TUMULT IN HOUSE OVER KELLY BILL.

Cronin, Sweeney and Troll Show Opposition to Anti-Transit Company Measure.

GOES TO SECOND READING.

Employment of Attorney to Compile Street Railway Ordinances and Franchises Is Provided For in the Bill.

Speaker Kelly's bill authorizing the Mayor to employ special counsel to compile the street railway ordinances, with the object of enacting remedial legislation, met with vigorous opposition in the House of Delegates last evening from Messrs. Cronin, Sweeney and Troll, who raised a tumult by attempting to have the measure killed after its first reading.

Messrs. Geraghty and Reiss came to the Speaker's assistance with arguments in favor of allowing the bill to pursue the regular course. Mr. Kelly finally called Speaker Pro Tem. Geraghty to the chair, and from the floor denounced the methods resorted to in an effort to frustrate legislation intended for the public good. By a vote of 24 to 3, the House decided to permit the bill to proceed to second reading.

The bill contains provisions to authorize the Mayor to engage a lawyer whose duty would be to compile all existing street railway ordinances, study conditions, suggest new laws and amendments to old laws, and assist in the prosecution of cases in which the city may be interested, against street railway companies. The counsel would be employed for at least a year, and his salary and expenses would not exceed $10,000.

Sweeney Puts a Question.

"Is that bill certified to by the Comptroller?" Mr. Sweeney inquired.

Speaker Kelly: "Not as yet."

Mr. Troll: "That bill ought to be killed. I move that it not be allowed to go to second reading."

Mr. Cronin: "There's no use bothering about it unless the Comptroller says the money is there."

Mr. Sweeney: "Where is this money? It seems funny that we've got $10,000 to throw away this way and haven't got any money to clean the streets."

Speaker Kelly: "I will state for the information of the gentlemen that the Comptroller's certification is not required until the bill reaches the committee. However, Mr. Player told me that he will find the money if the bill be passed. I spoke to the Mayor about the bill, and he is in favor of the legislation which this bill proposes."

Mr. Sweeney: "That's another funny thing. The Mayor's in favor of an appropriation of $10,000 for a special counsel, but he wanted to reduce the salaries of janitors in the public buildings."

Mr. Geraghty: "Considering the depredations of the Transit Company, I don't see how anybody could oppose this bill, and especially on its first reading. What is $10,000 in comparison to one life? And it isn't a matter of one life, either. Think of the many lives lost during a year through accidents by Transit cars."

Reiss Agrees With the Mayor.

Mr. Reiss: "I agree with the Mayor in this affair. With him I say, 'Let us not act hastily.' Let us proceed calmly and deliberately, and without any display of passion or vindictiveness. This bill should go to second reading, so that a committee can investigate it and determine its value. The service is deplorable; there can be no question about that. Also, there seems to be a sentiment 'to soak it to the Transit Company.' I stand with the Mayor to do nothing rash. The proposition is up to the Municipal Assembly. No one else can be held responsible but the members of the Municipal Assembly and the Mayor."

Speaker Kelly invited Mr. Geraghty to take the chair. When he began his speech from the floor, he was interrupted by shouts from Mr. Cronin for "the roll call."

Speaker Kelly: "Those tactics don't go now, Jim."

Mr. Cronin: "I guess not."

Speaker Kelly: "I must say that I am greatly surprised that any member of this body should try to kill a bill like this on its first reading. I can't believe these men will vote against the bill. Why, I don't believe there's a man, woman or child in St. Louis who does not know that the railway companies, especially the Transit lines, are not fulfilling the terms of their franchises.

"I am surprised at this action. Let these gentlemen tell why they oppose such a bill, and particularly on its first reading. Lately I have heard of endeavors to have the speakership taken from me because I introduced a bill against the Transit Company. I want to say that if I have to hold the office of Speaker by the grace of the Transit Company, I don't want to be Speaker. In our action for better street-railway service we will have the very best support, the support of public opinion."

Mr. Troll: "Kelly is talking to the gallery. He likes to make flowery speeches. There isn't a lawyer in St. Louis worth $10,000 a year."

Kelly Explains the Bill.

Mr. Kelly explained the confusion, and frequent contradiction, existing in present ordinances and he said it would require the work of an experienced attorney to fathom the municipal street railway laws and suggest amendments. Besides, he said, the counselor would not receive $10,000. This amount was specified, he said, as the maximum.

Mr. Troll's motion to kill the bill was lost by the following vote:

AYES.

Cronin, Sweeney, Troll.

NOES.

Kelly,	Gazzolo,	Murrell,
Brennan,	Geraghty,	Oberbeck,
Buckley,	Harnigan,	Pfeffle,
Burke,	Howard,	Reiss,
Denny,	Karle,	Stannard,
Faulkner,	Kinney,	Stanze,
Fontana,	Klute,	Windmuller,
Funsch,	Koeln,	Zachritz.

EXCUSED.

Williams.

Mr. Gazzolo offered a resolution, instructing Clerk Judge to ask the St. Louis Transit Company why owl cars are not operated according to the terms of the franchise on the Union Depot line on North Eighteenth street. The resolution, which was adopted, refers to what was known as the Prairie avenue division of the Scullin system.

"KENTUCKY GIANT" IS MARRIED.

A. A. Powell, Seven Feet Seven Inches Tall, Weds Short Woman.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

La Grange, Ky., Jan. 3.—A. A. Powell, 7 feet 7 inches tall, and known as the "Kentucky Giant," and Miss Mattie Kerlin, who stands 4 feet 5 inches, were married this afternoon at Starlight. Powell is a traveling salesman for a New York firm. For years he was a circus employe.

NOBLIN—GARRETT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Jan. 3.—Mr. A. J. Noblin and Mrs. L. K. Garrett, two of the most prominent plantation owners of this country, were married in Memphis to-day.

WEDDINGS AT CHARLESTON, ILL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Charleston, Ill., Jan. 3.—Mr. P. B. Skiver of this city and Miss Bertha Donaldson of Columbus, O., were married here to-day. The bride was visiting friends in this city.

Mr. James W. Hostetler of Bruce and Miss Maude Merkle of Gays came here to-day at noon, secured a license and were married.

ACCEPTS KAISER'S INVITATION.

Miss Roosevelt Will Christen His New Yacht.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Washington, Jan. 3.—Formal announcement was made at the White House today of the acceptance of Emperor William's invitation to Miss Alice Roosevelt to christen his yacht, now building at Staten Island.

The correspondence exchanged between Emperor William and President Roosevelt shows a warm friendly relationship, and the launching of the Emperor's yacht is to be made a great social function.

INCORPORATION DECREES GRANTED—Circuit Judge Fisher yesterday granted proforma decrees of incorporation to the North St. Louis Medical Society of Missouri and the Jewish Charitable and Educational Union.

WHITE HOUSE HAS ANOTHER DEBUTANTE AFTER MANY YEARS.

Miss Alice Roosevelt the First Since 1873, When Miss Nellie Grant Was Presented to Society—Five Hundred Guests Present Last Night—Mrs. Roosevelt Made the Ball a Personal Rather Than a Formal Affair—President Mingled With Young Persons.

FLORAL DECORATIONS OF THE EAST ROOM UNSURPASSED.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Beneath the rhythmic tread of five hundred pairs of dancing feet the floors of the old White House are swaying and groaning to-night. Lights are glimmering from every window across the wintry-wind-swept lawn. Dancing music and bonbon calls alternately slash and throb upon the air. Within all is gayety and cheer. Belles of the season, belles of other seasons, belles of the army, belles of the navy, belles of the Diplomatic Corps and belles of well—just Washington—are all there in their smart gowns and gleaming jewels. Young officers of the army and navy and all young diplomats who dance, looking their handsomest and in uniforms spick and span, are whirling their partners in the waltz.

The pictures of Washington and Lincoln never looked down on such a jolly time before. It is Alice Roosevelt's night, and such a mad and merry rout official society has rarely known. The dancers are all young and they are all single.

There was only one affair of the kind with which to-night's joyous assemblage can be compared, and that was the coming-out ball of Miss Nellie Grant, in the days when the hero of Appomattox was President. But that was more in the nature of a state function, and was, therefore, more sedate.

No formality such as that confines the pleasure of the dance to-night. It is not official. The President did not even receive with Mrs. Roosevelt when she presented his daughter to society. This was for the purpose of divesting it of any official complexion.

MISS ROOSEVELT MODESTLY ACCEPTS TENDERED HOMAGE.

The radiant daughter of the White House, who is to become an international figure through christening the Kaiser's yacht, found the young world—as represented in the capital—at her feet to-night, and accepted its homage modestly, without a single expression of self-consciousness.

Taken all together, it was the most brilliant and most interesting social function given at the nation's capital in a quarter of a century.

WEALTH OF FLOWERS TO BE SENT TO HOSPITALS TO-DAY.

Hundreds of American beauty roses were used in the vases in the Blue Parlor, where the reception took place, with wreaths of smilax and mantels banked with roses, and a wealth of blossoms of all colors that made the scene most fairylike.

To-morrow all these flowers will be sent to the hospitals of Washington to gladden the eyes of the less fortunate.

Some idea of the quantity of flowers and plants used may be gathered from the fact that there were all together three-quarters of a mile of stringed smilax, 600 roses, 400 carnations, 500 feet of stringed asparagus vines, 400 spikes of narcissus, 600 hyacinths, 32 pots of azalias, 1,200 ferns and 17 palms, not to speak of the crotons, dracinas, screw pines and maiden-hair and other varieties of ferns used to adorn the suit of reception rooms.

Like other hostesses in private life, Mrs. Roosevelt presented her daughter, the President being merely one of the interested spectators, mingling with the guests, and giving to each a cordial hand clasp.

The historic East Room, given up to the dancers, was decorated as it has never been before. The rarest and most beautiful flowers from the propagating gardens of the Agricultural Department were brought into use and towering palms, with a rank of maiden-hair and fairleyense ferns at the base were placed in the recess of each window. Yards of smilax festooned the electric suns and garlanded the crystal chandeliers. Each of the classic pillars was wound with smilax and holly berries. Large plaques of smilax brightened with the red berries were over each door, from which were hung festoons of smilax that extended to and over the mirrors.

The ropes of smilax that garlanded the great mirrors were kept in place by cornucopias made of smilax and holding clusters of red and white carnations, white narcissus and hyacinths. Under this panoply of bloom the mantels were banked with palms, ferns, crotons and dracinas on one side of the room, while on the other were parterres, pink and white roses and white hyacinths. The long mirrors at the ends of the room were banked with screw pines and maiden-hair ferns, with pink and white potted azalias in one instance and red and white in another.

FAIR DEBUTANTE WORE GOWN OF WHITE CHIFFON.

Mrs. Roosevelt stood near the entrance of the blue room and wore a beautiful costume of white silk, with flounces of lace looped with mauve orchids.

Miss Alice Roosevelt wore a fetching gown of white chiffon, embroidered in white roses; Miss Helen Roosevelt, her cousin, from New York, was gowned in white chiffon over satin, while Miss Helen Cutting of New York was becomingly gowned in white lace, trimmed with dainty pink roses buds.

Besides the relatives who are guests at the White House a company of family connections and close friends of Miss Roosevelt were in the Blue Room early in the evening with the debutante and her mother. These were Miss Christine Roosevelt, daughter of Mrs. Emlen Roosevelt; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Mr. James Roosevelt and daughter, Mrs. H. L. Roosevelt, Miss Dorothy and Miss Rhet Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt Scovel and Miss Roosevelt Scovel, Miss Margaret Dix, daughter of the Reverend Doctor Dix of New York; Miss Jane Fish, daughter of Mr. Hamilton Fish; Miss Jean Reid, daughter of Mr. Whitelaw Reid of New York, and Mr. John Dix, who are guests of Senator and Mrs. Kean.

Hundreds of exquisite bouquets were sent during the day from these. Miss Roosevelt carried white roses. Flowers were given to each of the guests, the ladies receiving a corsage bouquet and the gentlemen a boutonniere.

Th Marine Band played its choicest and most inspiring numbers or dance music, two steps, waltzes and other selections. There were twenty dances on the programme, which will in the future be a treasured souvenir to those who were fortunate enough to participate in the interesting event.

DANCE PROGRAMMES INCLUDED TWENTY NUMBERS.

The programme of dances was as follows:

Waltz—The Debutante	Santelmann
Two-step—Valla les Soldats	Ellenberg
Waltz—Theresen	Faust
Polka—The Bride-elect	Sousa
Lancers—The Strollers	Ruhlander
Waltz—The Little Duchess	De Koven
Two-step—Russo	Ganne
Lancers—The International	Meyer
Waltz—Tales from Tannehauser	Optius
Polka—Tourists' Souvenir	Bergenholtz
Waltz—Wiener Blut	Strauss
Lancers—The Burgomaster	Luders
Two-step—Hop 'Long Sing	Armand
Waltz—Florodora	Stuart
Polka—Dem Goo-goo Eyes	Chattaway
Waltz—Sagamore Hill	Grooll
Lancers—The Foxy Quiller	De Koven
Waltz—To Thee	Muller
Two-step—Frangesa	Costa
Waltz—The Blue Danube	Strauss

BUFFET SUPPER SERVED IN STATE DINING-ROOM.

Those present included the following: Count von Arnim, Senor Aspirez, Lieutenant Colonel Aziz Bey, Mr. Jerome N. Bonaparte, Commander and Mrs. W. S. Cowles, the Countess Cassini, Mr. Francis N. Cockrell, Miss Margaret Dix, Mr. S. B. Elkins, Jr.; Miss Louise Foraker, Miss Janet Fish, Mr. Antoine de Geofroy, Mr. Robert L. Gerry, Mr. Robert Goelet, Mr. Robert W. Goelet, Miss Glover, the Misses Hanna, Secretary and Mrs. and the Misses Hitchcock, Mr. A. E. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. Ernest Iselin, Mr. Arthur Iselin, the Misses Kean, the Attorney General and Mrs. and Miss Knox, Mr. Roger Krumbhaar, Mr. Carroll Kibbey, Miss Langhorne, the Misses Leiter, Miss Lay, Mr. and Mrs. William Loeb, Jr.; Miss Logan, Count von Montgelas, Miss Lena Morton, Miss Martha McCook, Miss MacVeagh, Mr. Gouvenir Morris, Mr. J. Lathrop Motley, Mr. Courtland Nicoll, Mr. Edward Pruyn, Senor Pulido, the Honorables Audrey Pauncefote and Sibyl Pauncefote, Miss Paulding, Miss Susan Quay, Miss Dorothy Roosevelt, Miss Christine Roosevelt, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Root, Pansy Roosevelt, Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Ogden M. Reid, Miss Jessie Sloane, Miss Heloise Sargent, the Postmaster General and Mrs. Smith, the Misses Sheridan, Lieutenant Colonel Schebeko, Captain Alsernon Sartoris, Mr. Arthur Street, Mr. Malcolmb B. Stone, Secretary Wilson, Mr. Payne Whitney, Mr. Nathan Wyeth and Mr. Horatio L. Whitridge.

A buffet supper was served in the State dining-room, where the decorations were most brilliant. Palms, ferns and poinsetta banked the mantels and window recesses. The table was beautifully dressed with red begonias arranged in three large plaques and the massive candelabra were capped with red shades.

The long corridors were beautified with palms and white azalias and narcissus, which formed a pretty contrast against the rich red hangings. Electric lights illuminated the large conservatory, which was the most popular rendezvous of the evening with its spreading palms and cooling fountains.

There were about 500 guests present, and the costumes of the ladies were most superb, making a scene of great brilliancy.

LUCAS HEIRS HAVE FORFEITED CLAIMS.

The Exposition Site May Be Legally Used for Carnegie Library Building.

Some apprehension is felt by friends of the St. Louis Library that the legal status of the Exposition property and Missouri Park is such that it could not be used as a site for the new Carnegie Library building. It is feared that the razing of the Exposition to give place to the library would afford an opportunity for the heirs of the late James H. Lucas to claim that section of the park donated by Mr. Lucas to the city.

In discussing the matter yesterday F. W. Lehmann, president of Library Board, stated that such apprehensions were without ground. He said that if the board succeeded in reaching a satisfactory arrangement with the Exposition people, the greatest obstacle would be overcome.

"When the Exposition was projected," said Mr. Lehmann, "the Lucas heirs agreed to waive any claim which they might have to the property because of an Exposition being erected upon it. This was part of the agreement under which the Exposition was built. The heirs did not deed away the property, because it was not theirs to dispose of. Their waver of rights possessed by them applied simply to the specific case of the Exposition. If the Exposition should discontinue, it simply places the heirs in the same position, with reference to the position, in which they were before the Exposition came into existence. Missouri Park would be restored to the citizens of St. Louis for park purposes, and if in the future it should be diverted to any other use than that of a public park, then the heirs would have claim to the section north of Locust street.

"Now comes the question: Would the erection of a public library on the site be diverting it from park purposes? We hold that it would not and the courts of Michigan have ruled very positively to this effect. I believe that the Missouri courts, or the Federal courts, should the case reach those tribunals, would render a similar verdict. Whether or not the Exposition lasts through the fifty years, which the ordinance creating it grants, does not in any wise affect the standing of the Lucas heirs."

RICH STRIKE IN COLORADO MINE

Perfect Aladdin's Cave Which Will Make Owners Rich.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Leadville, Colo., Jan. 3.—A strike of exceptional richness is reported from the Nisi Prius mine near Oro, at the head of California Gulch. It is a perfect Aladdin's cave for richness. The sides are encrusted with ore and on the floor are tons of it, which contain values running as high as $1,800 to the ton and which may be scooped up and sent to the smelters.

It is also thought that this is but the beginning of an enormous ore chute. The owners of the Nisi Prius are Dennis Sullivan, J. B. Grant, E. O. Wolcott and W. H. James of Denver, and Mrs. Schley, of the firm of Moore & Schley of New York.

SEATS ON 'CHANGE IN GREAT DEMAND.

New York, Jan. 3.—Memberships in all the exchanges in this city, the Produce Exchange excepted, are showing advances in value. Seats on the Consolidated Exchange have changed hands recently at $1,000, an advance of $200 or more over recent quotations and $1,100 is now bid. Coffee Exchange seats are now quoted at $800, a gain of $100 over the recent figures. Seats on the Stock Exchange continue in demand, with $80,000 bid, but there are few offers to sell.

PLAN TO STEAL THE FRUITS OF VICTORY.

Mayor Low's Warning of Attempts to Capture Organization of Board of Aldermen.

BRIBES OFFERED FUSIONISTS.

Tammany Said to Have $100,000 to Expend to Get Its Members on Important Committees—Treachery Feared.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New York, Jan. 3.—"Pretty definite rumors have reached me that money is being used to induce Aldermen elected on the fusion ticket to stay away from the meeting of the board for organization on Monday next or, if present, to vote against the fusion side.

"This is a matter of the utmost consequence, and I ask the press and the constituents of the Aldermen whose attitude is open to question to see to it that the fruits of the fusion victory are not lost by treachery. In my judgment no Alderman elected as a fusion Alderman can fail to be present and to vote with his colleagues on the organization of the board without exposing himself to a suspicion of bribery that few men can afford to face."

In these words, Mayor Low to-day gave warning of his knowledge of attempts to embarrass his administration through the bribery of members of the Board of Aldermen.

Upon the heels of this came a statement by Charles V. Fornes, president of the Board of Aldermen, declaring that, according to a definite report to him, one Fusion Alderman, who was present at the aldermanic caucus, has been offered $3,000 to vote with the Tammany men in organizing the body. This was coupled with the assertion that several more Fusion Alderman had also been approached.

Mr. Fornes said that Tammany had $100,000 to expend to obtain control of the aldermanic board, and that several fusionists had capitulated to the enemy for a consideration.

Tammany is anxious to tie up the board so as to force the selection of some of its members as chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Water, Gas and Electricity, both of which will have much to do with the granting of franchises. This would give Tammany great power, and would mitigate the odium of defeat in no small measure.

INVALID SEES HIS WIFE CREMATED.

John L. Mason Is Compelled to Witness Her Terrible Sufferings and Fearful Death.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Katie Mason, aged 72 years, was burned to death at her home in this city to-day. Her dress caught fire from the stove.

Her husband, John L. Mason, who is 80 years of age and a helpless invalid, had to lie in his bed and witness the awful tragedy. His cries for help brought assistance and the fire was put out in time to save the aged invalid and his house, but the woman was dead.

ST. LOUISANS HURT AT PADUCAH

Doctor C. H. Hughes and Grant Richardson in a Collision.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Paducah, Ky., Jan. 3.—A street car collided with a carriage of the Palmer Transfer Company, completely demolishing the vehicle, and injuring the occupants, who were Doctor C. H. Hughes and Grant Richardson of St. Louis and Doctor J. H. Brooks of this city.

Doctor Brooks had gone to the Illinois Central Depot to meet Doctor Hughes, who came here to consult with Doctor Brooks and Doctor Sights regarding the illness of John Weaks, a prominent wholesale grocer.

The carriage was en route to Doctor Brooks's residence when struck.

Doctor Hughes's right hand is cut, Mr. Richardson's left knee was strained, and Doctor Brooks's left knee was wrenched. The injuries are not serious, and all are able to be out, but they agree that they were very fortunate to escape with no more serious injuries.

Doctor Hughes lives at No. 3860 Pine street. A representative of his family last night stated that no word had been received from Doctor Hughes concerning the accident. Grant Richardson, who was with the physician in the accident, is not known to Doctor Hughes's family.

TELEGRAPH NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

ARDMORE, I. T.—Patrick O'Brien, employed as a butcher at Comanche, was killed on the Rock Island track while asleep.

SAN FRANCISCO—Templeton Crocker, the young son of C. F. Crocker and heir to $7,000,000 probably will be a cripple for life as a result of a runaway. He was taken East in a special train for treatment.

FAYETTE, MO.—The fourth annual exhibition of the Central Missouri Poultry Association will be held in Fayette, December 9 to 12, 1902, with F. W. Hitchcock of Denver as judge.

PINE BLUFF, ARK.—The Retail Grocers' Association is moving against the proposed postal and parcel bill which is before the Post Office Department. The bill is the one providing for a rate of less than a cent a pound on merchandise.

GUTHRIE, OKLA.—Fire at Catoosa, I. T., burned nearly every business building in the town. Loss, $40,000. The Bank of Catoosa building was destroyed.

COLUMBUS, NEB.—The Blue Valley bank at Bellwood, Butler County, was robbed of $2,000. The vault was blown open with dynamite. The robbers escaped.

CASPER, WYO.—In a fight with four escaped prisoners Sheriff W. C. Ricker was shot and fatally injured. The outlaws escaped the night of December 31, and Sheriff Ricker followed them to a point seventy-five miles west of Casper, where they were in ambush.

BELMONT HAS CLEAR FIELD.

Independent Candidate for Congress Has Withdrawn.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Jan. 3.—Fritz Lindinger, independent Democratic candidate for Representative from the Seventh Congressional District, has withdrawn from the contest and asks his followers to vote for Perry Belmont, who has been declared by the Supreme Court the regular Democratic nominee.

Several hours before Lindinger's withdrawal a number of Tammany leaders met and discussed the political situation. It was agreed that Lindinger's candidacy would divert several hundred votes from the regular nominee and, at the request of the leaders, the independent withdrew.

Mr. Belmont's friends were jubilant tonight, the district being an overwhelmingly Democratic one.

PETER COOPER'S GRANDSON INVENTS NEW LIGHT OF GREAT BRILLIANCY.

Discovery Which Promises to Mark a New Era in Electrical Illumination Has Passed the Experimental Stage—Practical Illustration Given Last Night.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Jan. 3.—Shining brightly over the door of the Engineers' Club to-night, a long glass tube gave public notice that Peter Cooper Hewitt, son of the former Mayor and grandson of the philanthropist, had passed the experimental stage in the evolution of a new light, and was ready to proclaim a discovery that he promises will mark a new era in electrical illumination. Mr. Hewitt has been at work several years on this light.

To-night Mr. Hewitt lectured on the subject before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Afterwards he said to a reporter:

"As it stands now, the light represents something more than the mere empyrical stage; it is an assured success, the measure of which must be determined by the improvements I may be able to make. I know already, however, that it is possible to bring it to a higher plane of efficiency."

In his exhibition to-night Mr. Hewitt employed a long glass tube, charged with mercury gas. Through this the electrical current was passed, and at once a cylindrical shaft of light appeared in the vessel, corresponding in its position with the tube's axis. The lamp over the street door sent its rays over a wide area; even the blackness which prevailed about the top of the high building directly opposite the clubhouse was penetrated by the light.

Roughly epitomizing, Mr. Hewitt's discovery is somewhat similar in its working to the common Edison globe, with a gas or vapor as the conductor of the current instead of the film usually employed.

SAVED FROM PAUPER BURIAL BY FRIENDS.

Professor Spiegelgerg, Former Well-Known Educator, Will Receive an Honored Funeral.

Professor Victor Spiegelberg, one of the most noted educators in St. Louis County, who died Thursday in St. Luke's Hospital, will be buried this morning at 10 o'clock by his former friends in the Wesleyan Cemetery, on the Olive Street road.

Professor Spiegelberg died penniless, and his friends in the county yesterday received word that he would be buried in the potter's field. The funeral was to have been held yesterday, but Principal John T. Rapp of the Ferguson School, on the Olive Street road, telephoned to the city authorities to wait until they heard further from him. He then called a special meeting of the directors of the school and a subscription list was started immediately. Mr. Rapp and Fred Stille worked with the list all day among the dead man's former acquaintances and succeeded in getting enough money together to defray the funeral expenses.

Professor Spiegelberg was principal of the Ferguson School for twenty-six years, and during that time was always prominent in county educational work. He was a veritable encyclopedia of information and was a constant contributor to the county newspapers on subjects of current interest. Professor Spiegelberg was of a convivial nature and usually spent his money as fast as he made it. He was 54 years old and was born in Germany.

SHAW CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT

Date of Assumption of His New Duties Is Undecided.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Governor Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa, who is to succeed Lyman J. Gage as Secretary of the Treasury, arrived at Washington to-night. In response to a message from the White House, he walked across Lafayette place to the President's home and remained with him until after 9 o'clock. Later the Governor called on Speaker Henderson. He will have a more extended conference with the President to-morrow.

To-morrow Governor Shaw will confer with Secretary Gage as to the latter's wishes in surrendering the secretaryship. The Governor said he would be ready to assume the office by the 22d or the 23d of January, but would suit the date largely to Mr. Gage's wishes in the matter.

"My experience has been that when a man has decided to quit an office," said the Governor, philosophically, "he is jealous of the hours he has to stay. I come at any time, but will leave the date of the change to the present Secretary. President Roosevelt has left the arrangements for the change practically to Mr. Gage."

The Governor will remain here for several days before returning to Iowa.

DEATH OF MICHAEL DUFFY.

Old Resident Succumbs to Injuries Accidentally Inflicted.

Michael Duffy, an old resident of Missouri, died at his home on Fountain Farm, Cadet, Washington County, Mo., Thursday from injuries received in an accident. Mr. Duffy was 74 years old. A widow and four children survive him. The children are Joseph, Alphonse of Cedar Farm, Washington County, Ill., Mrs. Mary E. McManus, wife of Attorney Frank A. C. MacManus, and Mrs. Elmira O'Hearn, wife of Michael O'Hearn.

The funeral will take place Monday morning from No. 1426 Stewart place, the residence of Mr. MacManus.

NOTES OF THE CITY.

INCREASED GUARANTY FUND—The American Guaranty Fund Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. Louis has increased its guaranty fund with the insurance department of the State from $50,000 to $100,000, which makes this one of the strongest companies of the kind in Missouri.

ADMIT PARTNERS—Julius W. Cohn and Eugene C. Dreyer have been admitted as partners of the firm of Hunter Bros., grain and feed commission merchants, in the Gay building. The firm announces that it will conduct its business on the same plan as formerly.

DIAMOND EUCHRE PARTY—A diamond euchre under the auspices of the Queen's Daughters of St. Bridget's Church will be given January 13 at St. Bridget's School Hall, Jefferson avenue and Stoddard street. The chief prizes will be a man's diamond stud and a lady's diamond ring. Forty other prizes will be awarded. The proceeds will be used to buy shoes and clothing for the poor.

ST. ANTHONY'S NEW RECTOR—The Reverend Franc's Albers, O. F. M., rector of St. Anthony's Church, Meramec street and Compton avenue, has been transferred to Illinois, and has been succeeded by the Reverend Father Timothy, O. F. M.

FATHER MATHEW RECEPTION—The annual reception of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Father Mathew, will take place at Pickwick Hall, Washington, near Jefferson avenue, January 22.

LEFT ALL TO WIFE—Sewel E. Hull, in his will filed for probate yesterday, stated that, knowing the love and affection which his wife, Annie V. Hull, entertained for their children, Daisy M., Eliza B. and Nellie Hull, he left them to her care, and willed her all of his estate.

MARGARET McDONALD'S WILL—Margaret J. McDonald, by her will filed for probate yesterday, left her estate to her children, Lillian, Frank and Charles, and charged them with the care of her mother, Ann Silby.

CHATTEL DEED OF TRUST—Charles E. Zumwalt yesterday filed a chattel deed of trust on his grocery and saloon outfit, on the southwest corner of Hogan street and Cass avenue, in favor of H. Chouteau Dyer, trustee for creditors.

MORE SALOONS—Deputy Excise Commissioner R. P. Thompson estimates that there will be about 100 more saloons in operation this year than last. There were about 2,200 last year. Guarantees so far filed at the office nearly reach 2,300.

TETANUS TRIAL TRANSCRIPTS—Mayor Wells yesterday received the transcripts of testimony brought out by the tetanus court of inquiry and distributed them among the members of the court. The court will convene as soon as the transcripts have been read by the members, when a verdict will be rendered.

JUSTICE HAUGHTON'S VACATION—Justice of the Peace Richard B. Haughton, No. 3414 Lucas avenue, has returned from his Christmas vacation, spent in Aberdeen, Miss., visiting his mother, Mrs. S. B. Haughton, and other relatives.

TEN CHILDREN TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION.

Salvation Army Officer Announces That Sale Will Take Place at a Theater.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 3.—Captain McDiarmid of the Salvation Army announced this evening that one week from Sunday night he would sell at auction ten children on the stage of the Park Theater. Mr. McDiarmid said:

"I have the consent of the parents of these children, and shall sell each to the highest bidder. I will keep within the letter of the law and see that each child secures a good home and is properly educated."

VICTIMS OF CAR ACCIDENTS.

Two Women Injured and Four Have Narrow Escapes.

Miss Mary Banks, living at No. 814 Papin street, fell from a Chouteau avenue car near the corner of Leffingwell avenue last night and was cut and bruised on the face and head. Walter Graham, night superintendent of the morgue, picked Miss Banks up and escorted her home. Her injuries are not serious.

Mrs. Caroline Rausenkinze, living a mile north of the Chain of Rocks, on the Columbia Bottom road, was thrown from the wagon in which she was riding last night in a collision with a Broadway car at the intersection of Humboldt avenue. She was cut and bruised on the legs and arms. After receiving treatment at the North End Dispensary she was conveyed to her home in an ambulance.

A Cass avenue car at Sixth and Gratiot streets yesterday afternoon collided with a two-horse carriage driven by John Dunn of No. 1908 North Broadway. Four women were in the carriage, but they escaped injury. The occupants were Mrs. Martha Niehoff, No. 2331 South Third street; Mary Newstead, No. 108 North Eleventh street; Anna Fuchs, No. 620 Morgan street, and Hulda Gans, No. 1908 South Thirteenth street.

At Ninth and Marion streets yesterday afternoon a Cherokee car collided with a wagon driven by Fred Steigmann of No. 1413 Blair avenue. He was thrown to the street and bruised on the face.

Doctor C. A. Newcomb, who has an office at No. 918 Pine street, was driving west in Chestnut street at the intersection of Jefferson avenue yesterday afternoon when his buggy was struck by a northbound Jefferson avenue car. The buggy was almost wrecked, and the doctor was thrown into the street, but he escaped with a few slight bruises.

Patrick McKinney of No. 4356 Garfield avenue fell from a westbound Easton avenue car at Belle Glade avenue yesterday morning sustaining several cuts and bruises about the face.

BILL FOR STREET CLEANING.

Measure Introduced in Council—Engine House Plan.

Commissioner of Public Buildings Longfellow transmitted a communication to the City Council yesterday, in which he explained that the plans for alteration of the new No. 8 engine-house at Nos. 10 and 12 North Ninth street, had not been finished because his draftsmen were pressed with work. The name of H. C. Hanley was submitted for approval as Inspector of Buildings to represent the St. Louis Fire Prevention Bureau.

Captain Boyce introduced a bill to transfer Street Department appropriations in order to permit of street cleaning. The transfers represented amounts that had been saved by Street Commissioner Varrelmann. The new appropriation measure would give $5,000 for macadam street repairs, $3,000 for salaries of laborers and $5,000 for labor and carts. Mr. Boyce introduced a bill to make an additional appropriation of $1,000 for current expenses of the fiscal offices.

The following bills were passed: Appropriating $400 for the Coroner; transferring police appropriations; appropriating $1,000 for additional draftsmen in the special tax division; authorizing the appointment of three local superintendents for the new City Hospital; authorizing the employment of more draftsmen in the special tax division; and appropriating $1,250 for making out the street-sprinkling tax bills.

On motion of Mr. Horton, the number of City Hospital inspectors was reduced from five to three. Mr. Horton announced that the Committee on Public Improvements will grant a public hearing at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon on the conduit-extension bill.

GETS $5,400 FOR A DOG BITE.

Woman Wins Suit Agaist President Hayes's Estate.

Toledo, O., Jan. 3.—The Credit Court today affirmed a decision of the lower courts giving Mrs. Adelaide Smith of Fremont a judgment of $5,400 against the estate of the late President R. B. Hayes.

Mrs. Smith was bitten by a dog belonging to the late president and this is the cause for the action.

MARLOWE TO PLAY IN LONDON.

Will Produce "When Knighthood Was in Flower" Next Season.

Julia Marlowe, who is starring at the Olympic this week, will make her appearance in London early next season in the play "When Knighthood Was In Flower." The production will be staged in one of the largest theaters in the metropolis. The company now supporting Miss Marlowe will accompany her.

Charles B. Dillingham of New York, Miss Marlowe's manager, who has been negotiating for the actress' London engagement, has completed all arrangements, and has wired Miss Marlowe of his success.

SUICIDED WITH DYNAMITE.

Bohemian Chooses an Awful Manner in Which to Die.

Morris, Ill., Jan. 3.—There was a frightful suicide at Coal City, ten miles southeast of this city. Joseph H. Bovine, a leader ameng the Bohemians in the coal fields, had trouble with his wife this morning. He brooded over the matter until afternoon, when he went to the village and secured a stick of dynamite. On his return he went back of his barn, and, lying on his back, placed the dynamite beneath himself. With his hand he struck the cap and exploded the dynamite. The explosion tore a great hole in the earth and blew the man's body into pieces.

DECISION RELEASES LARGE DIVIDENDS.

Judge Knowles Dissolves Injunction Against Boston and Montana Mining Company.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 3.—Judge Knowles in the United States Court has dissolved the injunction which John MacGinnis, a minority stockholder of the Boston and Montana Mining Company, had obtained to prevent the payment of dividends to the Amalgamated Copper Company and to prevent the latter and its officials from voting stock and controlling the affairs of the Boston and Montana company. Several million dollars in dividends were tied up by the injunction.

Judge Knowles decided that MacGinnis and Lamm had no right to complain, and he also enjoined them from prosecuting a similar suit now pending in the District Court until the one in the United States Court is finally disposed of.

This later suit had been originally brought in the District Court, but the Amalgamated Company being a foreign corporation, the case was removed to the Federal Court. Judge Knowles has ordered the Amalgamated Company to make a formal appearance in the case on or before the first Monday in February or he will remand the case to the District Court for want of jurisdiction.

Under the decision of Judge Knowles, the accumulated dividends in the treasury of the Boston and Montana may now be distributed to the stockholders, and it establishes the legal standing of the Amalgamated Company and decides that it can hold stock in the Montana companies.

COMPENSATION FOR SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

House of Delegates Indorses the Mayor's Plan to Increase the Revenue.

The plan of Mayor Wells to demand compensation from individuals, firms and corporations for special privileges obtained from the city was indorsed last evening by the House of Delegates. An important resolution offered by Mr. Burke was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Burke's resolution declared that the city should receive remuneration for privileges granted under, upon and over streets, sidewalks and public places, such as for excavations, canopies and signs. Clerk Judge was instructed to correspond with officials in other cities and ascertain the rates charged and the revenue accruing from the systems. The resolution was adopted on motion of Mr. Hannigan.

Three Board of Public Improvement bills which were in the committee's files for more than forty days, the maximum time limit specified by amendment 1 to the City Charter, were referred to the Committee of the Whole. There was some discussion as to the proper procedure with bills that are taken from committees without being reported.

Mr. Kinney introduced a bill to amend section 1322 of the Municipal Code so as to forbid the loading of wagons in excess of two and one-half times the we