CAUSE FOR THANKS IN A CLEANER CITY.

Circuit Attorney Folk and the Juries and Judges Are Praised in a Holiday Sermon.

COMMENDS FEARLESS PRESS.

The Reverend Doctor Rhodes Says St. Louis Is Now a Hopeful Spectacle to the World.

In a sermon before a large congregation yesterday morning the Reverend Doctor M. Rhodes, pastor of St. Mark's English Lutheran Church, Cardinal and Bell avenues, eulogized those who had revealed the corruption in municipal affairs, and brought about the punishment of those who were responsible for this dreadful disgrace to the city.

"A Clean City" was Doctor Rhodes's subject, taking his text from the Book of Proverbs, eleventh chapter and eleventh verse.

Especially did the speaker praise Circuit Attorney Folk for the fearless and courageous manner in which he has sought to drive the corruptionists from the city, not forgetting to say a few words in eulogy of "the faithful and impartial judges and the fearless press for the noble work they have done and are doing to blot out our blemish and to give us a clean city."

"No wrong," said Doctor Rhodes, "escapes the Bible's detection, no right escapes its commendation. The time is fitting to give especial and much needed attention to the city in which we live and love. But the iniquity which has so long disgraced us is being discovered and punished.

"Never in the history of our great city, with all our shame, were we so hopeful and noble a spectacle to the world as now. Who can estimate the wholesome, helpful influence of this righteous crusade against the worst forms of iniquity in our city on all the cities of the land?

"All heartiest thanks and co-operation to Mr. Folk, our faithful juries and impartial judges."

Doctor Rhodes said that every good citizen wants the thousands of visitors who will come to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to go away with "the feeling that here is a clean and orderly, a righteously governed city, which it is a comfort to live in and which we can commend.

"Stately buildings, palatial homes, a commerce that touches the world at all points, fine churches and schools, streets that are paved, and the whole city a veritable Parisian beauty would amount to naught," he continued, "if we are smirched with a moral uncleanliness, a high-handed iniquity that invites the rebukes of all decent people the world over, and the curse of God.

"The bribe-giver, the bribe-taker, the perjurer and the corrupter of the ballot," which Doctor Rhodes declared St. Louis was, he termed as "bloodless anarchy," and he only possible way to forever wipe out his evil, said he, is by clean nominations and a free, clean ballot.

SERVICES DRAW LARGE CROWDS.

Union Meetings Are Held at Many of the Churches.

Thanksgiving services in the various city churches were well attended yesterday morning. The services as a rule were held at an earlier hour than in former years, possibly for the convenience of the congregations, who were anxious to get to their Thanksgiving dinners.

At most of the meetings the choirs of the several churches taking part were united and had rehearsed special music for the occasion. The offerings taken at all services were generous and will be devoted to the city charities and city mission work.

Services were held in the evening at the church missions, and as a rule they preceded a dinner given to the mission's members.

Thanksgiving evening was made the occasion for many meetings of young people's societies and entertainments. In addition to the other Thanksgiving privileges of the city institutions, praise services were held.

Union meetings were held by four of the principal denominations. At the Third Baptist Church the Reverend S. E. Ewing preached the sermon. The Southern Methodist congregations worshiped at the Cenenary M. E. Church, South, and the sermon was by the Reverend Doctor C. H. Briggs, the Presiding Elder of the district. The Reverend Mr. Carlos preached to the Northern Methodist congregations at the Union M. E. Church.

Several Christian congregations united at the Central Christian Church and listened to the Reverend John L. Brandt. The Jewish congregations of the city met at Temple Shaare Emeth. The prominent rabbis of the city spoke. Congregational churches held union services at the Fountain Park Congregational Church.

FATHER CONNOLLY IS DEFENDED.

Father Phelan Discusses Reported Rejection as Auxiliary Bishop.

The Reverend Father D. S. Phelan, in discussing the reported rejection of a St. Louis priest as Auxiliary Bishop, declares that the opposition was not from this city. It is understood that he refers to the Reverend Father J. A. Connelly. He says:

"Last March his Grace of St. Louis petitioned the propaganda for an assistant, alleging the feeble condition of his health and he peremptory injunction of his physicians to give up work; and suggesting the name of a parish priest of this city as a fitting person to fill the office to be created. It happened that the priest asked for had been named by the priests of Cheyenne and the Bishops of the province of Dubuque for Bishop of the former see.

"Out of regard for the Archbishop of St. Louis the name of the St. Louis priest was dropped from the tern for Cheyenne. It seems some priests of this latter diocese had a grievance against a certain Bishop of the province, and learning that the St. Louis priest was his nomination they transferred to him all the odium they felt for his mitred friend. They gathered up all the rumors and innuendoes and suspicions that floated in the mountain air of Wyoming and of them wove a web of protest, which they sent to Rome.

"If the St. Louis priest was unfit for Cheyenne he was unfit for St. Louis. But here was no protest from St. Louis; so that if any investigation of his record was to be made it would have to be done in connection with the see of Cheyenne. His name was restored to the Cheyenne tern and a special congress held to determine the truth of the objections. The result, as given in the dispatches, was that the St. Louis priest was rejected for St. Louis, and the receipt of damaging letters given as the cause of that rejection.

"Dispatches from Rome created the impression that the objections came from this city. Nothing could be further from the truth. They came from Cheyenne, where the priest was known only as his episcopal pioneer's friend.

"All the priests of this city sympathize with this 'rejected' clergyman and resent the way in which he is made to appear in his transaction. Archbishop Kain is indignant that his priest should be judged and condemned on the testimony of men who never saw him; live a thousand miles from his city; and in their protest gave expression to their fears, rather than to their convictions.

"It is a pity that there is no way for a priest to protect his good name when assailed in the council chamber of the propaganda, and given a world-wide infamy by the publication of its conclusions. The Archbishop has said repeatedly that the priest he named for auxiliary was not one whit more worthy of the place than a half dozen others whom he might have named; at that he thought he was better fitted to do the hard work of confirming, having been born and brought up in the interior of the state and being identified with its rural life and the hardships of the country mission.

"He will see that the fair name of the young clergyman is relieved of the ignominy unjustly cast upon it and will do everything in his power to vindicate the credit of this city and diocese from the obloquy sought to be heaped on both."

MRS. NATHAN PERRY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mount Sterling, Ill., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Nathan Perry died at the family home, five miles east of this city, this morning. She was 77 years old. Her maiden name was Glenn, and she came to Illinois from Kentucky. She belonged to a distinguished family of pioneers, many of whom were prominent in the history of the State. Her son, E. A. Perry, a practicing attorney of this city and Springfield, served several terms in the Illinois Legislature, and in 1900 was Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor. Her funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

FR. POWER'S PARISH WILL BE ABOLISHED

Archbishop Kain Declares That Immaculate Conception Church Will Be Abandoned.

TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1.

Prelate Regards Committee's Action in Notifying Him to Pay Ten Thousand Dollars as Impertinent.

"On and after January 1, 1903, there will be no Catholic parish of the Immaculate Conception in this city," said Archbishop Kain yesterday afternoon.

"There will be no need of a church building and the $10,000 which I promised under certain conditions will not be forthcoming, as the time to which the offer held good has long since expired."

This statement was made by the Archbishop in answer to the intimations among the Immaculate Conception parishioners that he had failed to keep his promise. It precludes the possibility of the purchase of the Christian Science property on Pine street.

The Immaculate Conception Parish will be divided among the adjacent parishes. St. Francis Xavier's will receive a portion of the western part, and St. John's the eastern. The remaining section will be divided between St. Bridget's and St. Malachy's parishes.

For reasons entirely satisfactory to himself the Archbishop has decided to abolish the parish. In case an appeal should be taken to the Apostolic Delegate at Washington, it is not probable that the identity of the parish will be preserved, as the matter is fully understood there, and it is said the Archbishop is favored.

HISTORY OF OFFER.

Archbishop Kain went over the history of the offering of the $10,000, and related the conditions. He showed a copy of a letter sent to the Reverend Father G. D. Power, the pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, on December 2, 1901, in which he offered to donate $10,000 out of the sum realized from the sale of the present site for the purchase of a new site.

This offer was not made at the time of Judge Hough's ruling holding that the Archbishop was the legal trustee of the property, but two months earlier. It was expressly stated that the offer was to hold good only until the first day of April, 1902.

THE REVEREND GERARD D. POWER, Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

"I took this action," said the Archbishop, "hoping that affairs could be satisfactorily adjusted. About the first of April Father Power visited me, and after explaining conditions in the parish I consented to extend the time for four months.

"Meantime I had occasion to be in Washington, and called upon Cardinal Martinelli, who was then the Apostolic Delegate. He informed me that he had kept up with the matter through the newspapers and said I had been 'even too good and generous to the complaining parish.'

"I was assured that I would be upheld, and have no doubt that the new delegate will sustain me when the case is presented to him, if it should be presented."

"COMMITTEE IMPERTINENT."

"Upon my return to St. Louis I constantly expected a visit from Father Power," continued the Archbishop, "but it was not until the middle of October that I saw him, and then only after I had sent him a message to wait on me.

"At this visit he stated to me that all efforts to preserve the Immaculate Conception Parish seemed in vain. He said the congregation was smaller than ever; that he had only one pewholder, and if the parish were abolished it would give him the opportunity to go abroad. It was decided between us that the parish should be done away with, and I gave him until the first of the year to settle up its affairs.

"That was the last of the matter until he came to me Monday and told me of the plans to purchase the Christian Science property. I told him there was no need for church property, as the parish was to be abolished.

"This morning I received a communication from the committee, whose appointment I have never authorized, and whose existence is not legal, asking that the $10,000 be paid over. I regard this as impertinent, as the matter was settled in October with Father Power."

DINNER GIVEN TO CHILDREN BY THE SUNSHINE SOCIETY.

Thanksgiving Feast Is Enjoyed by 300 Little Guests and Many Grown Persons at Sloan Mission.

Three hundred odd children and nearly as many grown persons enjoyed the hospitality of the ladies of the International Sunshine Society at a Thanksgiving dinner in the rooms of the Sloan Mission, No. 1204 South Seventh street, last night.

Nearly an eighth of a ton of turkey, besides a practically unlimited quantity of mashed potatoes, corn and cranberry sauce, were supplied. In addition to the turkey, there were over 100 pounds of boneless ham and corn beef, while each table was liberally provided with candy, cake and other sweetmeats.

At 6 o'clock, when the children began to arrive, many of them accompanied by their parents, the twelve tables fairly groaned under the weight of their loads of good things. Two hours later there was scarcely a pound of anything edible left in the building.

The joyful shouts of the little ones as the overflowing plates were placed before them testified to their healthy appetites, but the merry clatter of knives and forks soon drowned out their exclamations.

There was no limit placed upon the portions of turkey or other good things, and the ladies of the society, who had volunteered as waitresses, were thoroughly exhausted before the last guest had departed.

When the Sunshine Society arranged to give the children of the mission and their parents a Thanksgiving feast it was found that the mission room would be inadequate, and R. A. Peavey, manager of the Morgan & Wright Tire Company, gave the use of the two adjoining buildings.

In these the tables were arranged. In the southern room a space had been reserved for the youngest children. Here the feast was spread upon low, broad kindergarten tables, a suitable chair being provided for each child.

The remaining tables were of the regulation size, each accommodating twenty. All were covered with white cloth and were decorated with flowers and tastefully arranged plates containing small cakes and assorted candies.

The dinner was under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. C. W. Trowbridge, State president of the International Sunshine Society; Miss Pauline H. Booch, Miss Mary H. Jewett, Miss Lillie Shields and Mrs. William H. Gulkey. Samuel L. Abbott assisted the ladies in securing donations.

RAILROADS ACQUIRE AMERICAN BOTTOMS

Pay Approximately Seventy Thousand Dollars for 540 Acres of Land at Mitchell, Ill,

ON WABASH AND BIG FOUR.

These Roads, Rock Island, Frisco and Chicago and Eastern Illinois Mentioned as the Probable Purchasers.

The formal transfer of property in the American Bottoms, which, it is believed, is wanted for railroad terminals, took place Wednesday at Edwardsville, Ill. The land secured totals 539.98 acres, in one continuous portion, lying north from the intersection of the rights of way of the Wabash and the Big Four at Mitchell, Ill.

The purchaser was represented by Albert W. Hester of Chicago, agent of the Chicago Title and Trust Company.

The greater portion of the tract, 517 acres, was acquired from John J. Mitchell of St. Louis. Mr. Mitchell had partitioned the land among his daughters, retaining a life interest, so that he and his daughters signed the deeds jointly. They were represented in the transaction by H. W. Phelps.

For the Mitchell tract $66,200.32 was paid, divided among the children, as follows: Miss W. E. Mitchell of St. Louis, $44,405.76; Miss G. A. Mitchell of St. Louis, $15,137.28; Miss P. A. Mitchell of Washington, D. C., $6,657.28.

The smaller land owners were: Chris Kahle of Venice, two tracts of 2.50 and 6.98 acres; George Voight of Mitchell, two tracts of 8.49 and .09; John W. Segar of Oldenberg, 4.92 acres. The smaller tracts brought $150 an acre and the Mitchell ground $128 an acre. The total price for the ground was $69,647.32.

All of the deeds were made to the Chicago Title and Guaranty Company, whose manager, John C. Fetzer, engineered the deal. It is believed that the deal has been terminated, and that the trust company will hold the property in trust and not turn it over to the patron for whom it was secured.

There is no doubt that the Big Four and Frisco arrangement for a short line to enable the latter to connect with the Chicago and Eastern Illinois is behind the purchase. There is some belief that the Wabash will build on the tract.

The Rock Island has run several surveys through the State recently, and each one approximated the proposed route of the Big Four. It cut off and all ended in the property which has been sold. If the Rock Island is not interested, the fact that the land was purchased through the Chicago company would lead to the belief that the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, the Frisco and the Big Four are interested.

After signing the deeds John J. Mitchell recalled an odd incident connected with the requirement of some of the ground from the Wabash. When the road deeded him a portion of the ground which changed hands this week it was made a matter of record that Mr. Mitchell or his tenants had permission forever to drive with their wagons across any portion of the Wabash Railway tracks along which the ground lay. Mr. Mitchell had much to do with railroad development in the American Bottom, that portion of the Chicago and Alton between Alton and St. Louis having been built by him between 1859 and 1864.

RESORT LINES FOR ST. LOUIS.

Control of Pere Marquette Railroad May Pass to Local Syndicate.

The Pere Marquette Railroad, which offers so many delightful places for summer outings, a railroad which is made up of a network of lines lying principally in the State of Michigan, according to advices from Michigan and from Boston, Mass., may soon pass into the control of St. Louis capitalists.

The report is that a syndicate headed by the St. Louis Union Trust Company, has secured options on 70,000 shares of Pere Marquette common and preferred stock at $85 a share. This stock has been held by F. H. Prince & Co. of Boston for more than a year. This does not give control to the St. Louis party, but the new interests will be represented on the board and will aid in developing and extending the road eastward to Detroit.

This railroad connects with the Grand Trunk, the Wabash, and other friendly connections of both systems, and with the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, the Ann Arbor, recently acquired by the Wabash, and other railroads in which St. Louis capital is represented. Railroad men of St. Louis are represented in the directorate of the St. Louis Union Trust Company, one of the most prominent of whom is Mr. Yoakum, president of the Frisco.

The purchase of the Pere Marquette stock has been connected with Frisco plans, but no names have been announced. The Grand Trunk has many friends in St. Louis, and so has the Wabash, now in that territory.

If the St. Louis capitalists come into control of the Pere Marquette, St. Louis will own the railroad which reaches these well-known and popular resort points: Mackinac Island, Bay View, Petoskey, Harbor Surings, Charlevoix, South Haven, Bay Port, Traverse City, Omena, Northport, Ludington, Ottawa Beach, Wequetonsing, Macatawa Park, Lake Harbor, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Pointe Aux Barques and Harbor Beach.

STATEMENT OF EMPLOYES.

Sentiment Favoring Organization by Railroad Clerks Growing.

Clerks employed in the local offices of railroads at St. Louis and East St. Louis, apart from the general offices, claim that they, as a class, have not been recognized in the general increase in wages to railroad employes all over the country, and the sentiment of a few years ago for organization is again strong.

One of these local office employes states that the general office employes number about one-fifth of the clerks employed in various offices in St. Louis, and that to the four-fifths of the railroad clerks transportation and like favors are not extended. This employe also states that salaries are lower than formerly, and that they are being reduced with every change in position.

Supply and demand, which to a great extent regulates the salaries of the clerks, it is contended, does not apply to the unionized employes because of contracts between the organizations and the railroad managers. In a communication to The Republic, it is stated: "The clerks are not participating in the acknowledged prosperous conditions and higher cost of living except at the wrong end."

ST. LOUIS MEN ARE INTERESTED.

Pere Marquette and Lake Erie and Detroit Are Acquired.

New York, Nov. 27.—Unless pending negotiations fail, says the Herald, a large share of the Pere Marquette Railroad, in Michigan, with the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railroad, which was recently acquired by the Pere Marquette, will come into new hands during the first week in December.

It is expected that options to take over a block of seventy thousand shares of stock will then be exercised. A syndicate composed chiefly of St. Louis business men is said to be interested in the purchase, and it is not known whether the syndicate acts for itself or in behalf of a railroad.

Promotions Officially Announced.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway officially announces the appointment of I. P. Spining as northwestern passenger agent, with headquarters in Chicago, vice W. E. Conklyn, resigned, to take service with another company. The appointment of Mr. Spining becomes effective on December 1. W. C. Cone, station passenger agent of the Big Four, will succeed Mr. Spining as passenger agent for the Big Four at St. Louis; C. C. Rhodes, assistant ticket agent, becomes station passenger agent, and C. A. Patton, secretary to C. L. Hilleary, assistant general passenger agent at St. Louis, becomes assistant ticket agent.

Promotion for Superintendents.

Baltimore, Nov. 27.—Bruce W. Duer, chief clerk to the general superintendent of transportation of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, has been appointed superintendent of the Pittsburg division, vice S. C. Hutchinson, who has resigned to become assistant general superintendent of the Michigan Central. The appointment is effective December 1.

RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE I. C.

Line Will Be Built From Dailey to Sand Ridge in Illinois.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Duquoin, Ill., Nov. 27.—The Illinois Central has practically secured the right-of-way for a line from Dailey, in this county, to Sand Ridge, Jackson County, twenty miles long. It is expected that grading will commence about January 1. This line is being built to handle a portion of the business that will come to the company when the bridge across the Mississippi River at Gale is completed.

The Illinois Central probably will commence soon to double-track the line from Pinckneyville to East St. Louis, the work to be completed in time for the World's Fair. When this is done, some of the fast trains from St. Louis for the South will run via Duquoin, which will afford through double trackage surface.

Increase in Frisco Earnings.

The Frisco announces earnings for the third week of November as $490,556.91, an increase of $43,868.82; for the fiscal year, dating from July 1 last, $9,588,227.08, an increase of $1,231,231.60. Mileage operated in 1902 is shown as 3,201.49 miles; in 1902, 3,584.18 miles.

THE WEATHER.

Official Forecast Announced for To-Day and To-Morrow.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Forecast:

Illinois—Fair Friday and Saturday; variable, becoming fresh south.

Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday showers and cooler.

Western Texas—Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday showers and cooler in north portion; fair in south.

Missouri—Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday fair.

Kansas—Fair Friday, warmer in East portion; Saturday fair in north, showers and cooler in south portion.

Eastern Texas—Fair, warmer Friday; Saturday increasing cloudiness, with showers and cooler in north portion; fresh southeast winds.

Local Report.

St. Louis, Thursday, Nov. 27, 1902.

	6:58 a. m.	6:58 p. m.
Thermometer, degrees	32	37
Relative humidity	81	69
Direction of wind	NW	SW
Velocity of wind	14	4
Rainfall, inches	.02	.00

Weather at 6:58 a. m., clear. Weather at 6:58 p. m., clear. Maximum temperature, 37; minimum temperature, 28. River, 13.5 feet.

R. J. HYATT, Local Forecast Official.

Government Report.

Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.—Meteorological observations received at St. Louis November 27, 1902, at 6:58 p. m. local time and 8 p. m. seventy-fifth meridian time. Observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations.

Stations.	Dir.	Tp.	Mx.	Rn.	Weather.
Abilene	SE	52	56		Fair
Amarillo	S	44	56		Cloudy
Atlanta	NW	28	36		Clear
Bismarck	S	32	40		Clear
Buffalo	NW	28	32	.10	Snow
Charlotte	W	36	44	*	Clear
Chattanooga	W	34	38	*	Fair
Cincinnati	W	36	38	.06	Fair
Cleveland	NW	36	36	.14	Cloudy
Chicago	NW	32	34	*	Cloudy
Columbus	NW	32	34	.02	Cloudy
Cairo	W	36	38	*	Clear
Calgary	W	24	32		Cloudy
Cheyenne	NW	22	44		Clear
Duluth	SE	20	30		Clear
Dubuque	SW	32	38		Clear
Davenport	W	32	38		Clear
Des Moines	S	30	36		Clear
Denver	NE	42	56		Clear
Dodge City	SE	44	50		Cloudy
El Paso	W	48	50		Cloudy
Fort Smith	E	40	46		Clear
Galveston	E	54	56		Clear
Grand Haven	N	32	34		Cloudy
Grand Junction	W	36	40		Cloudy
Huron	SE	34	40		Clear
Havre	SW	30	40	*	Snow
Helena	SW	26	34	.01	Clear
Indianapolis	W	32	34	.06	Snow
Jacksonville	NW	50	56		Clear
Kansas City	SW	30	40		Clear
Little Rock	S	42	46		Clear
Louisville	W	36	36	*	Cloudy
Lander	W	30	44		Clear
Montgomery	NW	40	46	*	Clear
Memphis	W	42	42		Clear
Marquette	N	26	28	*	Clear
Modena	N	24	36		Clear
New York	W	44	48		Cloudy
Norfolk	W	46	58		Clear
New Orleans	NW	50	54		Clear
Nashville	SW	36	36	.01	Clear
North Platte	S	42	50		Fair
Omaha	S	32	36		Clear
Oklahoma	S	42	48		Clear
Philadelphia	NW	42	50		Clear
Palestine	E	50	56		Clear
Pittsburg	NW	24	33	*	Snow
Parkersburg	W	24	38	.04	Snow
Pueblo	NW	44	50		Fair
Q'Appelle	SW	34	42		Clear
Rapid City	NW	44	50		Cloudy
St. Paul	SE	30	36		Clear
Shreveport	S	46	52		Clear
Springfield, Ill	W	34	38		Clear
St. Louis	SW	37	37		Clear
Springfield, Mo	SE	34	34		Clear
Salt Lake	S	32	36	*	Snow
Santa Fe	SE	28	40		Clear
San Antonio	SE	54	60		Fair
Vicksburg	NE	46	48		Clear
Valentine	NW	36	54		Clear
Washington	NW	40	46	*	Clear
Wichita	S	36	42		Clear

*Inappreciable precipitation.

R. J. HYATT, Local Forecast Official.

PROMOTING FOREIGN MISSIONS.

New York Episcopalians Begin a Series of Meetings.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Nov. 27.—Twenty-two million dollars is the sum English-speaking people send annually into foreign mission fields, according to a notice sent out to-day for a series of meetings beginning Sunday to arouse interest in Episcopal parishes in the subject.

Missionary services will be held Sunday in all the Episcopal churches, and next week there will be an exhibit at the parish-house of Zion and St. Timothy of articles from the mission fields. During the week there are to be mass meetings in Carnegie Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings there are to be services in the principal Episcopal churches in Manhattan and Brooklyn boroughs.

Every week day, beginning Tuesday, there will be a short noon service for business men in Trinity Church, Broadway and Wall street, and St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway and Fulton street. Among the speakers will be the Bishop of Thetford, England; Bishop Patridge of Kyoto, Japan; Bishop Tuttle of Missouri; Bishop Hall of Vermont; Bishop Burgess of Long Island; Bishop Moreland of Sacramento, and Bishop Gallor of Tennessee.

THEOBALD DISPOSED TO FIGHT.

Treasury Agent Expects to Retaliate on Accusers.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Nov. 27.—William H. Theobald, special Treasury agent, purposes paying his respects to those who have been fighting him when he retires from office.

In very many instances the persons against whom he has made accusations have been wealthy and influential, and they have retaliated by making counter-charges against him and urging his removal.

"I have discovered hundreds of wealthy persons smuggling goods into this country in the seven years of my service," said Mr. Theobald to-day. "They have had to turn over thousands of dollars' to the Government. I have kept a complete record of these persons and of the disposition of their cases. I shall make the facts public, and in doing so I shall have a few things to say to those who have been pounding me."

Collector Stranahan said to-day he had made no charges against Mr. Theobald, and he believed that Secretary of the Treasury Shaw had used his own judgment in deciding to let him go.

It will pay to read Mermod & Jaccard's announcement about their reduction sale on page 7 in to-day's Republic.

QESMOND RELEASES VANE.

Police Refuse to Aid in Collection of Debts.

Harry Vane, who was arrested at Union Station Wednesday night by Detectives Badger and Howard, was discharged yesterday by Chief of Detectives Desmond when he had investigated the charge against the prisoner.

Vane was taken in custody at the request of the police at Mansfield, Ill., where Blanche Lamont, an actress, had preferred a charge of larceny against him. She charged that Vane had obtained $200 from her unlawfully. Vane claimed that there must be a mistake and Chief Desmond, after he had released the prisoner, stated that the police of St. Louis could not be used as a collecting agency.

Shot Himself While Hunting.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Salem, Mo., Nov. 27.—Arley Blackwell, the 16-year-old son of Sheriff Blackwell, accidentally shot himself in the right shoulder while out hunting this afternoon. The boy started to put a gun through a fence and the gun was discharged. The wound is very serious and the doctors think there is no chance for his recovery.

EAST SIDE NEWS.

UNION SERVICES IN SEVERAL ALTON CHURCHES.

President's Proclamation Is Read and Many Ministers Are Heard.

Union Thanksgiving services were held yesterday by the evangelical churches in Alton. The services were in the First Baptist Church.

President Roosevelt's proclamation was read by the Reverend H. K. Sanborne, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and the scriptural lesson by W. F. Isler. The opening prayer was offered by the Reverend J. H. J. Rice, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer. The sermon was preached by the Reverend Doctor M. H. Ewers, pastor of the Sixth Street M. E. Church, and the benediction was pronounced by the Reverend Doctor M. W. Twing, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

In addition to the union services a sunrise prayer meeting was held in the Church of the Redeemer, in Henry street, at 6:30 o'clock. Professor B. C. Richardson had charge of the devotional services and the singing was under the direction of J. M. Logan, of the Twelfth Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

At Upper Alton the union services were held in the First Presbyterian Church, in College avenue. The sermon was preached by the Reverend M. L. Cole, pastor of the First M. E. Church.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church special services were held at 7 o'clock, and at 10, under the direction of the rector, the Reverend H. M. Chittenden.

At the German Evangelical Church, in Henry street, Thanksgiving services were conducted at 10:30 o'clock by the pastor, the Reverend Theodore Oberhellmann.

At SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, in State street, a high mass was celebrated by the Reverend Father Thomas E. Cassack, and at St. Mary's Church, in Henry street, a high mass was celebrated by the Reverend Father Joseph Meckle.

DEATH OF TWO ALTON RESIDENTS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Holden and Henry Hessnauer Pass Away.

Two well-known residents of Alton died yesterday, Mrs. Elizabeth Holden and Henry Hessnauer.

The death of Mrs. Holden occurred at the home of her son, Charles Holden, in Henry street. She was 85 years old, and the widow of the late Charles Holden, one of the pioneer residents of Alton. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

The death of Henry Hessnauer occurred yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital after a lingering illness. Mr. Hessnauer was the proprietor of the Eastern Hotel in East Second street. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Alton Notes and Personals.

—Nathan Cole of Springfield, Ill., was a visitor in Upper Alton yesterday.

—The Reverend Doctor and Mrs. M. H. Ewers of Alton are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Siders of Decatur, Ill.

—The Missionary Social Union of Alton has elected Mrs. Sarah Trumbull president, Mrs. J. E. Hayner, Mrs. J. H. Randall, Mrs. Ellen Sawyer, vice presidents; Mrs. Thomas M. Long, secretary; Mrs. J. H. J. Rice, treasurer; Miss Lillian Bishop, secretary of literature.

—A recital will be given in the Spalding Auditorium in Belle street, Alton, this evening under the direction of Professor Frederic Harmon, organist at SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral.

—"The Lighthouse Robbery" was presented at the Temple Theater in Alton yesterday at both matinee and evening performances to record-breaking Thanksgiving audiences.

—The Spalding Indian football team of Alton went to Whitehall, Ill., yesterday, where they played the team from the Whitehall High School yesterday afternoon.

—The Alton Commercial Club kept open house yesterday in honor of Thanksgiving Day.

—The pupils of the Alton Conservatory of Music will give a recital this evening at the Conservatory rooms in East Second street.

—The Right Reverend James Ryan, Bishop of Alton, spent Thanksgiving Day with relatives at Louisville, Ky.

—The Reverend Father M. Jennessey of SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral in State street, Alton, went to Winchester, Ill., yesterday to spend Thanksgiving with the Reverend Father Ryan.

—The choir of the German Evangelical Church in Henry street, Alton, will give a cantata, "King David," this evening for the benefit of the building fund of the church.

—The funeral of Vincent Sims of Upper Alton took place yesterday afternoon from the A. M. E. Church. The pastor, the Reverend J. P. Coats, officiated and the burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

—W. J. Moore of Rockbridge, Ill., was a visitor in Upper Alton yesterday.

Liederkranz Concert and Hop.

The annual concert and hop of the East St. Louis Concordia Liederkranz Society was given last evening at the Music Hall.

The committees in charge of the affair were: Arrangements, Max Oppenheim, A. Brenner; hall, Moser; reception, F. Leber, H. Croissant, Theodore C. Metz, George Drengler, W. H. Adolph, Sr., George Sanders, George Klipfel; floor, F. Hasselman, F. Schrieber, W. H. Adolph; musical director, L. Rueb.

East St. Louis Items.

—A stove at the home of D. Williams at Twelfth street and Rock road caused a $100 fire there last evening. After the fire the reel of No. 3 of the East St. Louis Fire Department mired in the mud at Chartrand avenue and Rock road and delayed the car service for an hour. The horses of reel No. 2 broke the harness on Twelfth street and Rock road.

—Members of the East St. Louis Lodge of Irish Nationalists went to St. Louis last night to attend the reception given for the Irish envoys.

—The Reverend G. W. Sheperd of Alton will deliver a lecture at the Bond Avenue M. E. Church this evening.

—The young folks of the Sacred Heart Church will give a concert in the school hall this evening.

—Professor Troop of Chicago will lecture on "Alexander Dumas" at the High School Auditorium this evening.

—Union Thanksgiving Day services were held at the Presbyterian Church yesterday. The sermon was delivered by the Reverend E. H. Hale, pastor of the Christian Church.

—Miss Lillie Gettiner, daughter of Professor B. Guthues, and Frank Durmsdorff, were married at St. Henry's Church yesterday morning.

—Miss Augusta Schlattweiler of Piggott avenue and Roy C. Scott of Pennsylvania, were married by the Reverend Father Cluse at St. Henry's Church yesterday afternoon. The couple will make their home in Alton.

BELLEVILLE'S POOR RECEIVE THANKSGIVING FOOD SUPPLIES

Overseer Hill Leaves Many Wagon Loads of Edibles at Homes of Unfortunate Persons.

Belleville's poor had but little excuse for not enjoying a Thanksgiving dinner yesterday. As many as were known to be in want were cared for by Overseer of the Poor William H. Hill, and the inmates of the County Jail were given turkey dinners by Sheriff John Kickham, and those at the County Farm were treated in the same way by Doctor Alex Woods, superintendent.

For several years it has been the custom of Overseer Hill to see that no one was for a Thanksgiving dinner. To this end he has solicited food stuffs for a week, and late Wednesday afternoon, with the assistance of wagons owned by Belleville merchants, he made the rounds of the worthy unfortunate and left baskets and packages of good things at their doors. Yesterday many called at his office in the basement of the Courthouse and received supplies.

Special services were held in the Catholic churches, and the Protestant churches joined in a union service at the Presbyterian Church. The sermon was delivered by the Reverend O. H. Clark. The Reverends J. A. Gallaher, E. J. Brownson and E. C. Schumard assisted in the services. Robert Smith sang a solo. The music was under the direction of Organist Clarence Tuffts.

Annual Concert and Ball.

The annual Thanksgiving concert of the Belleville Liederkranz Society was given last evening in Liederkranz Hall. The attendance was very large and the efforts of the soloists were heartily received. After the programme the hall was cleared of chairs and dancing was enjoyed. The soloists were Miss Alice Magee, soprano; Miss Paula Ropiquet, alto; Lucius Becker, tenor; Martin Rheder, baritone; David Thomas, bass, and Mrs. L. Hammerstein, pianist.

Belleville News Notes.

—The Belleville Tigers and the Marion-Sims Medical College football teams played at Belleville yesterday afternoon. The score was 0—0.

—The funeral of Mrs. Bertha Fechert took place yesterday afternoon. The burial was in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

—Mrs. Lena Schopp, wife of Henry Schopp, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, Wednesday night. She had been removed to the hospital Wednesday afternoon for an operation, but death intervened.

—Edward Bumm and Miss Christina Bunn were married last evening at the home of the bride.

—Chief of Police Guido Heidinger and his wife celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their home last evening. They were serenaded by friends.

—Mrs. Cyrus Thompson and daughter, Miss Lucy, are in Jefferson City.

—Professor James McQuilken celebrated his sixtieth birthday anniversary yesterday.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers in Jersey County have been recorded at Jerseyville:

Jerseyville B. L. & H. Association to Mary Jane Holcomb, lot No. 9, block 6, in the city of Jerseyville, for $420.

Harry Dodneon to John Seibold, northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 28, township 7, north range 11, west of third principal meridian, for $2,000.

Geo. D. Locke to S. D. Stanley, lots 6, 7 and 10 in block 15, in Locke's addition, for $29.

Chas. W. Parent to Francis M. Thomas and Ardenne Thomas, lot 5 and 10 feet off the south side of lot 4, all in block 8 of the city of Jerseyville, for $1,070.

Frances H. D. Hund to John Eigelhoff, lots 7 and 8 in block 4, in Eaton & Scott's addition, for $95.

Tone Johnson and Geo. Johnson to Jeremiah Parsell, west half of northwest quarter, and west half of east half of northwest quarter, also east half of southwest quarter, in section 32, township 8, north range 10, west of the third principal meridian, for $1,600.

Emma Johnson to Jeremiah Parsell, west half of northwest quarter, also west half of east half of said northwest quarter, and also east half of southwest quarter, all in section 32, township 8, north range 10, west of third principal meridian, for $1,600.

John L. Ricketts to Elizabeth Feldhaus, lots 1 and 2 in block 2, Fisher's addition, for $250.

Jerseyville Notes.

—Union Thanksgiving services were held at Jerseyville yesterday in the First Baptist Church. The sermon was delivered by the Reverend J. G. Dee, pastor of the First M. E. Church.

—County Clerk J. C. McGrath of Jerseyville yesterday issued a marriage license to Fred Simpson of Quarry Township, and Miss Lulu Wedding of Rosedale Township.

—"The Hoosier Girl," with Miss Kate Watson in the title role, will be presented at Fern