BIG SMUGGLING SCHEME SPOILED

Commissioner of Immigration Sargent Sends Large Force of Agents to Canadian Border.

CHINAMEN TO BE SENT BACK.

Hope to Catch Some of the Men Who Conspired to Bring Celestials Into Country in Defiance of Law.

The Republic Bureau,
Wyatt Building, 14th and F Streets.
Washington, Dec. 26.—A number of extra agents of the Bureau of Immigration have been sent to the Canadian border to be ready to frustrate anticipated attempts of certain daring gangs of smugglers to run Chinese into the country in violation of the exclusion law.

These Chinamen have been gathered at Liverpool, and are said to be coming to this country in small parties, instead of in one large band, as originally arranged. They were to be received at Halifax and transferred from there by agents of the smugglers to St. Thomas, Ontario, and several of the other smaller border cities.

Someone in the gang, however, came to the conclusion that it were better to inform Commissioner General of Immigration Frank J. Sargent of what was going on than to take chances and participate in the big profits the gang expected to make.

COSTLY CONSPIRACY.

Just what the deluded Mongolians have paid to the smugglers no one of the Government Secret-Service men knows at present. It is supposed to be several hundred dollars a Chinaman. It is hardly thought the smugglers would pay the expenses of getting the Chinamen from their country to Liverpool. So, it is presumed, someone in the country of Tsi-An has helped each would-be resident of the United States to $100 or $50 to make the attempt for breaking in.

Just how strong the gang of smugglers and the ramifications of it are can be imagined when it is announced that it is planned to bring many hundreds of Chinamen over the Canadian border, and that there is a well-defined suspicion that the same gang is implicated in the attempts to get the Chinamen into the United States by way of Mexico.

SARGENT INVESTIGATED.

Commissioner Sargent spent several days in Canada two weeks ago making an investigation into the doings of the smugglers there. He recently returned from a long trip along the border of Mexico.

While in the South he organized a corps of Rough Riders to patrol the line in the sparsely settled district, to head off parties of Chinese coming this way. While in Canada he increased the force of men there.

The result of it all is that the attempts of the smugglers have been foiled by the vigilance of the immigration authorities, and the fortune the Chinamen have spent to get in has been lost.

The Chinamen will be arrested as rapidly as they appear. The officers hope they will at the same time be able to land some of the white smugglers.

Commissioner Sargent and his subordinates are very reticent when asked about the doings of the gang, preferring to wait for more developments before giving up the facts they have.

SIGMA NUS GO TO MEETING.

National Convention of Fraternity at New Orleans.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Delegates from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa and Chicago to the National Convention of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, which convenes in New Orleans on Wednesday, left here over the Illinois Central this evening.

Delegates from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri will join the party en route, and from Memphis they will travel in a special train to New Orleans.

H. Allison Collier of Columbia, Mo., commander of Rho Chapter of Sigma Nu at Missouri State University, and delegate to the national convention, visited fraternity members and alumni in St. Louis yesterday. He departed last night for New Orleans. Mr. Collier was joined here by Vice Regent Jones of Iowa, who will also attend the New Orleans meeting.

It is stated that delegates from Western colleges and universities will make an effort to have the next meeting of the national convention held in Kansas City.

WANTS CLEAN ATHLETICS.

Gardiner Lathrop Says Students Are Needed More Than Players.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 26.—Gardiner Lathrop of Kansas City, president of the Board of Curators, in an address to the students of Missouri University, made it plain that the Board of Curators is to uphold the policy of clean athletics at the university, regardless of the effect it may have upon the result of the games with Kansas or any other institution.

"There is something better in athletics than victory," said Mr. Lathrop. "Keep your athletics clean.

"We'd rather be beaten than resort to anything that savors of professionalism or anything unworthy of the true Missourian. General excellence in athletics among the whole student body is much to be preferred to a few men periodically successful upon the athletic field.

"The primary function of the university is to give an education. The object of our being here is not to make football players, but to make students and useful citizens."

MRS. JUDSON CALLS FIREMEN.

Lawyer's Wife Finds Her Residence Chimney Ablaze.

Mrs. Frederick N. Judson yesterday summoned the Fire Department to her home at No. 3733 Washington boulevard to extinguish a burning chimney.

Upon discovering the chimney afire, Mrs. Judson feared sparks might set the building ablaze and summoned the firemen by telephone.

A fireman put out the blaze with an extinguisher. No damage resulted.

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PUFELES-MAHLER MARRIAGE ONE OF IMPORTANT SOCIETY EVENTS.

Nearly Two Hundred Guests Witness Wedding of Miss Rosalind Mahler and Sigmund Henry Pufeles—Daughter of Judge Horatio S. Wood Becomes Bride of George G. McClure of New York—Mrs. Charles Cox Gives a Tea for Her Daughter—Happenings and Personal Mention.

Miss Rosalind Mahler's marriage last evening to Sigmund Henry Pufeles, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Pufeles of St. Louis, was an important event of the day. The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mahler, the bride's parents, No. 2845 Olive street, at half after 7 o'clock. One hundred and seventy-five guests, all old family friends and relatives, witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Reverend Doctor Sale, and, after congratulations, were served with a dinner in the spacious banquet room. There was no reception per se, as the same guests remained for the ceremony and subsequent merry-making, which included informal dancing late in the evening.

The house was trimmed with flowers and greens. In the ballroom, where the ceremony was performed, a long aisle extending the full length of the room was made by bay trees linked together on each side with white satin ribbons. This aisle terminated in a canopy of palms, ferns and white roses, at the north end of the ballroom, and here the bridal party arranged itself before Doctor Sale, while Messrs. Schoen and Vogel, who have not played together in many a year and who probably won't perform in unison again very soon, with their respective musicians, had direction of the Lohengrin bridal chorus and later of the customary Mendelssohn chorus.

The bridal party was large. Eight groomsmen led the procession, walking in twos and entering from the main ballroom door. They were Oscar Marx, Arthur Lieber, Lewellyn Sale, Sidney Langsdorf, Sidney Ross, Clarence Loeb, Gus Sachs and Arthur Scharf. Next came the bridesmaids—the Misses Clemence Samish, May Goldman, Edna Haas, Helen Renard, Birdie Ross, Hazel Rothschild, Irma Meyer, the bride's cousin, from New Orleans, with Miss Gertrude Russack, the maid of honor, walking alone and directly in front of the bride, who came in with her father. Alfred Friedman was the best man.

The bride's gown was a very handsome affair of chiffon velvet, the skirt worn over white Brussels net, while the front was paneled in duchess lace.

The bodice was almost entirely covered with duchesse, only a little of the velvet being visible. Natural orange blossoms, sent by friends in California, caught her tulle veil, while she carried an ivory prayer-book, from which hung a sheaf of lilies of the valley, terminating in a shower bouquet of the same flowers.

MANY SMART FROCKS.

Miss Russack was in white liberty chiffon, much accordion-pleated, and trimmed with fine Val. laces. Garniture of pale-blue velvet roses gave the required blue touch, since this was a blue wedding. She carried a shower of white carnations.

The maids' frocks were alike and very smart. They wore Brussels net, built over pale-blue chiffon and trimmed with French lace, while their bouquets were old-fashioned effects of white carnations, bordered with violets, made round and edged with paper lace.

Mrs. Mahler wore a handsome cream-white lace gown of point applique and several other laces in combination, built over champagne liberty satin, with many fine jewels, while Mrs. Pufeles was in smoke-gray brocade, with point laces and ornaments of diamonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Pufeles departed at 10 o'clock, at the close of the elaborate dinner, for California, where they will spend six weeks. On their return they will go to housekeeping, the entire furnishings of their home, now being made, being a gift to the bride from her immediate relatives. Their house also will be a gift, when they select the neighborhood in which they desire to live.

Christmas decorations were used in the banquet-room last night with excellent effect. The tables—which were all arranged with especial reference to the guests' comfort, one being for the married people, another for the young people, while the bridesmaids and groomsmen, the bridal party and two families, all occupied different positions in the room—were trimmed with tint trees and lighted with small electric bulbs. Poinsetta and holly, mistletoe and the pretty holiday greens all made their appearance in artistic devices, and made the banquet-room a decided contrast to the bridal flowers in the ballroom.

McCLURE-WOOD WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Caroline S. Wood, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Horatio D. Wood, of No. 5527 Waterman avenue, to George G. McClure of New York took place last night at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, in the presence of a fashionable assemblage.

The church was trimmed simply with palms and Christmas green in the chancel, with white rose bouquets on the altar. Charles Thomas of Belleville, Doctor James Holland, Bert Farrar and Guy Norvell, Lieutenant, U. S. A., ushered. The best man was Gibson McClure, Lieutenant United States Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Monroe.

The bride, who bears the distinction of having been one of the sculptors at the World's Fair, and who has a studio in New York, where her work has always been classed among the best, came in with Judge Wood, who gave her away. She wore white liberty satin and point applique, with a tulle veil and a bouquet of valley lilies and roses.

Miss Adelaide Wood, her only sister and bridesmaid, wore pink chiffon cloth, with a bouquet of bridesmaid roses. Mrs. Wood was in black and white lace.

After a Southern honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. McClure will go to New York to live.

GIVES TEA FOR HER DAUGHTER.

Mrs. Charles Cox gave a tea yesterday afternoon for her younger daughter, Miss Sallie Cox, who is a senior this year at Mary Institute. Many seniors and a few other school friends were the guests, while later in the evening the girls who served and who "floated" were invited to an informal dance, a requisite number of young men home from college being asked for partners.

Mrs. Cox and Miss Cox received, being assisted by Miss Virginia Cox, who is a Smith College junior and just home for the holidays. Others who aided in various ways were the Misses Frances Jones, Marie Wade, Adele Bullen, Georgie Elliott, Vesta Brown, Marian Scudder, Susie Meriwether, Gladys Gale, Marie Wright, Frances Carroll, Angeline Davis, Elizabeth Hays, Cornelia Garrison and Blanche Turner. The tea was from 4 to 6 o'clock.

GIVES ELABORATE DINNER.

Mr. Sage entertained at the Buckingham Club on Sunday night by giving one of the most elaborate dinners ever attempted in St. Louis. The menue in a dozen courses comprised all sorts of Christmas novelties, the birds being served on nests of potato strips, browned to simulate straw, the ices being in Santa Claus shapes, and the puddings being trimmed with dainty conceits.

The menu cards were elaborate and beautiful, being made of white moire and in book form, with fine engravings of the Buckingham and the surrounding park scenery, as well as the usual enumeration of edibles. Among the diners were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aull and Miss Eleanor Aull, Mr. and Mrs. Milan Hulbert and several friends; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ames, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Highleyman, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Roberts and a party of friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Jannopoulo, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson and Miss Grace Thompson, Mr. Henry Clay Townsend and Miss Amy Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Weaver.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Houser gave a dance to 150 young people last night at the St. Louis Woman's Club, in honor of their young daughter, Miss Malotte Houser, and her school friends. None of the party are yet in society, nor will be for several years, so that the affair was entirely informal, though with many of the pleasant appointments of a grown peoples' entertainment. The clubhouse was decorated with holiday greens and the ballroom was a gay sight. A stringed orchestra played for the dancing, which ended at midnight.

Smith College girls to the number of about a dozen are home for the holidays. They include Miss Marian Rumsey, a senior this year; Miss Mary Wham, and Miss Virginia Cox, juniors, while the sophs and freshmen are Miss Clara Riddle, Miss Ethel McCluny, Miss Mary Kern, Miss Eva Cohn, and Miss Margarette McCandless.

Doctor Charles Waldo Lentz of Washington University is spending the holidays in New Martinsville, W. Va., with his parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Milbank of Louisiana avenue have gone to Chillicothe, Mo., to spend Christmas with friends.

The Hamilton Hotel ball on New Year's eve promises to be a very lively event of the week. Mr. and Mrs. William Finney Williamson and the Hamilton guests have sent out a large number of cards for the affair.

An informal reception was given on Friday afternoon to Sterling P. DeLano by friends who presented him with a diamond ring. The presentation was made by B. G. Brennan, who, with a few appropriate remarks, slipped the ring upon Mr. DeLano's finger. Among those present were:

Messieurs—	
H. C. Roper,	F. P. Goebel,
O. J. Finney,	L. M. Moyer,
J. E. Biggs,	R. A. McMillan,
J. J. Hall,	H. N. Cammann,
K. M. Smith,	H. K. Wiggs,
W. F. Weinel,	G. Quay,
W. R. Milnes,	Fred Kallas,
C. J. Mentrup,	E. H. Winter,
B. G. Brennan,	G. W. Martin,
H. B. Cox,	E. L. Teson,
George P. Roth,	C. H. Van Horn,
J. H. Tice,	Joseph E. Lee.

Miss Carrye Rohde, assisted by Miss Genevieve Hunt, will receive New Year's callers next Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at No. 3842 Cooke avenue.

Miss Myra Arnold of No. 4215 West Belle place is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Charles S. Erber, at Texarkana, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Worrell of Webster Groves announced the engagement yesterday of their daughter, Helen Worrell, to William Turner Clarkson. The date of the wedding has not been announced.

The Misses Maybel Meade, Mollie Coleman, Mayme Histon and Hazel Meade will have "open house" at No. 1314 North Garrison avenue next Monday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock.

KISSACK—SUTHERLAND.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of S. G. Sutherland, No. 5734 Maple avenue, Christmas night, when Miss Anne Raymond Sutherland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, was united in marriage to Alfred Broughton Kissack. The Reverend Doctor Winchester officiated.

The bride wore a stylish traveling suit of blue etamine. She was attended by her sister, Miss Marguerita Sutherland, and the bridegroom by his brother, Philip Kissack.

The home of the bride's parents was very prettily decorated in holly and mistletoe. The wedding ceremony was followed by a reception, after which the couple left for their future home at Leavenworth, Kas.

SAILORS' CHAPEL BURNED.

Eight Hundred Old Veterans Fight Flames in Vain.

New York, Dec. 26.—The beautiful chapel at Sailors' Snug Harbor, a home for indigent seamen at New Brighton, Staten Island, was gutted by fire to-day. The loss was $75,000.

The chapel was a replica of St. Paul's London, and it contained one of the finest and most expensive organs in the United States. The chapel was a mass of flame when the 800 old sailors in the Snug Harbor were summoned to fight the fire, and they responded to a man, though some fainted from overexertion.

Memorial Services for Gov. Eagle.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hope, Ark., Dec. 26.—Memorial services in honor of former Governor Eagle were conducted at the First Baptist Church here yesterday in the presence of a large congregation. General W. E. Atkinson of Little Rock, who was associated with Governor Eagle for more than twenty years, delivered the principal address.

MEMBERS ELECT VISIT CANDIDATES

Four From Western Part of State Call at Various Headquarters.

DR. BOYD TALKS TO WHITAKER.

Hickory County Representative Listens to Minister's Eloquence—Akins Replies to Murphy About Change of Heart.

Senatorial candidates took only one day off for Christmas. Early yesterday they were at their headquarters ready for the final round of the fray preparatory to leaving St. Louis. Kerens, Niedringhaus and Parker received visitors, kept their glad smiles and hoped for the best.

Four Representatives elect were in the city. They were W. J. Fulton of Douglas County, John Whitsker of Hickory, George Church of Bates and W. T. Blair of Caldwell. They visited the headquarters of the candidates, talked all of the politics they could find to talk about and went to bed last night with the idea firmly implanted in their minds that there were certainly three men who are very, very anxious to go to the United States Senate.

Whitaker of Hickory told of a visit which was paid to him a week or so ago by the Reverend Doctor W. W. Boyd, former pastor of the Second Baptist Church of this city; former Congressman Charley Morgan of Jasper County and Representative-elect Brown of Grundy. Doctor Boyd has refused to discuss his visit. He said at the time he went to Springfield to see a friend.

Professor Whitaker lives in Weaubleau. His three visitors descended upon him all at once and partook of some good Hickory County hospitality at his hands.

"They talked to me about the senatorship," said Professor Whitaker, "but I was careful not to say anything that could be used by them. I noticed they quoted Mr. Brockus of Polk County. I listened to all they said, but that was all. Doctor Boyd is certainly an eloquent talker."

All four of the Representatives elect who were in the city yesterday, it is generally believed, will vote against Kerens. They are regarded as friends of National Committeeman Akins and called on him during the day. Mr. Akins explained fully his course in coming out for Niedringhaus.

EXPLAINS HIS CHANGE OF HEART.

The National Committeeman spent the day at his office in the Federal building. He was asked if he had anything to say in reply to the interview of Congressman-elect A. P. Murphy of the Sixteenth District, who attacked him for his change of heart from L. F. Parker.

"Murphy has always been one of my best friends," said Mr. Akins. "He is loyal to Parker and he should be, for they have been neighbors. I did not take leave of Mr. Parker until I felt confident that Mr. Niedringhaus was the only man who could unite the opposition to Mr. Kerens. With such important legislation pending before Congress, the President must be imposed upon by Missouri's sending Mr. Kerens to the Senate. Personal inclinations should give way to the good of the party in the present situation."

MORMON POSTMASTERS HAVE MANY WIVES.

Wynne's Report to the Senate Shows Utter Disregard for Laws Against Polygamy.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 26.—In response to a resolution introduced by Senator Dubois of Idaho, and passed by the Senate, Postmaster General Wynne has made an investigation of the postmasters of Idaho, to find out if there are any polygamists among them. He has found half a dozen Federal postmasters in that State living with plural wives. His report on the case was completed to-day and turned over to President Roosevelt, who wished to examine it before it goes to the Senate. Not all of the Mormon postmasters are polygamists.

Whether Mr. Roosevelt intends to relieve the polygamous postmasters has not been disclosed, but it is believed some official action of this character will be taken, now that the fact has been brought to his attention. As for violation of the law, that is a matter to be dealt with by State authorities. It is entirely within the power of the President, however, to remove a Government official for such a cause.

Mr. Wynne's investigation showed that some of the polygamous Mormons holding office in Idaho took plural wives before the Edmunds law and the Woodruff manifesto. How many of them entered into plural marriages after the Edmunds law was enacted has not been found out, but if anything is done at all, it is probable that all will be treated alike.

Electrocuted by Telephone Wire.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 26.—Jefferson Thomas was killed to-day in Houston by electrocution. He caught hold of a swaying telephone wire, which had fallen across an electric-light and power wire.

Germans Warned From Fez.

Tangier, Dec. 26.—The German Legation has warned German subjects at Fez to prepare to leave at a moment's notice.

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DENEEN ISSUES OFFICIAL SUMMONS

Republican Legislators Will Gather in Chicago to Discuss Inaugural Message.

TO TALK OF OTHER MATTERS.

Speakership Will Be Among Principal Questions Considered—Trautmann Most Likely to Wield Gavel.

By order of Governor-elect Deneen the Republican members of the Illinois Legislature will gather in Chicago this week. The official summons, which went forth last Friday night, requested the presence of the members of the Senate and House at the Republican State headquarters at the Great Northern Hotel, there to meet the Governor elect for the purpose of discussing the inaugural message of the new executive's proposed legislation, which the General Assembly will be asked to enact and "to talk of other matters," which is supposed to refer to the speakership question.

The country members will go in by squads to-morrow and Wednesday, and will have their heart-to-heart talks with the new Governor on those days. Thursday the Cook County members will be received in the gubernatorial sanctum and will receive the official tip as to what will be doing after the Legislature has convened at Springfield and the new administration has taken charge of affairs.

Quite a party of the Southern Illinois members were in St. Louis last night on their way to the rendezvous, and left on the late Chicago-bound trains. Representative Trautmann of East St. Louis, who is generally considered to have the speakership won, was among those who went up last night. He will remain in Chicago during the week, conferring with the members of the House and with the State leaders who will be among those present.

The caucus of the Republican members, which will select the House officers for the session, is to be held Tuesday night preceding the meeting of the Legislature. The call for the caucus will be issued by Roy O. West, chairman of the State Committee. With the exception of the Legislature of two years ago this has always been the precedent to permit the official head of the State organization to call the caucus. At the last General Assembly, however, the bitter row between the Yates men and the friends of Judge Sherman was about to be precipitated.

Fred Rowe, then the chairman of the State Committee, and for Yates before every other consideration, proposed to call the caucus. The thirty-nine members who stood with Sherman issued an ultimatum that if Rowe issued the caucus call they would refuse to enter it or have any participation in its work and would not abide by its results.

DENEEN'S SUPREMACY RECOGNIZED.

As a compromise, each side presented a list of three names, chosen from the opposite faction, from which a temporary chairman was to be selected. In the list submitted by the Sherman fellows was the name of Representative Shurtleff, who is a candidate this time for the speakership. The Yates contingent seized upon him with avidity, and the caucus was called to order by Mr. Shurtleff, and the Shermanites went into the caucus and were swept up by the friends of the Governor, who placed in the chair John Henry Miller of McLeansboro.

The general disposition upon the part of all elements to return to the old precedent would indicate that the supremacy of Mr. Deneen and Mr. West, who is his field manager, has been tacitly recognized by the Republican party of the State and that for the next year or two at least the dictatorship will rest firmly within the hands of the new Governor from Chicago.

The only possibility for a revolt against this accession of domination will come should, by any chance, the Governor elect seek to force upon the House a Speaker other than Trautmann. Representative Pendarvis of Chicago, it was stated late Saturday afternoon in Chicago, has received assurances, which were so satisfactory that he had decided that the gavel had been won by him. On the strength of this statement certain newspapers on the following day published the fact that Pendarvis had been made the choice of the organization.

Should Mr. Deneen, in the series of conferences which begins in the morning, intimate that it has been determined to place Mr. Pendarvis in the chair, it is almost certain that a revolt will arise at once. Some of the Southern Illinois members who were in St. Louis last night stated that should such an effort be made it was practically assured that a combination stood behind Representative Trautmann who could defeat the Deneen candidate if the matter came to a showdown, or who could at least force a break in the Republican membership of the House as radical in its wishes and legislative policies as was the Sherman crowd in its opposition to Speaker Miller.

SOUTHERN MEMBERS DETERMINED.

Trautmann has been in the race practically since the close of the State Convention and has made a campaign which has succeeded in aligning behind him, almost without exception, the holdover members who were with the "39" two years ago. Notable accessions have come to these ranks from among certain elements, particularly in Southern Illinois. If the affair comes to a count of noses the strength of the backing of Trautmann probably would be more formidable than that which Sherman commanded.

Friends of Trautmann place little credence in the statement which issued from the Pendarvis camp. It may be stated upon the best of authority that satisfactory assurance to the Trautmann men came from Mr. Deneen's headquarters weeks ago that there would be no opposition to his selection as Speaker, provided that the sentiment of the members was toward him. This seems to have been so strongly demonstrated at the Chicago round-ups that it would be sheer political folly for the administration to attempt at the eleventh hour to do business for Mr. Pendarvis, who hails from his own territory.

Supporters of Mr. Pendarvis have argued that the question of geography does not enter into the fight, and cite the fact that when Governor Altgeld was the executive Clayton E. Crafts of Chicago was the Speaker, and that at the next session, when the Republicans controlled the House, they selected as Speaker John Meyer, also of Cook County.

Notwithstanding this argument, the Southern Illinois members are determined that the State below Springfield is entitled to a little more recognition than it has had under the new deal. They freely state that Cook County shall have no more than it holds at present, and that the speakership is coming to Southern Illinois, regardless of results or of what questions may be involved in winning their point, and on these grounds the most of the down-State members are agreed with them. In other words, the field is against Chicago and against Deneen should he attempt to be the man behind the gun for Chicago.

KEPT WEDDING A SECRET.

Mr. John Mammen and Miss Emma Gereke Married Two Months.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vandalia, Ill., Dec. 26.—Mr. John Mammen and Miss Emma Gereke announced yesterday that they had been married two months ago. Mr. Mammen and Miss Gereke attended the fair at Springfield, and it was while there they decided to marry.

Mr. Mammen is a carpenter and Mrs. Mammen is a saleslady in a millinery store, where she has been employed for over a year.

Trivial Quarrel Leads to Shooting.

Robert Pemble, a waiter, living at No. 914 North Sarah street, was shot about 4:45 o'clock yesterday morning by William Schultz of No. 2309 Michigan avenue in the saloon of L. Stevens at the northeast corner of Eleventh and Locust streets. Schultz used an old-fashioned revolver, loaded with shot, some of which struck Pemble on the forehead, inflicting several wounds, which were pronounced not serious. Schultz was arrested and Pemble was taken to the City Hospital. The men quarreled over a trivial matter.

Boy Held on Burglary Charge.

George Nine, 13 years old, was arrested yesterday morning by Policemen McEviney and Doyle at his home, No. 642 Clarence avenue, and is held, pending an investigation of the burglary at the home of Fred Beyfoden, No. 821 Bremen avenue, Sunday afternoon. The police state that the boy admits his guilt and that the goods stolen were recovered after his arrest. The value of the property stolen is only $1.25, but is sufficient to send him to the Juvenile Court. The residence was entered through an insecure rear window.

Dinner in the Helena Home.

Girls in the Helena Home, furnished by Miss Helen Gould, and conducted by Staff Captain and Mrs. Watts of the Salvation Army, had a Christmas dinner yesterday through the hospitality of Mr. Harte, who owns the building in which the home is established. The young women drank toasts to the health of Mr. Harte and Miss Gould.

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FAVORS ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Kansas City Principal Organizes State High Schools.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—E. D. Phillips, principal of the Manual Training High School, has begun a movement to have a State oratorical contest among the high schools of Missouri.

The idea first suggested itself to Professor Phillips during his visit to Chicago recently, where he attended the interstate oratorical contest among high schools, which is held under the auspices of the University of Chicago. Professor Phillips, who is an alumnus of the Missouri State University, desires to make that institution the center around which shall revolve an oratorical contest solely among Missouri high schools.

The movement as outlined by him includes preliminary contests among the boys and girls in as many high schools in the State as care to enter, and successive trials at the State University at Columbia, where the candidates from the respective schools shall meet.

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Watch and Money Found on Body of Young Stocton.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Anadarko, Ok., Dec. 26.—The body of young Stocton, who was found dead Friday near the Union Depot in Memphis, Tenn., was received in Anadarko to-day.

His parents and friends first believed he had been murdered, but as his ticket to Murfreesboro, $70 in money and a watch were found on his person, it is now believed he took his own life.

He is known to have had a revolver when he left home, and one chamber was empty when the body was found by the police. No cause for the suicide has been discovered.

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