Weak Kidneys

To any Kidney sufferer who has not tried my remedy I offer a full dollar's worth free. Not a mere sample—but a regular dollar bottle—standard size and staple.

There is nothing to pay, either now or later. I ask no deposit—no promise. You take no risk. The dollar bottle is free—because I claim this is no ordinary remedy, and I feel so sure of its results that I can afford to make this offer.

In the first place, my remedy does not treat the kidneys themselves. Such treatment is wrong. For the kidneys are not to blame for their weakness or irregularities. They have no power—no self-control. They are operated and actuated by a tiny shred of a nerve which alone is responsible for their condition. If the Kidney nerve is strong and healthy the kidneys are strong and healthy. If the Kidney nerve goes wrong you know it by the inevitable result—kidney trouble.

This tender nerve is only one of a great system of nerves; this system controls not only the kidneys, but the heart and the liver and the stomach. For simplicity's sake, I have called this great nerve system the "Inside Nerves." They are not the nerves of feeling—not the nerves that enable you to walk, to talk, to act, to think. They are the master nerves, and every vital organ is their slave. The common name for these nerves is the "sympathetic nerves"—because each set is in such close sympathy with the others that weakness anywhere results in weakness everywhere.

This is why I treat not the kidney that is weak, but the ailing nerve that MAKES it weak. This is the secret of my success. This is why I can afford to do this unusual thing—to give away FREE the first dollar bottle that ANY STRANGER may know how my remedy succeeds.

The offer is open to everyone, everywhere, who has not tried my remedy. Those who have tried it do not need the offer. So you must write ME for the free dollar bottle order. I will then send you an order on your druggist for a full dollar bottle, standard size and staple. He will pass it down to you from his stock as freely as though your dollar lay before him and will send the bill to me. Write for the order to-day.

For a free order for a full dollar bottle you must address Dr. Shoop, Box 2645, Racine, Wis. State which book you want.
Book 1 on Dyspepsia.
Book 2 on the Heart.
Book 3 on the Kidneys.
Book 4 for Women.
Book 5 for Men.
Book 6 on Rheumatism

Mild cases are often cured by a single bottle. For sale at 40,000 drug stores.

Dr. Shoop's Restorative

PHILIP McCOY APPOINTED DELIVERY SUPERINTENDENT.

Postmaster Wyman Announces Several Important Changes in Departments.

Postmaster Frank Wyman announced yesterday several important changes in the St. Louis Postal Department which were approved by the Washington authorities on his recommendation filed at the end of the year.

Philip McCoy, Assistant Superintendent of City Delivery, has been promoted to Superintendent, vice William Saxe, who has been reduced to the assistant superintendency. Mr. McCoy is 62 years old and has been in the employ of the Postal Department in St. Louis for thirty-eight years.

His first appointment was as letter carrier and, after twenty-two years' service in that capacity, he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Letter Carriers. Mr. McCoy is popular with the men over whom he has been placed in charge.

William Lottman has been promoted to Superintendent of the Money-Order Division. The place he occupied as Assistant Superintendent will be filled by Peter G. Lindsey, the former Superintendent.

Joseph Dixon, money-order clerk at the Bridge Station, has been appointed stamp clerk at the Central Station and Julius Erickson, chief stamp clerk, transferred to the directory division of the city delivery. Gustav A. E. Birg has been appointed chief stamp clerk.

Mr. Wyman stated that the changes were dictated purely by business reasons. The Post-Office Department is running smoothly, said Mr. Wyman, and he hoped the changes would still further enhance this condition.

PREPARING TO INSTALL CENTRAL POWER PLANT.

Force of Men Is Put to Work Removing Heating System at Insane Asylum.

To prepare the way for the greater project of installing a central power and lighting plant to supply the Insane Asylum, Female Hospital and the Poorhouse, a force of men was put to work yesterday removing the heating system from the Insane Asylum to the House of Refuge.

An appropriation for this purpose has been passed by the Municipal Assembly. Chief Engineer Wood said yesterday that he had his plans about ready to submit to the Board of Public Improvements, which provide for the elimination of the heating and lighting systems in the three city institutions, and provide for the central station to be located in the ravine between the structures.

The plan will be submitted to the board for approval, after which an ordinance will be drafted and introduced in the Council covering the new plant.

COUPLE SURPRISE FRIENDS.

Miss Kate Bockwinkle and E. J. Wrightman Wed at Springfield.

Friends of Edward J. Wrightman of No. 1438 Bremen avenue and Miss Kate E. Bockwinkle of No. 2159 College avenue surprised their friends yesterday by going to Springfield, Ill., and being married.

Without telling their friends of the contemplated marriage, the couple boarded a train yesterday morning and went to Springfield, where they secured a license and were united. They will return to St. Louis to-day.

TRAIN KILLS SECTIONHAND.

Henry Reinhardt Is Run Over in Eleventh Street Yards.

While working in the Eleventh street yards of the Missouri Pacific Sunday afternoon, Henry Reinhardt, 50 years old, a section hand, was run over by a switch engine and train of cars.

Both legs were cut off near the hips and he was taken to the Missouri Pacific Hospital where he died a few hours later. He was single and lived at No. 2009 Chouteau avenue. An inquest will be held to-day.

You Know

that if you have fainting, smothering, weak and hungry spells; if you have shortness of breath when walking or going upstairs; if your heart is irregular, flutters or palpitates; if you have pains around the heart, in side and under shoulders, cannot sleep on left side; have difficulty in breathing when lying down, that you are suffering from heart trouble, and that it is liable at any minute to prove fatal.

Then don't delay. Commence at once to take

Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure

This famous heart and blood tonic will cure you if taken in time.

The time is when you notice any of the above symptoms.

"I am glad I was persuaded to try Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. I suffered greatly from shortness of breath, palpitation, smothering spells and pain around heart. I took 4 bottles and was entirely cured. This was two years ago, and I have had no symptoms since."—
JOHN K. TODD, P. M., Uniopolis, Ohio.

The first bottle will benefit; if not, the druggist will return your money.

CARRIERS' PLANS ARE LAID BARE

Congress Hears Facts That Led to Several Dismissals.

BOTH PARTIES WERE COURTED.

Favorable Legislation Was Sought by Promises of Support and Also Threats of Bolting Candidates.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Postmaster General Wynne transmitted to the House today "A Statement of Facts" relative to the dismissal of James C. Keller, president of the City Letter Carriers' Association, and Frank Cunningham, Warren Tumber and H. W. Aldrich, officers of the Rural Carriers' Association. The information is in response to a resolution introduced by Representative Hearst and agreed to by the House.

The response says Mr. Keller was dismissed for being absent from his post of duty without leave. In his showing to the department Mr. Keller states that he received oral leave from the late Postmaster General Payne to be absent from duty for a year. When the department ordered his return to duty he filed a letter saying it was impossible for him to do so at present. His dismissal followed.

The campaign of the rural carriers for an increase of pay is set forth in the communication in a number of circular letters credited to the three named carriers and all based on an expedition made by Carrier Cunningham to New York, where he interviewed Chairman Cortelyou of the Republican National Committee, Chairman Taggart of the Democratic National Committee and Representative Overstreet, secretary of the Republican Congressional Bureau.

MADE AT ST. LOUIS.

The plan was outlined at a dinner in St. Louis, and Cunningham was instructed to "make the best bargain possible" with "the politicians." It was proposed that Representative Overstreet should give out a "newspaper interview to the effect that at the coming session he will allow to be reported out of the Post-Office Committee the Fairbanks bill (the situation in Indiana is that Fairbanks will be defeated; the Republicans are of that opinion and should be glad of a chance to make this trade), then what—this interview will be flashed all over the country by the Associated Press, that Overstreet will do this.

WANTED COMMITMENTS.

"We will then get in our work of getting Congressmen and candidates to commit themselves to vote for the bill. We will then get out the free delivery news with an extra whooping up for Overstreet, that he is not such a bad fellow after and urge the carriers to support the whole ticket.

"But, if Cortelyou does not agree to this plan, then we must do our turn in a game of bluff—say to him that we will support the head of the ticket, but, as we have nothing to expect from a Republican House, we will support the Democrats for the remainder of the ticket."

The comment is then made: "It is a bold plan, but it is better to go along than to stand still. Both political parties think and believe we have much more strength, many more members in our organization, and a more perfect organization, than we really have. This is very much in our favor, and all comes from the quantities of telegrams and petitions sent to Washington last winter."

Carrier Cunningham reported to Carrier Tumber by letter from New York on October 14, 1904, as follows:

OVERSTREET FIRM.

"I saw Cortelyou to-day, and he said he had a long talk with Overstreet; that he could not give me any encouragement, as Overstreet would not commit himself.

"I saw Mr. Taggart this afternoon and he talked as though the Democrats would without doubt pass the bill if elected. I told him, however, that we could only support a Democratic House. I will meet him again to-morrow morning."

After a meeting between Cunningham and Tumber in Buffalo, October 19, 1904, a long circular letter to carriers was prepared by Tumber. In it he says:

"I have presented to you the advice of the Executive Board. It is their best judgment that all carriers and their friends should support the head of the Republican ticket, but a Democratic House.

"The Post-Office Department states that all of the rural carriers named were absent from duty without leave, in addition to their activity in politics.

PROVIDES FOR CLOSING UP CIVILIZED TRIBES' AFFAIRS.

Senator Stewart Introduces a Bill Looking Toward Consummating Indian Territory Business.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Stewart of Nevada, chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, to-day introduced a bill providing for closing up the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory.

The measure makes provision for the construction of public highways in the Territory. It also stipulates that the Secretary of the Interior at his discretion may discontinue the townsite commissions and complete by other means any unfinished work of such commissions.

Provision is made for the payment of all just indebtedness of the Five Tribes before the dissolution of the tribal governments. July 1, 1906, payments to be made from funds on deposit in the Treasury to the credit of the Indians.

The bill also provides for the abolishment of tribal courts in the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole nations and the transfer of their dockets to United States courts.

All lands and improvements owned and held by said tribes respectively the disposition of which has not been otherwise provided for shall be appraised and sold and the proceeds deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the Indians. Leases of coal and asphalt lands are given first chance to purchase them at an appraised value.

BUSINESS SECTION BURNED.

Disastrous Fire Causes $60,000 Loss at Leland.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 16.—Half of the business section of Leland, a little town twenty-eight miles west of Aurora, on the main line of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, was wiped out by a fire which broke out early this morning.

The loss is estimated at $60,000, with $20,000 insurance. The fire broke out in Miller's grocery, on the main street, at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The town is without fire protection, and the Aurora Fire Department was wired for aid. Two engines were hastily conveyed to the scene and prevented the total destruction of the thriving village.

Six buildings were destroyed, together with the Post Office, Leland Times, the newspaper printing office, and the telephone exchange. The bank building was burned, but the bank proper was saved.

The firemen worked heroically and had the names under control about 10 o'clock. The flames under control about 10 o'clock reached the residence portion, but a number of incipient blazes started from flying sparks. Several firemen were slightly injured by falls and burning brands.

Leland voted on a waterworks proposition at the fall election, the proposition being defeated. To-day feeling ran so high that a number of those who had openly worked against the proposition were nearly mobbed.

MAY NAME HOUSE COMMITTEES TO-DAY

Speaker Shurtleff at Least Will Announce Part of Them When Legislature Convenes.

SPLIT WITH DENEEN DENIED.

Trautmann Is Booked for Appropriations Body — Pendarvis Probably Will Engineer the Chicago Charter.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 16.—"Back to the mines" have come the members of the Illinois Legislature, a couple of hundred job seekers, and the first few scouts of the battalion of lobbyists which will later pitch their tents close upon the camps of the Solons.

Governor Deneen arrived at 5:05 o'clock over the Illinois Central, and the decks were practically cleared for action for the session of the Legislature which has been two weeks in getting busy.

The Committee on Rules met to-night in the rooms of Speaker Shurtleff at the Leland, and after a session little else than perfunctory prepared a report which is to be presented to the House to-morrow, which again establishes in full force the rules which governed the last House, with the exception that two special committees are provided for.

One of these is the Committee on the Chicago Charter and the other the Committee on Primary Law. The civil-service measures will go to the standing Committee on State and National Civil Service, which was made one of the standing committees of the house two years ago.

During the organization of the last House, it will be remembered, there were lively doings over the selection of a Speaker, and after John Henry Miller had been declared the winner of the gavel the Sherman men forced through the Committee on Rules a resolution which provided that all resolutions should be referred to the proper committees before their presentation to the House.

This was a direct slap at the crowd which dominated the Republican caucus. This rule is satisfactory to Speaker Shurtleff, and there was no objection to its incorporation in the new set of rules.

TO NAME HOUSE COMMITTEES.

The Speaker has been working night and day since the members of the House rushed home last Wednesday, in framing the House committees, and has been successful in beating the more important of them into shape, and at to-morrow's session he will be able to name part of them at least.

He went to Chicago on Saturday, and it is reported that he there met Governor Deneen and discussed with him the makeup of some which are of particular personal interest to the Governor.

Governor Deneen has persistently advocated since his nomination special legislation touching the Chicago Charter, primary laws, reform and civil-service measures and some other subjects to which he made reference in his first message to the Legislature. The committees to which proposed legislation along these lines will be referred were the probable topic of the conference which is said to have been held between Speaker Shurtleff and the Governor.

The chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee has always been considered as much of a personal matter with the executive, and it is possible that this, too, entered into the conversation.

A wild-eyed story came out of Chicago following the visit of the Speaker, to the effect that there had been a split between the two most important figures just at present in the legislative game.

Reports had it that the Governor, acting upon the advice of Senator Ed Curtis and certain of the Governor's close advisers, had insisted that some other Representative than Trautmann be made chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Speaker Shurtleff, the tale continued, had announced that none other but Trautmann would be maid chairman, regardless of any pressure which might be brought into action. This in view of the conduct of the East St. Louis man and his friends since the caucus which elected Shurtleff as Speaker and of the natural fitness of things.

DENIES CHICAGO STORY.

Speaker Shurtleff arrived in Springfield this morning and when informed of the rumor, he immediately denounced the story as false. He said:

"There is absolutely no truth in such a report. There has been no difference of opinion between Governor Deneen and myself over the committee assignments of the House.

"In the first place, the Governor does not care much about it, and secondly, I am making these committees as I see fit. If there is to be any criticism after the committees are named, the blame must be laid at my door and at no other.

"As a matter of fact, perfect harmony prevails among the leading members as to the make-up of the different committees. I am positive that Governor Deneen, Mr. Trautmann, Mr. Pendarvis and myself will be absolutely satisfied when the list is officially given out. There has been much newspaper advertising over certain chairmanships, but there is nothing to it."

Friends of Trautmann, who have the knowledge that appropriations was set aside for him, construe such a statement from Speaker Shurtleff to the effect that the efforts of Curtis and the Kankakee Asylum gang to turn him down again have been of little avail, although it is rumored that the skirmishing that was in evidence around inauguration time might possibly have forced from Trautmann an agreement that the Kankakee Hospital would not be discriminated against when it came time to pass out the appropriations. Taking everything into consideration, it seems probable that Trautmann will land all right.

In such an event, Robert E. Pendarvis of Chicago, who was one of the formidable candidates for the Speakership, will draw the Chicago Charter Committee. This is to consist of thirty-five members, twenty-five from Cook County and ten from down-state, twenty-one Republicans and fourteen Democrats.

CHICAGO OMNIBUS BILL.

It is the plan to have all of the bills which propose reforms in present conditions in Chicago introduced and passed individually and toward the close of the session have the committee gather all of the bills and introduce a omnibus bill which will "omnibus" all of the measures which have been previously passed.

Charles A. Allen of Vermilion is slated for the chairmanship of the Judicial Committee, although J. B. Castle of DeKalb is hot on his trail. Allen is the only lawyer of the experienced members who are back in the House, and as he wants the place and is now the senior member of the committee, his chances are considered good. Castle is a newspaper man.

The Committee on Contingent expenses is to go to Rodman of Piatt. The Allen resolution providing for janitors and police, which was defeated the first day of the session on the ground that there was pay-roll padding in connection with it, will again be introduced to-morrow, will be referred to Rodman's committee and will at once be reported out favorably and passed by a party vote. At least this is the programme.

The Senate committees will not be named until Wednesday. Senator Evans who is chairman of the committee to name the committees is attending the funeral of his brother and will not reach Springfield until to-morrow, and the assignments will be made to-morrow night. There will be practically no change in chairmanships from last session, except where there are vacancies. And the Cullom bell combine will rule as usual.

Governor Deneen is here and entered the Governor's office in the Capitol for the first time as Governor. His hurried trip to Chicago immediately after the inaugural exercises prevented him from officially visiting his headquarters for the next four years. Mrs. Deneen and Dorothy will come as soon as the daughter is entirely well.

Now Use the Loftis System.

Diamonds and Watches on the Savings plan. Open credit, with small monthly payments to suit. Come and investigate. Loftis Bros., 926 N. 6th st.

GIRLS HAD JEWELS AND SILKS GALORE

Detectives Recovered Rich Booty From Flat Occupied by Ogden Sisters.

COUPLE LIVED MANY PLACES.

Jacob Queller, Saloonkeeper, Said to Have Cashed Money Orders for Elmer Smith—Both Held to Grand Jury.

Rita and Pauline Ogden, who were arrested yesterday morning on suspicion of being implicated in the money-order frauds which caused the arrest Sunday of Elmer R. Smith, were released later in the afternoon. Accompanied by Selden P. Spencer, attorney for Joseph Maserang, Smith's former employer, they then went to their flat at No. 3934A Finney avenue, where detectives turned over to Judge Spencer $1,000 worth of diamonds, dresses worth $1,000, sealskin sacques and $200 in cash.

They said that they did not know that Smith had obtained his money fraudulently. Rita said that he had promised to marry her as soon as he obtained a divorce from his wife, who is now an invalid.

Smith was arrested at the flat occupied by the Ogden women, charged with defrauding the Government out of $5,550 by raising fraudulent money orders. His arrest was made by detectives at the instance of the Federal postal authorities.

Smith stated to Deputy United States Marshal Ed Watson shortly after his arrest that he commenced his peculations two years ago in an effort to recoup losses at the St. Louis race tracks. Up to four months ago when she was removed to a hospital Smith lived with his wife at No. 3339 Lucas avenue.

Since then he has been living, he says, with the Ogden women at various addresses, the last move being to the Finney avenue address last Friday. Smith was formerly a clerk in the drug store of Joseph Maserang at Leffingwell and Washington avenues. He was a hard worker, and when the subpostal station was installed there two years ago he was promoted to postal clerk by his employer.

Nothing was known of his alleged peculations until Maserang discharged him last Monday, having discovered an alleged shortage of $1,000 in the account of the American Express Company, which had a branch office in the drug store. The shortage is said to have been made by raising express money orders, but Smith is said to have replaced it shortly before his discharge. Maserang became suspicious and an investigation was made of Smith's postal accounts by Post-Office Inspector W. T. Sullivan. The alleged shortage was discovered quickly and his arrest followed.

His arrest was made by the St. Louis police on complaint of Inspector Sullivan, but a Federal warrant was immediately issued against him charging defrauding the Government, and he was arraigned before United States Commissioner Gray and bound over to await the action of the Federal Grand Jury under $2,500 bond.

ARRESTED FOR CONSPIRACY.

Shortly after his arrest Deputy United States Marshal Edward Watson arrested Jacob Queller, a saloonkeeper at Channing and Lucas avenues, on a warrant implicating him with Smith. Queller, it is said, admitted cashing several money orders for Smith, but claims that he was ignorant of their fraudulent nature. Queller furnished $1,000 bond.

Smith's method of raising money orders, it is alleged, was to issue writs and application for an order of from 75 cents to $1. He would then, it is alleged, write a money order for $100, payable to a fictitious person or confederate, and the "advice," or carbon copy, of the money order was sent to the station on which it was made payable. As the advice and money order were identical, the payment was made without question.

The application for each order was forwarded with the small amount it called for to the central station, and thence to Washington, to be audited. The discrepancy between the advices and applications would have been discovered eventually, and Smith, it is said, acknowledged that he realized that his arrest was but a matter of time.

Had it not been for the fact that the auditing department in Washington is behind in its work the discrepancy would have been discovered before Maserang's suspicions were aroused.

According to his employer, for the last four months he had frequently remonstrated with Smith for the extravagant presents which he bestowed upon the Ogden girls. Smith had been in Maserang's employ for many years, and until lately was highly thought of by him.

SMITH THEIR GOOD ANGEL.

According to his statements, and those made by the Ogden girls after they were arrested and taken to the Dayton Street Police Station, Smith had spent a great deal of money on them since he first met Rita Ogden in September.

Furs, carriage rides and boxes at the theaters, besides frequent large sums of money, were supplied by Smith. They are said to have lived at different addresses on Lucas avenue, where they were known as Mr. and Mrs. Ogden. Last Friday, it is said, Smith furnished a flat at the Finney avenue address, and the trio moved there.

Smith stated that he had parents living at a small town in Southern Missouri. The Ogden girls are said to have a mother living in British Columbia, and they frequently sent money orders to her.

HENRI FOURNIER ARRESTED.

French Automobilist Fined for Speeding in New York.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Jan. 16.—Henri Fournier, the French automobilist and racer, was arrested after a chase of a mile on Fifth avenue this afternoon, charged with reckless speeding and violation of the speed laws.

At Fifty-ninth street Bicycle Patrolman William A. Sherry of the East Sixty-seventh Street Station saw him going faster than the speed limit, set sail after him and overtook him at Eighty-sixth street. All went to the station house, where Fournier gave $100 cash bail.

In Yorkville Police Court later he was fined $10.

PROPOSE NEW HEALTH RESORT

Lawton Capitalists May Build Line to Wichita Forest Reserve.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Lawton, Ok., Jan. 16.—Inasmuch as the Wichita forest reserve is situated in Comanche County, fifteen miles northwest of Lawton, the citizens are jubilant over the report that the United States Senate has passed a bill creating of this reserve a national game reserve.

It was principally through the efforts of A. C. Cooper, National Game Warden at Fort Sill, that the bill was prepared and introduced. A move is now on foot to establish a health resort in a part of the reserve and construct an electric car line from Lawton.

Society to Change Name.

The Golden Chain Children's Humane Society made application to the Circuit Court yesterday to have the name of the society changed to the "St. Louis Humane Society." The proceeding is in pursuance of a resolution adopted January 8, 1905. The matter was referred to Judge Fisher.

Warner Is Confirmed.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations:

Vespasian Warner, Illinois, Commissioner of Pensions.

PLAN GOOD ROADS FOR ALL ILLINOIS

Commission About Ready to Report Bill to the Legislature.

SCHEME A FEASIBLE ONE.

All Branches of Highway Building, Taxation for Work, and Maintenance Investigated.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 16.—The Illinois Good Roads Commission, appointed in October, 1903, by Governor Yates in pursuance of an act of the Legislature, has about completed the draft of a bill which will go before the Legislature probably early next week, providing for a general system of hard road building in Illinois to be done under State supervision.

The committee, which includes D. W. Smith chairman, a retired farmer of Sangamon County; H. U. Wallace, chief engineer of the Illinois Central Railway, and E. A. Mitchell of Chillicothe, Ill., has made a thorough investigation of the entire subject of road building, the best manner of distributing the cost among the people of the State, convict labor and State and national aid.

The result of this investigation is being embodied in an elaborate report, which will be made to Governor Deneen following a final meeting of the commission within the next few days. This report is expected to go before the Legislature at the same time the proposed legislation covering the commission's ideas on the subject of a system of road building for the State is presented.

The bill, it is stated, has been formed after a careful investigation of the State roads law of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and other Eastern States. The bill provides for systematic construction of roads to be built under the State supervision. The cost is to be divided among the State, county and township, possibly along the lines of the Pennsylvania law, which provides that the State pay two-thirds, the county one-sixth, and the township one-sixth of the cost of such construction.

It will be optional with each county or township whether or not advantage be taken of the new law in the construction of hard roads. Should the County Board vote against such action then the various townships may have, roads built under the provisions of the law, and if here, too, unfavorable action is taken, then property owners themselves may have roads constructed.

$300,000 APPROPRIATION.

An appropriation not to exceed $300,000 for the first two years will be asked. Before starting active work, counties will be asked to vote on the proposition and favorable action will be followed by a thorough investigation as regards the best methods of road-building in the districts affected, following a general system of State high ways, the actual cost of construction, etc., and the commission figures that two years at least will elapse before much actual work under the proposed law could begin. Investigations by the commission lead to the conclusion that such road-building under State supervision, and on thoroughly systematized plans can be be done at a cost that will not greatly exceed the present expenditure in Illinois of $4,500,000 annually in the construction and maintenance of roads.

All the material necessary for the work of road construction may be obtained in the State. This includes crushed rock, prepared by convict labor, under the plans recommended by Governor Deneen in his inaugural message.

The need of the work is brought forth strongly in the report. Of the 100,000 miles of country roads in Illinois, not more than 4,000 miles, it is stated, are hard roads. The increased cost to farmers in getting their grain to market by reason of poor roads will be shown by statistics, and every phase of the matter discussed.

MRS. DUKE HAS LEFT HER HOTEL

Telephones for Baggage and Refuses to Say Where She Is Staying.

New York, Jan. 16.—After Mrs. Brodie L. Duke had suddenly disappeared from the Union Square Hotel in this city today, a woman who said she was Mrs. Duke called that hotel by telephone and notified the management that she had left New York.

She refused to say where she was staying, but declared that she would send for her baggage, which had been left at the hotel.

When asked why she had left the hotel so suddenly, she declared that "she had been hounded to death and wanted to get away."

Mrs. Duke has been indicted in Texas on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, and a warrant for her arrest is reported to be in the mails on the way to New York.

MANDAMUS SUITS SUBMITTED.

Employes of Investigating Committee Suing for Services.

The mandamus suits of Attorney Peter T. Barrett and William J. Gavigan, to compel City Auditor Bernard Dierkes to audit claims aggregating $2,915 rendered the committee of the House of Delegates appointed in the fall of 1903 to investigate the departments of the city government, were argued yesterday before Circuit Judge Taylor and submitted.

Barrett claims $1,855 for services as attorney and Gavigan $1,060 for services as clerk. The work of the committee included an investigation as to the payment of merchants' licenses and taxes on personal property by business firms.

Benjamin Schnurmacher, former City Counselor, appeared for Barrett and Gavigan, and Benjamin H. Charles, second associate City Counselor, represented the Auditor.

Judge Taylor told the attorneys to file memorandums of authorities in support of their contentions for and against payment of the claims.

MAY TESTIFY IN FRAUD CASES.

Father Schnell Says He Will Be Called to Oregon.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 16.—The Reverend Father Joseph Schnell, who brought about the recent investigation into charges of graft at the Winnebago Indian Reservation, said to-day that he undoubtedly would soon be called to Oregon to testify in the land fraud cases.

Several years ago Father Schnell preferred charges of fraud in timber land deals against a number of prominent Oregon men.

To Discuss Compulsory Education.

A meeting for the discussion of compulsory education will be held this evening in the Y. M. C. A. building. Professor C. M. Woodward and many other persons interested in the question will speak.

FILING CABINETS, DESKS, TABLES.

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The Largest, Freshest, Lowest-Priced Stock.

Scruggs-Comstock Furniture Co.
St. Louis.
Broadway and Locust.

The Beautiful New SENATE CHAMBER, Jefferson City, Furnished by Us.

CREATORE AT ODEON—NEW COLUMBIA BILL.

If Creatore had done nothing else at his concert at the Odeon last night than unfold the beauties of Berlioz's "Damnation of "Faust" he would have delighted his large audience. Creatore arranged this composition for the band. He gave in it all the vivid contrasts with which it abounds. From the delicate tracery of the Ballet of Sylphs to the virile intonation of Mephistophele's Invocation was a remarkable musical stride. The Marguerite and Faust duet was the most beautiful of the settings. The Ride to Hades completed the piece. Creatore, exhausted and limp, was called out seven times. Massenet's "Scenes Pittoresques" and the third act from "Gioconda" was received with no less enthusiasm than the master selection by Berlioz. Signor Sodero revealed himself an excellent harpist. Mme. Bartil, who has been closely identified with the success of Creatore's Band since the beginning, sang Gounod's "Ave Maria."

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James J. Morton and McMahon's Minstrel Maids were rivals for first place in the estimation of the audience at the Columbia. Morton's whimsical humor was amusingly delivered, but he is in need of a new monologue. Two performances a day for three seasons has about worn out that "Oh, Shush!" classic. Several of his jokes were equally stale.

The Minstrel Maids sang, danced and joked with the animation of Mr. Dockstader's artists. Anna Donaldson's ballad, "I'm Only Living For You," pleased immensely. A well-staged plantation scene completed the act.

Raymond and Caverly, the Dutch comedians, added their quota of fun. The Melrose acrobats astonished by their skill and originality of movement. Carter and Waters presented "The Wise Mr. Conn." Josephine Ainsley, vocalist; the Three Ramoniers, flying artists; Jackson and Douglas, singing commediennes; Roscoe and Simms, instrumentalists; Charles Gliss and Son, head equilibrists, and the Welches completed the bill.

MISS VIRGINIA HARNED
As Jane Shore in "The Lady Shore" at the Olympic.

SOCIETY AT THE THEATERS.

Miss Cecilia Loftus and her pretty play had considerable interest for society last night. The Century was filled with an amused and happy throng, many coming late, after the Olympic was discovered to be closed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Holliday came early and waited for friends in the foyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Pearce had parquet seats. Mrs. Pearce wore pale blue crepe de Chine.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hill came with friends.

Miss Stella Wade, Miss Helen Johnson, William Arthur Williams and John Robison sat together.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Linley, Mr. and Mrs. George Blackwell and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Randall Hoyt formed one parquet party.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neil were in the parquet. Mrs. O'Neil in white point d'esprit and pink roses.

Miss Daisy Medley and Mr. Leland sat near Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Peckham and across from Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Delaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Prestorius came with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner, the party occupying a stage box.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Puller sat near Henry T. Kent and Gardner McKnight.

Mrs. Updike and Whitman Updike came together.

Stewart Stickney and Harry Langenberg brought Miss Frances Wickham and Miss Mildred Stickney.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thompson arrived when the curtain went up. Mrs. Thompson wore white cloth.

Judge and Mrs. William Zachritz sat near Miss Carroll Wise and Ralph McKittrick.

Miss Stella Schnurmacher sat with friends in an upper box.

Miss Rena Dula of New York, Miss Grace Bayrd, Henry Clemeau and Mr. and Mrs. Nel Elgin came together.

Mr. and Mrs. George Willard Teasdale had parquet seats. Mrs. Teasdale in white silk and embroidery.

Mr. and Mrs. David Randolph Calhoun came late. Mrs. Calhoun in brown velvet.

Miss Florence Kelly and Miss Louise Little, with their escorts, formed one parquet party.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Jourdan had box seats. Mrs. Jourdan in white silk and lace.

Miss Minnie Busch and Miss Emma Tittmann, with their escorts, were near Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barrett.

Colonel and Mrs. Frank McKenna came in late and sat in the rear.

Wealthy Illinois Farmer Dies.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 16.—Thomas Bondurant, the wealthiest resident of Piatt County, died to-night from injuries received from a fall. He owned 5,000 acres of Central Illinois farm land. He has liberally endowed Eureka College in the past and is said to have left that institution a rich legacy in his will.

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FORMER BUSINESS MAN ELEVATED TO PRIESTHOOD.

Sacrament of Holy Orders Administered by Archbishop Glennon to the Reverend Father Lane.

The Reverend Father D. D. Lane, C. M., was elevated to the priesthood in the private chapel of the residence of Archbishop Glennon, No. 3810 Lindell boulevard, yesterday morning.

The sacrament of Holy Orders was administered by his Grace, assisted by a number of priests, mostly members of the Congregation of the Missions, to which Father Lane belongs.

The newly ordained priest is well known among business men of St. Louis, having once been superintendent for the Mound City Railroad Company, and later senior member of the Lane & O'Connel Grocery Company.

He made his studies for the priesthood in the seminary of the order at Perryville, Mo.

Father Lane will celebrate his first mass next Sunday in St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Ninth street and Park avenue, at 10:45 a. m.

The Reverend Father Hueber, C. M., will be assistant Priest, and the Reverend Fathers T. P. Kelly, C. M., and M. Hanley, C. M., will be deacon and subdeacon, respectively, of the mass.

The Reverend Father Thomas Devine, C. M., will be master of ceremonies and the sermon will be preached by the Reverend Father J. J. Murray, C. M.

A special music programme has been prepared by Professor Ziemer.

USES RAZOR TO GET FOOD.

Negro Threatens Life of Mrs. J. C. Ross at Muskogee.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Muskogee, I. T., Jan. 16.—This afternoon a negro entered the home of J. C. Ross, a tailor, and slipping up behind Mrs. Ross, who was alone in the house, seized her by the arm and with a drawn razor threatened to cut her throat if she refused to prepare something for him to eat. The frightened woman did as she was commanded.

The negro watched her until he had eaten what she prepared and then went out of the house and disappeared. The entire police force has been working on the case, but has failed to make an arrest.

Mrs. Ross says she believes the negro would have killed her had she not obeyed him.

Minor Appointments.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Doctor R. J. Lee has been appointed a pension examining surgeon at Carrollton, Mo.

Amos C. Ketner of Tittleton, Mo., has been appointed a money separator in the Treasury Department.

T. C. Damm, of St. Louis has been appointed a linotype machinist in the Government Printing Office.

Grocers' Association Meeting.

A special meeting of the St. Louis Retail Grocers' Association has been called for this evening in the Imperial building. Arrangements for sending a large delegation to the meeting of the National Association in Cincinnati will be completed.

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