, Thursday and Friday.

Champ Clark on a Big Committee.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Speaker Henderson has selected Mr. Clark for Missouri member of the committee from all the States to consider suitable memorial services for the late President McKinley. Other Southern members are: Messrs. C. E. Hooker of Mississippi, V. Warner of Illinois, J. D. Bowersock of Kansas, J. L. Sheppard of Texas and H. A. Dinsmore of Arkansas.

SENT FREE TO MEN

A Most Remarkable Remedy That Quickly Restores Lost Vigor To Men.

A Free Trial Package Sent by Mail to All Who Write.

Free trial packages of a most remarkable remedy are being mailed to all who will write the State Medical Institute. They claim so many men who had battled for years against the mental and physical suffering of lost manhood that the institute has decided to distribute free trial packages to all who write. It is a home treatment, and all men who suffer with any form of sexual weakness, resulting from youthful folly, premature loss of strength and memory, weak back, varicocele, or emaciation of parts, can now cure themselves at home.

The remedy has a peculiarly grateful effect of warmth, and seems to act direct to the desired location, giving strength and development just where it is needed. It cures all the ills and troubles that come from years of misuse of the natural functions, and has been an absolute success in all cases. A request to the State Medical Institute, 421 Elektron building, Fort Wayne, Ind., stating that you desire one of their free trial packages, will be complied with promptly. The institute is desirous of reaching that great class of men who are unable to have home to be treated, and the free sample will enable them to see how easy it is to be cured of sexual weakness when the proper remedies are employed. The Institute makes no restrictions. Any man who writes will be sent a free sample, carefully wrapped in a plain package, so that its recipient need have no fear of embarrassment or publicity. Readers are requested to write without delay.

JUDGE SIDENER CAPTURES MAN ACCUSED OF LARCENY.

Judge George B. Sidener of the First District Police Court, assisted by two young women, captured James Sheridan, who is wanted on a charge of theft, at Eleventh and Pine streets, after a lively chase yesterday afternoon.

Miss Jennie Pahl and Mrs. Emma Woerheide of No. 4366 North Market street were the young women. Sheridan was a teamster employed by Miss Pahl's mother, who does hauling for the Hub Furniture Company of No. 610 Washington avenue. On Monday a Wagonload of furniture intrusted to Sheridan disappeared. Sheridan did not show up at the furniture store and Mrs. Pahl was notified.

A search was made for Sheridan and his wagon, but neither was found, and the police were requested to look for them. Mrs. Pahl desired Sheridan's arrest. After a day's search, nothing was heard, and yesterday Miss Pahl and Mrs. Woerheide started to the Four Courts to consult Chief of Police Kiely. When they reached Tenth and Pine streets they saw Sheridan enter a saloon. They did not go in, but they waited for him to reappear. Miss Pahl stood guard in front and Mrs. Woerheide went to the rear. When Sheridan came out Miss Pahl gave the alarm and they both started after him at full speed, screaming.

A large crowd joined in the chase and Sheridan ran at full speed. At Eleventh and Pine streets, Judge Sidener met the runner and stopped him, grabbing him by the coat collar. When the breathless women told their story the Judge walked his prisoner over to Four Courts, where he surrendered him to Chief of Detectives Desmond. The women promised to prosecute, and Sheridan was locked up.

JUDGE GEORGE B. SIDENER,
Who assisted in the capture of young man who is charged with larceny.

Sheridan said he had left his team with the load of furniture at Seventh and St. Charles streets. The wagon and the furniture have not been found. The wagon was valued at $500. The furniture was worth $150.

URGES THE BUILDING OF DOWNTOWN PARKS

Commissioner Ridgely Says Children in Crowded District Have No Playground.

NEED HAS BECOME SERIOUS.

Quarter of a Million People in St. Louis Who Have a Breathing Spot Only a Hundred Yards Square.

The need of small parks and children's playgrounds in downtown sections of the city and in thickly populated districts is set forth in strong, appealing sentences in the annual report of Park Commissioner Ridgely, which was issued yesterday in book form. A year ago Mr. Ridgely drew attention through The Republic to the principal suggestions contained in the report, but he seems since to have added emphasis to his original statement in favor of small parks and playgrounds.

"This question," he reports, "ought to engage the serious attention of our citizens. In the whole section of the city occupied by the tenement-house class, a district fully four miles long by two wide, with over 250,000 people crowded into it, we have but one small park, Carr Square, from which we can only give about 100 yards square for the benefit of the children.

"The value of small parks and public playgrounds to inhabitants of the immediate community, who use them daily, has been the subject of much study. Children play in the streets amid their dangers, and break windows and lamps, because no other provision is made for them. Thus they can play only in defiance of law, and later defy the laws of their country in worse ways.

Parks Reform the Classes.

"On the other hand, when small parks have been established, the change in the character of the population is marked. The Captain of the Twelfth New York District says: 'The Hook gang is gone. It has disappeared since the establishment of Corlears Park.' The Sixth Precinct (New York) police Captain reports that since the establishment of Mulberry Bend Park 'the whole neighborhood had changed.'"

A requirement for Forest Park, upon which Mr. Ridgely places great stress, is a new propagating house. The present structure is decaying, besides being inadequate. "At the greenhouses at Forest Park," says the Commissioner, "are grown the ornamental plants and flowers for the nineteen other parks and the City Hall grounds."

As propagating establishments will be necessary adjuncts of the World's Fair, Mr. Ridgely hopes that the Exposition Directors will devise means for constructing permanent houses that could serve the city's uses after the termination of the Exposition.

Among tabular statements in the report is the following one, illustrating the acreage of parks in the principal American cities: Boston (Metropolitan), 10,000 acres; New York, 5,175; Philadelphia, 2,791; Chicago, 2,425; St. Louis, 2,350; Boston, 2,694; Newark, 2,000; Washington, 1,750; Lynn, 1,600; Minneapolis, 1,476; Baltimore, 1,200; Cleveland, 1,100; Louisville, 1,079; Buffalo, 940; Detroit, 885; Brooklyn, 700; Pittsburg, 707; Toledo, 700; St. Paul, 600; Council Bluffs, 647; Omaha, 543; Plymouth, 500, and Milwaukee, 398.

Facts About St. Louis Parks.

The following table, showing the purchase price, cost of improvements and acreage of St. Louis parks, is worthy of attention:

Acreage.	Park.	How and When Acquired.	Purchase Price.	Cost of Improvements.	Total Cost.
14.30	Benton	Commons, 1866	$.....	$ 113,584	$ 113,584
180.00	Carondelet	Purchase, 1875	140,570	190,683	331,253
2.30	Carr	Donation	.....	60,288	60,288
3.17	Dakota	Commons, 1812	.....	3,037	3,037
1,371.94	Forest	Purchase, 1874	849,053	1,408,209	2,257,262
4.33	Forest Park Blvd.	Donation, 1899	.....	598	598
1.50	Fountain	Donation, 1889	.....	6,016	6,016
1.15	Gamble	Donation, 1874	.....	22,270	22,270
8.30	Gravois	Commons, 1842	.....	35,486	35,486
11.84	Hyde	Purchase, 1854	36,250	126,386	162,636
1.75	Indiana	Donation, 1899	.....	919	919
1.62	Jackson Place	Commons, 1879	.....	35,264	35,264
.72	Kenrick Garden	Donation, 1896	.....	1,020	1,020
3.17	Laclede	Commons, 1812	.....	28,532	28,532
10.92	Lyon	Donation, 1872	.....	44,842	44,842
158.32	O'Fallon	Purchase, 1875	259,065	315,786	574,851
13.88	St. Louis Place	Donation, 1850	.....	142,346	142,346
1.66	South St. L. Square	Donation, 1882	.....	5,009	5,009
6.00	Washington	Purchase, 1840	25,000	82,238	110,238
29.95	Lafayette	Commons, 1844	.....	494,502	494,502
206.67	Tower Grove	Donation, 1868	.....	1,052,561	1,052,561
50.00	Shaw's Garden	Donation, 1890	.....	.....	.....
40.00	Reservoir Park	Water Dept.	.....	.....	.....
2,183.39			$1,309,944	$4,172,386	$5,482,330

COURT SOLEMNLY DECIDES CLAIMS FOR RIGHT TO SERVE THE KING AT CORONATION.

London, Dec. 4.—The Court of Claims, which is dealing with the rights and privileges relating to the coronation of King Edward, sat to-day in solemn state in the Council Chamber of White Hall, to adjudicate between the nobles who are wrangling for ancient but generally empty and often ludicrous honors.

Sixty cases came up, the most prominent being the fight between the Duke of Atholl, the Earl of Ancaster, the Marquis of Cholmondeley, and Earl Carrington for the lord great chamberlainship. This was too weighty for the court, which passed it on to the House of Lords.

Several other cases were referred to a committee, but the Earl of Erroll will be permitted to walk in the coronation procession as Lord High Constable of Scotland and carry a silver baton, topped with gold, bearing his own arms at one end and the King's at the other.

The claim for representation as chief larderer was dismissed by the statement that there will be no coronation banquet, and hence no larderer.

Miss Beatrice Fellows, who desired to perform the office of herb strewer, and Sir Harry Burrard, who claimed the right to carry the King's bow and arrows, were informed that they would not be wanted.

The Bishops of Durham and Bath, it was decided, have the right to support the King while he is on the throne; that is to say, they will stand with their hands on the back of the chair.

LEAVES HUSBAND FOR MOTHER.

Frederick Hulbert Relates Domestic Troubles in Divorce Petition.

Frederick Hulbert, who was married October 8 last, sued his wife, Bertha, for divorce yesterday, charging a long list of indignities against his mother-in-law. Immediately after their marriage, which took place in East St. Louis, he and his wife went to live with her mother. He asked his wife to leave and occupy a home of their own, but she would not leave her mother, he says.

All his wishes regarding his wife were referred to her mother, and promptly overruled by her, he states. Everything he did or said was not in accord with his mother-in-law's wishes. She threatened him, he says, if he did not remain away from her home and cease bothering her daughter. His wife also told him, he states, that he need not come home any more. His wife helped with the work in her mother's restaurant against his wishes, he says. He and his wife separated November 26.

SAYS HER HUSBAND IS VAIN.

Mrs. Matilda Assmann Files Suit for Divorce.

Mrs. Matilda Assmann stated yesterday at the trial of her suit for divorce, in Judge Spencer's court, that her husband, William Assmann, who is a tailor, used to stand before a mirror and admire himself and ask her if she did not think he had a nice form.

She charged that he treated her in a cruel manner and ceased to regard her or treat her as his wife. She said he used to stay away from home and would not tell her where he had been. They were married August 14, 1890, and have two children, 9 and 7 years old.

She stated she was willing to let him have the children if he treated them well, as he is able to care for them.

Assmann contested the case, charging his wife with indignities. The case was taken under advisement.

COLONIAL CHARTER IS FILED.

Stockholders Named in Big Trust Company's Incorporation Papers.

The Colonial Trust Company, whose organization has been previously reported, filed articles of incorporation yesterday with the Recorder of Deeds. The capital stock of $3,000,000 consists of 30,000 shares, valued at $100 each. Half of the stock is subscribed and paid in.

Each of the following stockholders owns 600 shares: George A. Baker, Cyrus F. Blanke, Gus A. Van Brecht, Douglas G. Cook, Thomas W. Crouch, Alexander Douglas, Adolf Drey, Paul A Fusz, Frederick D. Gardner, Frederick C. Lake, Henry F. Langenberg, Charles A. Lemp, Edward S. Lewis, John Nickerson, Charles P. O'Fallon, Sidney M. Phelan, Edward L. Preetorius, Clark H. Sampson, Isaac Schwab, J. E. Smith, William A. Stickney, Edgar D. Tilton, William B. Thompson, Charles F. Wenneker and W. William Walker.

The $50,000 capital stock of the Midland Construction Company, which filed incorporation papers yesterday, is divided into 500 shares, valued at $100 each. A. N. Sager holds one share, F. O. Hadley 497, John B. Denvir, Jr., one and W. F. Carter one.

The Wabash Wood Working Company was another concern to file incorporation papers yesterday. It has a capital of $10,000, of which 60 per cent is paid in, divided into 400 shares, valued at $100 each. Eric Lange controls 199 shares, Andrew H. Bergstrom 200 and John F. Lee one.

The St. Louis Wood Fiber Company also incorporated. It is capitalized at $10,000, of which half is paid in. There are 100 shares, valued at $100 each, distributed as follows: Samuel Lazarus 20, S. A. Walker 20, Franklin P. Hunkins 20, Gordon Willis 20 and Joseph R. Dougan 20.

Missouri Horse Breeders Meet.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mexico, Mo., Dec. 4.—A meeting of the thoroughbred horse breeders of the State was held at the Ringo House to-day. Colonel C. F. Clark was elected president and Bryan Obear secretary. After a great deal of discussion as to the needs of the horse breeders of the State, a committee consisting of Doctor A. W. McAllister, Colonel C. F. Clark and Bryan Obear was appointed to look after the interests of the breeders.

TO ASK LEGISLATORS FOR APPROPRIATIONS.

World's Fair Officials Will Work Among the Lawmakers of Fourteen States.

ROOSEVELT MAY NOT BE HERE.

Unofficial Reports Say the President Will Not Attend Ground-Breaking Ceremonies—Governors Accept.

President Francis of the Exposition company and Director Nathan Frank will appear this winter before the Legislatures of Virginia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island to urge that liberal appropriations be made toward exhibits from these States at the World's Fair. This announcement was made after the adjournment of the joint meeting of the committees on States and Territorial Exhibits and Legislation.

The committees also decided to send representatives to the Legislatures of the following States: Alabama, Maryland, South Carolina, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi and Minnesota. The names of those who have been selected to represent the Fair will not be made public for several days.

Unofficial advices from Washington convey the information that President Roosevelt will not attend the ceremonies connected with the ground-breaking on the Exposition site December 20. His declination will be received by President Francis, it is understood, within the next few days. This will be in response to the invitation which was extended to him.

In a letter to President Francis the President of the Republic of Guatemala replies to an invitation to participate in the World's Fair, saying: "I can assure you that the Executive has very favorably received your kind invitation." Guatemala appropriated $200,000 for an exhibit at the World's Columbia Exposition at Chicago in 1893.

Letters from Governor E. P. Savage of Nebraska and Governor Jeff Davis of Arkansas assure President Francis that December 20 will be observed throughout their States as Louisiana Purchase Flag Day. Governor Savage has accepted the invitation to be present at the ceremonies incident to the ground-breaking. He will be accompanied by the World's Fair Commission of Nebraska. Governor Davis says in his letter that he understands that Hot Springs, Ark., has started to raise $25,000 toward a State exhibit at the Fair.

Frederick W. Ruckstuhl, Supervisor of Sculptures for the Exposition, was in consultation yesterday with Director of Works Taylor regarding the features of the sculptural display. Mr. Ruckstuhl, while in Cincinnati recently, delivered a lecture on "Sculpture at the World's Fair." He departed for his home in New York last night.

GOVERNORS SAW FINE STOCK.

Many Chiefs of State Attended International Live Stock Show.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The fifth day of the International Live Stock Exposition attracted the greatest crowd ever assembled at the Chicago stock yards, the pavilions, pens and yards being crowded really beyond their capacity. High officials of several Western States and Canadian Provinces were among the spectators, including Governor Shaw of Iowa, Governor Savage of Nebraska, Governor Van Sant of Minnesota, Governor Durbin of Indiana, Governor Dockery of Missouri, Governor Toole of Montana, Governor Wells of Utah, Senor Caserovos of Mexico, Senor Alberto Sarantes of the Argentine Republic, and J. M. Dryden, Canadian Minister of Agriculture.

An interesting incident of the day was the selling at auction of the fat Hereford steer, Woods's Principal, to which the championship of the show was awarded yesterday. A local packing firm started the bidding at 25 cents a pound. Penny by penny the price advanced, but 50 cents a pound was the limit, and A. G. Swenson of New York was the purchaser.

The annual intercollegiate stock judging contest for the Spoor trophy was another feature of the day. There were fifty-seven contestants, representing eight colleges.

Students of agricultural colleges in the United States and Canada this evening organized the Federation of Agricultural Colleges. The object is the promotion of agricultural science and of good fellowship.

The combination sale of Aberdeen-Angus breeding stock in the main pavilion this afternoon was most successful. Ninety-seven cattle sold at an average of $344 per head. Among other first prizes awarded today were:

Short-horn cow, 3-year-olds or over—Imp. Cicely, shown by J. G. Robbins & Sons, Horace, Ind.

Shire stallion, 4-year-olds or over—Blaisden Pluto, shown by the Pioneer Stud Farm, Bushnell, Ill.

Champion Oxford ram, any age—George McKerrow & Sons, Sussex, Wis.

Champion Oxford ewe, any age—George McKerrow & Sons.

Champion Shropshire ram, any age—George Allen, Allerton, Ill.

Champion Oxford wether—George McKerrow & Sons.

Champion Leicester wether—Orr & Lillico, Galt, Ontario.

Champion Shropshire wether—R. Gibson, Delaware, Ontario.

In the swine department, W. P. Hazzlett of Barnard, Mo., captured first prize and R. S. Cook of Wichita, Kas., second, in the Poland-China 2-year-old boar class. In the 1-year-old boar class, J. W. Funk, Jr., of Hayworth, Ill., was the first-prize winner. In the 6-months class, Burgess Bros. of Bement, Ill., carried off first honors.

STALEY MEETS DEFEAT.

Taken Into Camp in Close Game by George Watts.

Much to the surprise of the "smart set" Robert Staley, who for several weeks has held second place in the amateur three-cushion tournament at the Royal, was defeated last night by George Watts, after an exciting game. Staley lost his game by a narrow margin of two points, playing thirty-four points against Watts's thirty. The defeat is the second one that Staley has sustained in the tournament, and it seemed more a matter of hard luck than anything else. Both men were counting steadily on the homestretch. In his last two innings Staley made two points, but Watts also counted twice and went out. Staley will endeavor to regain his footing to-night in his game with John Daumer. Daumer will play forty points against Staley's thirty-four. Yesterday's score:

Staley (34)—3 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 0 1 1. Total, 32; high run, 3; average, .44.

Watts (30)—0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 1 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 0 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1. Total, 30; high run, 5; average, .41.

POOL AT THE ST. LOUIS CLUB.

Handicap Tournament Will Begin on December 15—Four Prizes.

A handicap pool tournament has been arranged, to begin on December 15, at the St. Louis Club. The players will be divided into four classes, according to their playing ability, the winners in each class to be awarded a handsome prize.

The winners of the first prize in each class will be privileged to compete for the Pierce Cup, a prize offered by the president of the club, and which will become the property of the winner of the tournament in two successive years. The names of the winners in each year's tournament will, however, be engraved upon the cup.

Entries will close on December 15.

Al Taylor in the City.

Al Taylor of Chicago, who finished second in the class B amateur balk line tournament at the Knickerbocker Club, in 1894, is visiting in the city. Last night at the Royal he played with Frank Day and J. DeMun Smith. In the tournament of 1894 DeMun Smith was also a competitor, finishing third. Mr. Taylor was not in his best form last night and was unable to defeat either of his antagonists.

First Regiment Meet.

Games under the auspices of the First Regiment Athletic Association will be held this evening at Armory Hall, features of the meet being a basket-ball game between teams representing companies E and H, which were victors in the semi-finals held last night. To-night's events include a relay race, interruption race, a forty yard dash and a tug of war, besides the basket-ball contests.

Western Rowing Club Meeting.

Members of the Western Rowing Club will meet at their boathouse to-morrow evening, when officers will be nominated. The thirty-first anniversary of the club will be celebrated by a ball at Lemp's Park Hall, Thirteenth and Utah streets, to be given next Saturday evening, December 7.

In the City.

THIEF STOLE $260—A sneak thief entered the house of Alexander Scholz at No. 1414 Farrar street, Tuesday and stole $260, which was hidden under the pillow of Scholz's own bed.

N. ST. L. B. M. A. BALL—An entertainment and ball will be given by the North St. Louis Business Men's Association at Social Turner Hall, Thirteenth and Monroe streets, this evening.

BLIND GIRLS' BAZAAR—The sale of useful and fancy articles, which was interrupted last Friday by the disagreeable weather, will be resumed Monday at the Blind Girls' Home, No. 1214 North Garrison avenue.

SCHOOLBOY'S ARM BROKEN—Gordon White, 8 years old, while playing in front of the Chouteau school on Rutger street yesterday afternoon, slipped and sustained a fracture of the left arm. He was removed to his home, No. 2906 Caroline street.

BEAUMONT OIL MAGNATES HERE—W. C. Tyrrell, president of the Heywood Oil Company, Beaumont, Tex., is in the city, a guest of his brother-in-law, David T. Rorick of the American Central Insurance Company.

PROFESSOR VOGEL CONVALESCING—Professor Guido Vogel, the leader of the orchestra at the Grand Opera-house, who was injured in a street car accident last Friday, is convalescing and expects to resume his place probably to-night.

INJURED WHILE WRESTLING—While wrestling with a friend, George Thornton, 23 years old, of No. 113 North Twelfth street, fell to the sidewalk and fractured his right leg last night at Sixth and Market streets. He was taken to the City Hospital.

SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY MISSING—Captain Reynolds of the Central Police District was requested yesterday to direct his men to search for 6-year-old Thomas Worden, who has been missing from his home at No. 1419 Chouteau avenue since Tuesday afternoon.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY—Daniel W. Corey filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court yesterday stating his liabilities at $1,225.25, the principal creditor being E. E. Jeter of Chicago, and stating assets as $50, which, he claimed, to be exempted.

STARTS FOR PHILADELPHIA A-wheel—John Taricco, who walked to St. Louis from the Argentine Republic, will leave this morning for Philadelphia and other Eastern cities on a bicycle that was presented to him by the Sicilians of St. Louis. He will stop at Indianapolis and Columbus on his way east.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD—E. C. Mattison was arrested yesterday afternoon at No. 2734 Olive street by Detectives Badger and Howard on a Officer Jensen of Davenport, Ia., on a warrant charging fraud, alleged to have been committed in Davenport. Mattison admits the charge and has consented to return to Davenport without extradition papers.

FOUND INFANT IN HALLWAY—A male child about 2 months old, wrapped in a shawl, was found in the hallway at No. 3020 Easton avenue Tuesday night by Mrs. Mary Harrison of No. 3435 Franklin avenue. She notified Sergeant Kennedy of the Ninth District, and he had the infant taken to St. Ann's Orphan Asylum at Tenth and O'Fallon streets. There is no clew to its parentage.

QUEEN'S DAUGHTERS TO MEET—The Queen's Daughters will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at No. 111 North Sixteenth street to arrange for the annual donations for the poor. Places where gifts will be received will be announced. New and partly worn garments, bedclothes, materials for clothing and house furnishings are especially needed to carry on the society's work.

THIRD WARD CLUB DANCE—Preparations have been completed for the dance to be given by the Third Ward Democratic Club at West St. Louis Turner Hall, Beaumont and Morgan streets, next Saturday night. A gold watch will be given to the best lady waltzer and a gold-headed umbrella to the man excelling in waltzing. A handsome souvenir will be presented to every lady attending.

VON DER AHE CASE WILL PROCEED—Judge Ryan yesterday overruled a demurrer of the defendants in the suit of Chris Von der Ahe against several baseball clubs of the National League for damages on account of his being put out of the League. The demurrer alleged that Von der Ahe did not have the legal right to sue, and that his petition did not state a cause of action. The case must now be heard on its merits.

MEETING WAS POSTPONED—The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exposition and Music Hall Association, which was to have been held yesterday afternoon, was postponed until Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The lack of a quorum was the cause of postponement. At a meeting held Tuesday afternoon four new directors were elected, and it was expected that the board would elect officers yesterday.

MERCHANTS' LEAGUE CLUB—At a meeting of the Merchants' League Club last night in the Burlington building, plans were perfected for the Republican reunion to be held a week from next Friday evening at Harmonie Hall. Committees were named who will have charge of the programme and refreshments. The speakers are to be W. A. Northcott, Lieutenant Governor of Illinois; J. K. Cubbison, ex-Congressman from Kansas, and Circuit Judge J. A. Talty.

GIRL ACCUSED OF LARCENY—Carrie Frech, 17 years old, is locked up at the Second District Police Station on a charge of stealing a silver watch, a pair of gloves and some smaller articles from the residence of James Armitage, No. 3328 Lemp avenue, where she was employed as a servant. The watch was recovered at the jewelry store of August Poos, No. 3570 South Broadway, and the gloves at her home, No. 3874 Kosciusko street. A warrant charging petit larceny was issued against her yesterday.

INVESTIGATING WOMAN'S DEATH—Deputy Coroner Fitzsimmons is investigating the death of Mrs. Annie Miller, who died under peculiar circumstances at her home, No. 3219 Iowa avenue, early yesterday morning. Doctor Hochloerfer of the Coroner's staff held an autopsy on the body at the house yesterday afternoon, finding that she died as the result of an operation, but there was no evidence that any one assisted her. An inquest is to be held this morning, when it is expected that the cause of death will be more fully explained.

WILL DISCUSS NEGRO PROBLEM—The Pilgrims Current Topics Club will meet this evening in the chapel of Pilgrim Church, Washington and Ewing avenues. The subject under discussion is the negro question. Miss Jenny Lord will present a paper on "The Educational and Industrial Development of the Negro Since the War." Prentiss S. Trowbridge will talk of "Negro Disfranchisement in the South," and the Reverend James W. Lee, pastor of St. John's M. E. Church, South, will address the meeting on "The Future of the Negro."

ARRESTED IN FOUR COURTS CORRIDOR—Harry Darrah, 18 years old, was arrested yesterday in the corridor at the Four Courts at the request of Assistant Circuit Attorney Hancock, who stated the boy had been indicted on a charge of murder. Darrah is charged in the indictment with being implicated in the assaut on Milton Reagan, a tobacco worker, 20 years old, who was attacked at Blaine and Thurman avenues on the night of August 21 by three men and beaten and kicked. Reagan died the following day at the City Hospital. Reagan lived at No. 4021 Blaine avenue.

KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK OFFICERS—George J. Tansey, president of the St. Louis Transfer Company, was elected president of the Knights of St. Patrick at the annual meeting and election of that organization, held at the Lindell Hotel last night. John P. Leahy, the retiring president, was chosen first vice president. Other officers elected were: P. R. FitzGibbon, second vice president; Thomas Rice, third vice president; John J. O'Connor, corresponding secretary; W. J. Hanley, treasurer. Resolutions of respect were adopted to the memory of the late Doctor P. S. O'Reilly.

ENGINEERS' CLUB NOMINATIONS—At the annual business meeting of the Engineers' Club of St. Louis, at the Mercantile Club last night, the Committee on Nominations presented the following report: For president, J. H. Kinealy, F. B. Maltby and E. A. Hermann; vice president, E. A. Hermann, J. L. Vanorum and A. H. Blazedell; secretary, D. W. Roper, E. H. Zeller and W. H. Bryan; treasurer, George A. Bouton, W. W. Perkins, Jr.; librarian, E. B. Fay, W. H. Henby and Walter Brown; board of directors, W. A. Layman, H. L. Heber, Carl Gayler, A. L. Johnson, E. J. Spencer and William Wise; board of managers of the Association of Engineering Societies, E. R. Fish, A. A. Laird, W. A. Lyman and P. N. Moore. The annual banquet of the society will be given within the next two weeks.

"TO SUFFERING WOMEN 'PE-RU-NA IS A BLESSING,"

SAYS THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL.

MISS MARY RATZ, OF NEW YORK.

Miss Mary Ratz writes from Brooklyn, N. Y., 512 Seventh avenue:

"Peruna is a blessing to suffering women, and I am pleased to recommend it. I suffered for over a year with backache, headache and nervous debility, and, although I tried many remedies, Peruna is the medicine that cured. I am now in perfect health and am very grateful to you." MARY RATZ.

Dr. Hartman's free treatment for chronic catarrh has been the means of restoring a great multitude of discouraged, hopeless people to health. Only a few of the many letters received by the doctor with a request to publish them, from grateful patients, can ever be published.

The following are specimens:

Mrs. Augusta Boettcher, 3042 Emerald Ave., Chicago, Ill., writes:

"From youth I was troubled with leucorrhœa, which grew worse and, as a result of hard work, I contracted a stubborn case of inflammation of the womb. I tried several doctors, but got no better. Upon the advice of friends, I began the use of Peruna. I took nine bottles of this far-famed medicine, Peruna, and after many fruitless endeavors, have finally regained my health. I can recommend Peruna to every person." MRS. AUGUSTA BOETTCHER.

Miss Louise Bertsel, 19½ Second St., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:

"My health was excellent until about six months ago, when I seemed to have a collapse from overdoing socially, and the doctor ordered an entire change of scene and climate.

"As this was an absolute impossibility at the time, I had to try and regain my health in another way, and was induced by a friend who gave Peruna such a good recommend to try Peruna.

"I cannot tell you the condition of my nerves when I began to use it. The least noise irritated me and I felt that life was not worth living. Peruna soon changed me into a well woman, and now I do not know I have nerves." LOUISE BERTSEL.

Address Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, for a book written especially for women, entitled "Health and Beauty." Sent free to women.

"BURY MY BODY IN POTTER'S FIELD.

Mrs. Phillips, With Money and Diamonds in Her Possession, Made This Request.

NOTE WRITTEN BY MRS. PHILLIPS.

"To the City, or Whom It May Concern: Please bury my body in the potter's field. The money and jewelry, please send to my husband, Otis B. Phillips, in Carbondale, or to my sister, Mrs. George Williams, in Carterville, Ill. I am tired of life's battles and care to live no longer. Please tell my husband he could have prevented this, but I forgive him all.

"NELLIE B. PHILLIPS."

Before attempting suicide Tuesday night, Mrs. Nellie B. Phillips of Carbondale, Ill., bride of two weeks, penned the foregoing farewell letter.

Yesterday Mrs. Phillips had so far recovered from the effects of the morphine which she swallowed that she was able to leave the City Hospital, whither she had been taken. She ordered a carriage and went away in it, saying that she had no thought of rejoining her husband, but intended to depart at once for Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Phillips took the poison in the street. She was seen to stagger and fall in front of the Armory, at Seventeenth and Pine streets. Ed Albright, former member of the House of Delegates, was standing near and ran to her assistance. He helped her to the City Hospital, where she admitted having taken morphine. Her case was thought serious, but by morning the effects of the drug were overcome.

Mrs. Phillips, before her marriage, was Miss Nellie Bauder of Carbondale, Ill. Last June she came to St. Louis for medical treatment, and stopped at No. 2930 Locust street, a boarding-house conducted by Mrs. James Freeman. She had known Phillips for some time. Two weeks ago he came to this city and the marriage followed in two days.

Mrs. Phillips said that she had lived with her husband at the Locust street address until Monday, when they parted, after quarreling.

"My marriage was a failure," she said. "I found that out very soon. We both thought it would be better to part, but when my husband was gone I worried so much that I couldn't stand it. I can't live with my husband again, though, and I'm going away out West."

When Mrs. Phillips arrived at the hospital she had $107 on her person, and wore diamonds worth at least $500. The letter was found in the purse which contained her money.

ROOSEVELT TO POSE FOR HIM.

Famous Russian Painter Will Execute Portrait of President.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 4.—M. Constantine Makovsky, Russia's noted portrait painter, is to paint President Roosevelt's portrait, the first sitting for which will take place to-morrow.

M. Makovsky came to this country on the same steamer with Count Cassini and was introduced to the President by the Russian Ambassador. M. Makovsky is the court painter of St. Petersburg. He has painted the portrait of the Czar and the latter's father, as well as the Grand Dukes of the imperial family.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARAGRAPHS

Fritz Hausenstein, a gardener living on the Olive Street road, was adjudged insane by a jury in the Probate Court yesterday. Judge Wurdeman appointed Public Administrator Ackerman as his guard