A prominent Southern lady, Mrs. Blanchard, of Nashville, Tenn., tells how she was cured of backache, dizziness, painful and irregular periods by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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—$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

DRUNKEN MAN STABS ESCORT.

Half-Breed Indian Charged With Seriously Wounding J. S. Long.

Because his companion insisted on taking him home when he was in an intoxicated condition, James W. Williams, a half-breed Indian residing at No. 2710 North Ninth street, last night turned on his friend, Jesse S. Long, a switchman residing at No. 1110 Tyler street, with a pocketknife, inflicting serious wounds from which Long may not recover.

Both men had been drinking at Long's residence. About 6 o'clock Williams said he was going home, and Long insisted on accompanying him. On Williams's doorstep an altercation took place. Long walked to his home after being stabbed and collapsed from the loss of blood.

The injured man was attended by Doctor A. J. Ingalls of No. 1100 Brooklyn street, who pronounced his injuries serious. Williams was arrested by the police, and is held pending the result of his friend's injuries.

PAY ROLL BRIGADE CONFERENCE.

Governor Yates Tells His Henchmen to "Get Busy."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8.—Governor Yates's pay-roll brigade met him in conference this afternoon. Among them were A. Handby Jones of Robinson, Pure-Food Commissioner; Judge Joseph B. Messick of East St. Louis, Trustee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home; Doctor W. E. Songer, Superintendent of the Asylum for the Criminal Insane; Henry Beckemeyer of Clinton County; Walter Warder and Walter Woods of Cairo.

It is understood that the Governor, in private interviews with his chief lieutenants, impressed them with the necessity of "getting busy" at once.

Information from Will County is to the effect that the Congressman Snapp faction, which is in control of the organization, will run the primaries and County Convention next Saturday. Superintendent Leon McDonald of the Illinois and Michigan Canal is authority for the statement that instructions will be given for nobody by the County Convention. This is somewhat surprising, for the Will County machine is a section of the Governor's organization in the State.

Mr. McDonald declares there is no opposition to the machine in Will, but declines to discuss the reasons for a probable failure to instruct for Governor Yates. It is believed this is merely a diplomatic move on the part of Mr. Snapp, who does not care to antagonize the friends of Lowden and Deneen in other counties in the district, and thus injure his own chances for renomination.

The Twenty-fourth Congressional District Republican Committee meets at Carmi to-morrow to fix the place and time for the Congressional Convention. Secretary of State Rose, who lives in that district, will attend, and will notify the leaders in each county that he expects instructed delegations in his favor for Governor. This will cut a wide stretch in Governor Yates's pasture. There is no doubt but Mr. Rose will get practically every county in the district—Clay, Hardin and Wayne may possibly be excepted.

Colonel Randolph Smith of Clay is in the lead for the nomination for Congress.

Missourians in New York.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 8.—Among the arrivals at the hotels here to-day were the following from Missouri:

St. Louis—S. Conrades, G. M. Pratt, Manhattan; L. Selig, O. S. Cheseman, M. M. Well, J. A. Baer, Imperial; H. Schneck, A. C. Mills, E. C. Bennett, R. E. M. Bain, Fifth Avenue; J. S. Kendrick, F. H. Lionberger, J. Hopkins, R. E. Winter, Waldorf; T. W. Garland, D. G. Brabam, Wellington; J. Fleemerman, C. F. Wright, L. W. Bundy, Navarre; H. Silverman, M. E. Kaufman, Broadway Central; Mrs. C. Hoyle, W. R. Allen, Murray Hill; E. Duffy, Miss A. Beatty, Marlborough; S. Tompkins, A. C. Penn, Astor; G. W. Sanders, H. A. Sanders, Grand; A. Matthews, Hoffman; M. Herzog and Mrs. Herzog, Savoy; J. C. Carstens, Hotel York; M. Woolf, Herald Square; F. M. Williams, Bartholdi; E. C. Brokmeyer, Gilsey; Miss S. Meagher, Victoria; W. J. Elledge, Ashland; H. C. Erman, St. Denis.

Kansas City—W. R. Thomas, L. Heyneker, L. C. Curtis, Imperial; W. F. Hutchings, B. Schinerle and Mrs. Schinerle, C. Hug, Criterion; Miss O. Jordt, Albert; S. L. Seelig, Raleigh; M. Blake, Broadway Central.

Springfield—J. F. Branham, Navarre.

FOURTH ATTEMPT TO END HIS LIFE.

Robert T. Delaney, 71 Years Old, Spends Afternoon Whetting Steel to Stab Himself.

UNABLE TO GET PISTOL.

Ill and Despondent, He Plunges Ink Eraser Into Throat, Breast and Arm Seven Times.

Robert T. Delaney, a painter, living at No. 3826½ North Twenty-first street, who may die from his fourth attempt to commit suicide, sat near the kitchen window industriously sharpening a steel ink eraser on a small whetstone when his wife went to the corner grocery at noon yesterday.

Soon afterwards, Florence, the 5-year-old daughter of Mrs. Joseph Ethridge of No. 3822 North Twenty-first street, came in, dressed in boy's trousers, to show "grandfather" how she "looked."

"Grandfather" looked and went on whetting the eraser. The child remained with Delaney half an hour, and then he told her, "You'd better run home, honey." She ran.

When Mrs. Delaney returned soon after 1 o'clock she found her husband lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

He had put a keen edge on the eraser, and when left alone he stabbed himself three times in the left breast near the heart, cut two long gashes in his throat and opened the artery in his left arm in two places. It was the fourth time he had tried to commit suicide.

Delaney was removed to the City Hospital, where the physicians bound his wounds. Because of his age (he is 71 years old), and the great loss of blood, the physicians say he cannot live. Despondency over continued ill health and reduced circumstances are given as the reasons for Delaney's attempt to take his life.

Early in the morning Delaney went to Mrs. Ethridge's home and asked her to let him take a revolver, saying he wanted to shoot a black cat.

Mrs. Ethridge told him that she did not have a pistol. Last Wednesday Mrs. Ethridge's 10-year-old son found Delaney kneeling in the woodshed, feeling at his throat, preparatory to slashing it with the ink eraser. Before he could accomplish his purpose Mrs. Delaney persuaded him to go into the house.

Several months ago he took four ounces of laudanum, and on April 19, 1903, the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding, he opened an artery in his left wrist.

Delaney was a Lieutenant in the Second Mississippi Regiment in the Civil War, and has lived in St. Louis for the last thirty years. He is the father of Mrs. Charles Troll, who lives at North Twenty-third and Salisbury streets, and Mrs. Sallie Phyfer of Westmoreland.

FRENCH SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

Will Give Weekly Dinners and Entertain Fair Visitors.

Beneath the "tricolor" and the "Stars and Stripes," which were festooned from the ceiling and walls of the banquet hall of the St. Louis Club, the "Diner Francais" was organized last night.

To give a biweekly dinner and to entertain French notables who come to the World's Fair was stated as the object of the club by Captain A. C. Baker, assistant chief of transportation, who followed Toastmaster Jules Boeufve, the representative of General Commissioner La Grave.

Monsieur Boeufve said that the welcome and hospitality shown him by St. Louisans had taken away all his regret at having to leave Washington.

Other speakers were Monsieur Alexandre DeMenil and Theopile Papin.

Everything about the dinner was French except the menu cards, which were in English. Among those present were:

Messieurs Jules Boeufve, Pierre Chouteau, Andre Vincent, Frank Hamilton, Louis Breuque, Leon Hermant, Gaston Hornville, Gaston Douay, Captain A. C. Baker, Marcel Esteleti, Leo Benet, Theopile Papin, E. L. Masqueray, Ernest Peugnet, Maurice Lamour, Lucien Serraillier, H. Brussel, Georges Lamouret, Alexandre DeMenil and F. Kuhn.

TO SHORTEN SUMMER COURSE.

University to Give Teachers Opportunity to Visit Fair.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 8.—In order that the teachers of Missouri may have every opportunity to attend the World's Fair in St. Louis this summer the teachers of Missouri University this year will continue only nine weeks. It is usually twelve weeks long, and ends the latter part of August.

As many of the country schools begin the first part of September, a large number of the teachers would be unable to attend the Fair.

An agreement has been entered into between the university and the State Normal schools not to hold any branch schools next summer. Last summer the university held branch schools for teachers in West Plains, St. Joseph, Joplin and several other Missouri towns.

Will Destroyed by Lightning.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Grayville, Ill., Feb. 8.—During the severe electrical storm yesterday the flour mill at Keensburg, eight miles north of this city, was struck by lightning. It was burned, with the warehouse and contents, 400 barrels of flour and 4,000 bushels of corn. The loss will be several thousand dollars. Mr. Schultz, the proprietor of the mill, was overcome by heat while endeavoring to save some articles from the mill.

HAPPENINGS IN ILLINOIS CITIES AND TOWNS.

FLOOD LABORERS' PAY APPROPRIATED.

Health Inspector McBrien May Be Put in Charge of Milk Department.

At a meeting of the East St. Louis City Council yesterday bills and claims amounting to $41,745 were allowed and ordered paid. Of this sum, $22,391 was ordered paid to F. G. Kurrus, the City Treasurer, for money advanced for the payment of laborers during the flood.

The Board of Health recommended to the City Council that Health Inspector McBrien be made Milk Inspector, and that his salary be fixed at $100 a month. The matter was referred to the Committee on Sanitary Affairs.

A petition was received from residents of several parts of the flooded district, asking that the sidewalks, which had been washed away by the flood, be replaced by the city. The petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Communications were received from Congressman W. A. Rodenberg and Senator Shelby M. Cullom, acknowledging receipt of the indorsement of East St. Louis for a deep-water channel in the Mississippi River and for the further improvement of the river.

HELD AS ACCESSORY.

Charles Fields Arrested in Connection With Gregory Killing.

Charles Fields was arrested in St. Louis yesterday by Deputy Sheriffs Walsh and Cashel of East St. Louis on an indictment charging him with being an accessory to the murder of Clark Gregory by the latter's son, Frank Gregory.

The murder occurred in East St. Louis at the Advance elevator, where Clark Gregory was employed as a watchman.

Frank shot his father with a 22-caliber repeating rifle.

At the trial of young Gregory before the St. Clair County Circuit Court at Belleville the jury failed to agree on a verdict. When he was placed on the stand by the defense he made the remarkable statement that he did not remember shooting his father, nor his arrest nor any of the incidents which followed until after the inquest.

Stock Exchange Hours Extended.

At a meeting of the National Live-Stock Exchange at the National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, yesterday, it was decided to extend the business day during which cattle, hogs and sheep may be bought and sold. Instead of closing at 2 p. m., the market hereafter will close at 3 p. m. The additional hour, it is believed, will result in the sale of much stock which comes into the market late.

Prisoner Is Advised to Bathe.

"The jail at Belleville has excellent bathing facilities," remarked Justice of the Peace James M. Beach yesterday to a man who said his name was Mayfield Smith and was arrested on a charge of vagrancy. Smith said that he was a "hobo," and that the reason he had not taken a bath was because he had had no bathing facilities. He was sent to the Workhouse for thirty days.

East St. Louis Items.

—The ladies of the Methodist Church will give an old-fashioned dinner and supper to-day and to-night at the Music Hall.

—Miss Maude Willard of Anna, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. B. Burroughs of Brighton place.

—Frank M. Horner has returned from a two months' stay in California and Mexico.

—Charles A. Scherer, who for several years has been collector for the East St. Louis Trust and Savings Bank, has been promoted to be a city salesman.

—Miss Emma Carter of Springdale, Ark., is the guest of Miss Alice Salmons.

—Miss Margaret Stack is entertaining Miss Isabel Ahearn of St. Louis.

—Miss Jessie Scott is visiting friends in Alton, Ill.

—Fire damaged the home of C. C. Burton at No. 2024 Market avenue, East St. Louis, about $2,000 Sunday night.

HELD ON MURDER CHARGE.

Five Men Involved in Killing of Patrick Flannigan.

Edward McAuliffe, Owen Flannigan, Marcus Daly, Joseph Toney and John Barrett are held by the police pending the action of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dalton on the transcript of evidence in the case of Patrick Flannigan of No. 2506 Franklin avenue, who was killed at Franklin and Jefferson aavenues on Saturday night, January 30.

The Coroner held an inquest yesterday. Owen Flannigan testified that he and his fellow-prisoners, while returning from a dance, met Patrick Flannigan, got into a quarrel with him over a coat which he tried to sell, and that in the affray Flannigan was stabbed. McAuliffe declares that he does not know who did the stabbing.

PROSECUTOR PAYS BROTHER'S FINE.

Bert Dickey Relents After Hugh Dickey Is Convicted of Disturbing His Peace.

After prosecuting his brother, Hugh, to the extent of having him fined $3 and costs, Bert Dickey, a Belleville saloonkeeper, relented as he saw him being taken to the jail to serve his fine and, calling the Constable back, paid the fine and costs.

Bert Dickey charged his brother with disturbing his peace at his saloon and prosecuted him before Justice of the Peace Wangelin. Hugh Dickey made no defense except to say that he had been drinking.

Justice Wangelin fined Hugh, and as the latter had no money he was ordered taken to the jail to serve out the fine.

Constable's Employe Fined.

Ralph Kais, a tobacco "stripper," was fined $3 and costs by Justice of the Peace Wangelin of Belleville yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace of William Hees. Hees was Kais's employer and is a constable. While in a Belleville saloon Sunday night, Kais disturbed Hees's peace and he arrested him. The fine followed.

Brakeman's Leg Crushed.

William Oppenheimer, 21 years old, single, a brakeman, living at Tulon and employed by the Illinois Central Railroad, was run over by a train at Ogles station, near Belleville, yesterday afternoon, and his left leg was crushed. He was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Belleville, where the limb was amputated.

Belleville News Notes.

—The funeral of Gustave Hinterhuer will take place this afternoon.

—The County Jail now contains 130 prisoners.

—"Across the Plains," a four-act comedy drama, was played at Huff's Garden last night.

—Mrs. William Ryan of East St. Louis is visiting in Belleville.

—The Board of Auditors of Prairie du Long have appointed Adolph Spaet collector to succeed H. Rittmeyer.

—Charles Prolasky is in Chicago, Ill.

—Frank U. Ehrig of the United States Engineer Corps at Jefferson Barracks, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Ehrig.

—Mrs. J. C. Deagan has returned to her home in Chicago, Ill., after a pleasant visit in Belleville.

Jerseyville Notes.

—Isaac D. Snedeker of Jerseyville is ill with tonsilitis.

—Editor and Mrs. J. M. Page of the Jerseyville Democrat, went to Peoria, Ill., yesterday to attend the wedding of their son, Doctor Theodore Page, to Miss Heidrick of that city, which will take place this evening at the First Baptist Church. The couple will take up their residence in Gold Hill, Colo.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cochran of Jerseyville returned yesterday from St. Louis, where Mrs. Cochran had been ill for several weeks at St. John's Hospital.

—The Art Circle met last evening at the Carnegie Library and discussed Belgian painters. Among the papers were "Louis Gallait," by Mrs. C. E. Warner; "Joseph and Madame Fanny Geefto," by Miss Gussie Wyckoff; "Micaisede Keyser," by Miss Florence Warren; "Joseph and Alfred Stevens," by Mrs. J. G. Schwarz.

—The body of Thomas R. Salter will be brought to Jerseyville to-day for burial, the funeral taking place from the home of his sister, Mrs. John Price, to Oak Grove Cemetery.

TRUCK COLLIDES WITH CAR.

Pipeman John Gallagher Hurt on Way to Fire.

Engine Company No. 14's hose wagon, in responding to an alarm of fire sent in from the St. Louis Chronicle office yesterday about 1 o'clock, collided with a Laclede avenue car at Twelfth and Market streets.

Pipeman John Gallagher was thrown from the wagon to the street and sustained contusions, which were dressed at the City Dispensary.

The fire was of little importance, and is believed to have been caused by crossed electric wires. Thomas Jenkins, foreman of the composing room, saw smoke coming from a partition, promptly turned in an alarm and prevented a serious fire.

Dakota's Mineral Display.

S. W. Russell, president of the South Dakota World's Fair Commission, has advised the Department of Mines and Metallurgy that he has just closed a contract with the Colorado Iron Works for a gold reduction plant, completely installed on the World's Fair site, for treating Black Hills ores. He has also arranged for an extensive exhibit of South Dakota building stone in the Mines and Metallurgy building, showing pink jasper, quartzite and black granite of the Sioux Falls quarries and specimens of the Black Hills sandstones.

NEGROES FORM UNION TO TAKE PLACES OF WAITERS AND COOKS WHO STRIKE.

Members of recently organized "Helps' Association of Cooks, Waiters and Porters" plan to solve the servant question by at once filling all vacancies caused by disgruntled employes.

Union waiters, cooks and porters will have to seek other places of employment if the plans of the Helps' Association of Waiters, Cooks and Porters, which was organized yesterday afternoon, do not miscarry.

The association, which numbers forty-five of the Ethiopian race of both sexes, formed as a rival union. The objects of the organization, which will be incorporated should it grow to sufficient size, will be to take the place of strikers and others who quit on short notice.

The only difference between this union and that which is affiliated with the central labor bodies is that they unite to make themselves agreeable, they say. They have adopted no scale, they claim, and are willing to work for the same money paid to strikers at the time of the latters' severance with the employer.

Members of the Helps' Association guarantee not to spend their time watching the clock, and declare that they will not leave a steak to the mercy of red-hot coals should the shadow of the sun dial mark the "quittin' time."

The association has also a benevolent feature. It was formed, in a measure, to break up a too frequent allusion to a pun as old as Joe Miller. It is claimed it will forever wrest the sovereignty of Bridget over her mistress in the culinary department, and thereby rob the comic artists of one of their favorite "inspirations."

Organizers of the rival union say that St. Louis is overrun with strikes, which are characteristic of every World's Fair, and it is the intention of each and every member of the organization to see that this condition does not occur here, as we are to profit by the experiences of Chicago and Buffalo.

The rival union is well garbed. Each member, it is said, has a wardrobe equal almost to that of Williams and Walker, the negro comedians. They stand ready to don full dress, tuxedo and white or black jackets at the nod and beck of the employes. Should the master or mistress of club, mansion or hotel desire their help with mustache or without, they will crop or grow hirsute adornment a la carte. The latter agreement, however, does not apply to the women members.

The Helps' Association of Waiters, Cooks and Porters was organized at No. 1811 Market street. T. G. Williams was elected temporary president, C. E. Williams and Hugh White temporary secretary and treasurer respectively. They meet next Thursday to perfect the organization.

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"DOLLY VARDEN" AT THE CENTURY—NEW VAUDEVILLE.

Lulu Glaser appeared at the Century in the romantic comic opera, "Dolly Varden." The piece was revived in all the picturesqueness with which it was presented last season. Miss Glaser herself was never in better voice, and her associates were quite in the picture.

The opera takes one back to the days when comic opera was a rather serious affair, to be sung and acted and dressed; when dialect comedians and English musical pieces were unknown.

It has a story clear, amusing and of a legitimate nature. The audience last night clamored for a repetition of nearly all of the songs. "The Lay of the Jay," so capitally given by Miss Glaser, had to be sung again and again.

Eunice Drake, as Letitia, sang neatly, and Harry Girard, the English officer, also pleased. John Dunsmere seemed unnecessarily gruff and abrupt as the tyrannical guardian. He would make an ideal stage bandit.

The Eighteenth Century costumes were all very bright and silky.

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The Columbia offers a variety of new vaudeville acts. On the bill which began the week last evening are Jessie Couthoui, in her original monologue sketch, "Eleven-Forty P. M"; Rae and Brosche and Francesca Redding. Miss Redding is seen in a sprightly little play called "The Cattle Queen," from the pen of Will Cressy. It is not exactly Hoytian, but it is light and frothy without being trashy. Miss Redding impersonates Mrs. Rose Wild, the "Queen." With her appear Ida Lara, Etta Wilson, Howard Truesdell and Albert Reed.

Rae and Brosch again present the sketch, "A Woman of Few Words," which enables Rae to introduce his funny German dialect. Miss Couthoui's specialty is in the nature of a playlet. She is assisted by a young man who appears as a burglar. He has no lines to speak, but he manages very well with the part. Miss Couthoui plays a young woman who chances to be left alone in a flat. The burglar enters and she induces him to leave by indirectly appealing to his better nature.

Other artists on the programme are: Signor El Salto, the European contortionist; Pat Touhey, Celtic piper; the Huns, singers and dancers; Wesson, Walters and Wesson, in "Jinks, the Insurance Man;" Leah Russell, comedienne; Wills and Hasson, athletes, and Gillihan and Murry. Tafferty's dogs is the novel animal specialty.

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The production of "Il Trovatore" at the Odeon last night under the direction of Miro Delamotta and Mrs. Haines, placed the School of Opera in the front ranks of amateur operatic organizations. All the principals did meritorious work, especially Grace Lillian Waiser, who sang Leonore. In splendid voice throughout the evening, her high, pure soprano showed its finest qualities in the tower scene of the fourth act. Miss Walser's acting was spirited and free from amateurish embarrassment. Mrs. Fred Fodde as Acuzena can measure herself favorably with some of the professional Acuzenas heard here, and pretty Gay McIlvaine's Inez was charmingly conceived and delightfully sung.

Will Graeper sang Manrico with fervor and impressiveness, but he was at his best in the great aria, "Out of the Love I Bear Thee." The Count di Luna of William Goldberg was characterized by good acting, as well as singing. Robert McCormick and Leo Burne sang the minor parts of Ferrando and Ruiz.

The chorus did excellent work under the baton of Director Eugene Rautenberg.

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The Burton Holmes lectures this week are full of real interest to "easy-chair travelers," who enjoy the globe-trotter's talks at the Odeon. The Grand Canon of Arizona will be portrayed in vivid colors of still and motion pictures.

Alaska, the Saturday night topic, will introduce the auditor to the most picturesque part of that country, sections of which bear a strong resemblance to Norway and its coast line.

Most interesting of all the offerings this week is to be the Saturday matinee lecture on Korea. The much-perturbed island was visited by Mr. Holmes only a few years ago, and the pictures taken then by Mr. Depue give an excellent idea of Seoul, the capital city, the Koreans and their mode of living.

BRILLIANT AUDIENCE GREETS ANNA HELD.

Anna Held drew her usual large Monday night audience to the Olympic.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mallinckrodt had circle seats, Mrs. Mallinckrodt wearing black lace over white, decorated with black velvet grapes.

Miss Wickham and Miss Frances Wickham were in the front parquet with Dan Kirby and Fritz Orrick.

Miss Leila Chopin and Miss Eugenie Papin were in the center of the house, with their escorts.

Miss Whitaker and Miss Carroll West came with Edward Mallinckrodt and Eugene Pettus.

Colonel and Mrs. James Gay Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Clark were together in the circle.

Doctor Willis Young sat near the Butler party.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cuendet were in the second row. Mrs. Cuendet wore white.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wilson were together. Both ladies wore white.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman King sat in the right parquet, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Walker in the left, with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Selby Barnes were in the same row with Mrs. Marion Lambert, Miss Lily Lambert, Ted Walker and Allen West.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Ridgeley sat near Mrs. William Bagnell, who chaperoned Miss Belcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gregg, just back from a Southern jaunt, were in the circle.

Lilburn G. McNair and William Victor Jones came together.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Studnicska were early in their circle seats. Mrs. Studnicska wore a handsome gown of black net dotted in white and built over white satin, with motifs of white lace and black velvet and knots of pale blue baby velvet ribbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Edgar, Jr., were in the parquet near the Arthur Garrisons. Mrs. Edgar wore baby blue crepe.

Miss Sallie Woodward sat in the circle with her escort.

Mrs. Patrick Short sat with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cavanaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Garneau came with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norman Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Plant had seats in the front row.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Barada Widen were near Mr. and Mrs. Allen McKinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Preetorius sat with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner. Mrs. Preetorius was in pale blue silk with chinchilla and Mrs. Gardner in white satin and moleskin, with odd garniture of coral velvet.

Miss Sadie Scudder wore white silk and lace, and Mrs. Horace Rumsey pale blue silk veiled in point de Venise.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLure Clark came with guests. Mrs. Clark wore black velvet.

Leslie Aslar brought Miss Gertrude Rickwood and Julius S. Walsh, Jr., escorted Miss Bull of Kentucky, who wore red.

Others in the house were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mahler, Miss Rena Dula, with William Arthur Williams; the Misses Anheuser, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dieckriede, Miss Ruth Orthwein, Miss Minnie Busch, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker, Miss Stella Schnurmacher and Miss Leonori, Miss Stella Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Faust, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Teichmann, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lake, Charles Pope O'Fallon, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Luytjes, who brought guests; Mr. and Mrs. John Schroers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moll Fisher, Mrs. Isabel Holmes-Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Griesedieck, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griesedieck and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stoehr, Mrs. Stoehr wearing black.

LULU GLASER PLAYED BEFORE SMART GATHERING.

At the Century the audience to hear Lulu Glaser was both large and smart.

Mr. and Mrs. Estill McHenry entertained a party in one of the lower boxes. Their guests were Miss Clara Bauer, Mr. Gruner and Estill McHenry, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dwight Perry Francis sat near the front, with Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Turner.

Miss Lillian Mitchell, in ecru lace, and Miss Mildred Stickney, in white, were in front of the Francis party.

Miss Julia Maffitt, in pale blue, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cochran and Miss Ruth Dodd were in the front parquet.

Miss Nanette Paschall, in pale green, with violets, sat with her escort near Miss Belva Dula, who wore lavender.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Wilson were together. Mrs. Gould wore black and white, and Mrs. Gould lavender crepe.

In the parquet were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lawnin, Mrs. Clara Clark, Miss Adele Armstrong in pale blue and white, Miss Anne Sullivan in white silk with Cliff McMillan, George Hoyle, Lewis Tune, Miss Nettie Crouch, Miss Jessie Wright in white lace with spangles, Miss Marie Peckham, wearing ecru with violets, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Edgar, Sr., Miss Frances Allen.

BEEF-FEEDING EXPERIMENTS.

Missouri Experiment Station to Co-operate With Government.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 8.—The Agricultural Department of Missouri University is in receipt of an invitation from the United States Department of Agriculture, asking the co-operation of the university in a series of cattle-feeding experiments, in which 250 head of high-grade steers will be used.

Doctor F. B. Mumford will superintend the experiments, all of which will be carried on at the Missouri Experiment Station here.

OIL FLOWS OVER THE LAND.

Good Well Comes in at Princeton, Ind.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Princeton, Ind., Feb. 8.—Farmer oil well No. 2 came in at 4 o'clock this afternoon, with an estimated flow of seventy-five barrels. Oil is now flowing over and running down to the creek. A dam will be built to hold it. The camp is composed of home people. This makes seventeen flowing wells within a short distance of the city.

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OIL OPERATOR GOES UNDER.

Announcement Is Made of M. L. Lockwood's Failure at Independence, Kas.

Kansas City, Feb. 8.—A special to the Star from Independence, Kas., says the failure of M. L. Lockwood, one of the largest operators in the Kansas oil field, is announced.

The liabilities, it is said, probably will reach $250,000. The assets are stated to be close to $100,000.

Mr. Lockwood was also a heavy operator in the Pennsylvania oil field.

BENDER'S LIBERTY SHORT.

Alleged Gambler Said to Be Wanted in New Orleans.

The failure of Sam Alprin of No. 916 North Eighth street to appear against them yesterday resulted in the discharge of Sam Molin of No. 3534 Olive street and Mose Bender of New York, who were accused by him of burglary and larceny.

Molin declared that Alprin's only object in having him and Bender arrested was to prevent their appearance against him as witnesses in the case in which he was charged with keeping a gaming-house.

Bender was rearrested by Detective McCarthy after his discharge and held for the New Orleans authorities. The police have been informed that he is wanted there. Bender says he never was in New Orleans, and will apply for a writ of habeas corpus through his attorney, S. S. Bass, to-day.

To Have Collar and Cuff Factory.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pana, Ill., Feb. 8.—Arrangements have been completed whereby an Eastern collar and cuff factory will locate its Western factory in Pana. The Business Men's Association will give the company the ground on which to build the plant. The company will employ 200 persons.

Immigration Agents Meet.

At a meeting of St. Louis district members of the Missouri Pacific immigration bureau, in the Odd Fellows' building, yesterday, E. E. Barclay, vice president of the bureau, presided, and M. F. Conway of Dexter, Mo., acted as secretary. Matters pertaining to the St. Louis district were discussed and acted upon. Meetings in other districts belonging to the bureau will be held during the month.

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