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Rates to Other Points in Proportion.

ADVERTISING BEATS INSURANCE AGENTS

Figures Produced Before New York Committee Prove Fact.

LAST SESSION IS TO-DAY.

Examination of Actuaries and Inquiries Into Technicalities to Consume the Meeting.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 29.—With the examination of the actuaries of the Equitable and the New York Life on certain technicalities, and of some witnesses from the smaller companies, the Insurance Investigation Committee will to-morrow hold the last of its public sessions for the taking of testimony.

Mr. Hughes to-day examined the youngest infant of all the New York capitalists, the Life Insurance Club of New York, which has been active only a few months, but which was incorporated last year as a stock company with a capital of $100,000, divided into 10,000 shares of a par value of $10 a share.

Richard Wightman, its president, is a young man with an idea. His theory is that agents, the most expensive factor in the life-insurance business, may be dispensed with, and that policy holders may be successfully reached by judicious magazine and newspaper advertising.

For three years Mr. Wightman was with the New York Life. George W. Perkins finally gave the idea a trial, and made a contract with Mr. Wightman. For three months his plan was tested. Mr. Wightman testified to-day that during that period his advertising scheme brought in a volume of new insurance at the rate of $1,500,000 a year, and that he immediately became the largest individual producer of all the company's agents.

But the New York Life, after three months, terminated the contract. Mr. Wightman said the alleged reason was a contract violation on his part, and he is now testing that charge in the courts. He intimated the real reason was that agents complained bitterly of the invasion of their field, and that the New York Life feared the impairment of its agency system.

TRANSFERS IDEA.

Mr. Wightman in 1897 took his idea to the Reliance Life Insurance Company of Pittsburg. He had to meet the open hostility of the three big advertising companies, which, he said, are the Equitable, the Mutual and the Prudential. They even threatened to boycott certain periodicals unless these refused Mr. Wightman's advertising. Finally he decided to cut loose from other companies, capitalize his idea, and reap the profits himself. He and W. P. Malone hold the controlling interest in the stock. They have sold 6,000 of the 10,000 shares at a profitable price of from $20 to $50 a share, have put up the necessary $100,000 deposit in Albany, and have issued twenty-five policies of an aggregate face value of $250,000.

Mr. Wightman is convinced his idea is a winner, that life insurance agents are a useless luxury, and less effective than printers' ink. Until five years ago Mr. Wightman was a Presbyterian clergyman. He held the pastorate of the Christ Church, in West Thirty-fifth street, this city, an offshoot of the Brick Presbyterian Church. In the autumn of 1899 he resigned, and was released by the presbytery with the avowed intention of going into business.

He told his church he could not reconcile with his conscience the idea of preaching the gospel for wages. He then went to the New York Life, dropping the prefix "Reverend" from his name. Mr. Wightman's home is in Mount Vernon.

Other witnesses of the day were Doctor George P. Munn, president of the United States Life Insurance Company, and Henry H. Stokes, president of the Manhattan Company.

George G. Haven and A. Iselin Jr., both of the Mutual Life's Finance Committee, submitted schedules of their syndicate participations, as requested by Mr. Hughes.

FUNDS IN KANSAS TREASURY SUED FOR BY ILLINOIS LIFE.

Insurance Company Seeks to Recover $600,000 Deposited to Protect Policy Holders by Concern It Absorbed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 29.—The Illinois Life Insurance Company, which two years ago absorbed the Kansas Mutual, to-day instituted suit against Commissioner Luling and State Treasurer Kelly to compel them to deliver to that company $600,000 in securities held in the interest of the policy holders.

The deposit of securities enabled the Kansas Mutual to build up a big business in Kansas. On each policy the company certified that the State had its legal reserve in custody. After the Illinois Life succeeded to the assets of the Kansas Mutual also assuming the liabilities, demand was made on Mr. Luling by the officers of the Illinois Life for possession of the securities on deposit with the State Treasurer.

Mr. Luling refused to turn the securities over to the company. He held that the Illinois Life had assumed the obligations of the Kansas Mutual to its policy holders, and that it must comply with the conditions under which the policies had been issued.

He said that the State had in its possession sufficient money really belonging to the policy holders to protect their interests, and that he did not propose to allow it to be taken to Illinois unless compelled to do so by a court decree.

The Illinois Life is fighting for these securities because it does not want to pay taxes on them in the (Shawnee) county. The State will resist the suit.

FOSTER GOES TO PORTO RICO.

Appointed in Charge of Heatih Department of Island.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 29.—Surgeon General Wyman has named Doctor M. H. Foster as surgeon in charge of the Public Health Department in Porto Rico.

Doctor Foster is at present the representative here of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service. He will depart on January 4 to assume his new duties, and will have headquarters at San Juan. He has been service in nearly every portion of the United States and the insular possessions.

Conductor of Paxton, Ill., Robbed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Paxton, Ill., Dec. 29.—While absent from the caboose of his train, freight No. 69, on the Lake Erie and Western Railway, Conductor Thomas Pollock of this city was robbed of a new $35 overcoat, $18 in money and a diamond ring bearing the Masonic emblems and valued at $50. There is no clew to the robbers.

MORE MIDDIES TO BE PUT ON TRIAL

Hearing Before Court-Martial of Coffin Case Finished—Decatur, and Fourth-Year Man Are Also to Answer Charges of Hazing.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 29.—The second day's session of the court-martial of Midshipman Trenmore Coffin Jr. for the alleged hazing of Midshipman Kimbrough began this morning.

The little courtroom in the temporary building at the Academy was full of spectators during the day. An hour was consumed at the opening of the session in reviewing the testimony given yesterday.

The first witness on the stand to-day was Midshipman Overdown Whitmeyer, the roommate of Kimbrough. He was introduced by the prosecution to rebut the testimony reflecting on Kimbrough's character for truthfulness. He said that he had never heard Kimbrough's reputation for veracity questioned, and that in his personal relations he had always found Kimbrough entirely truthful.

Midshipman Frank A. Braisted, a classmate, gave similar testimony. There were no further witnesses and arguments of counsel began.

Col. R. Theall opened the argument for the accused.

Lieutenant Commander Harrison, the Judge Advocate, quoted from Winthrop military form in regard to the rules governing the introduction of evidence as to a confession. He made no further remarks and the case was given to the court.

BANDS TO GET RECORD.

The record in the Coffin case will go at once to Admiral Sands for his action, though Mr. Theall, counsel for Coffin, has filed a request that it be forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy for review.

In the same communication he urges that a verdict of guilty, if rendered, be set aside; that the navy regulations were violated by allowing Kimbrough to testify when he could not identify the accused, and also because he was not allowed to pursue a line of questioning designed to impeach Kimbrough's testimony by showing that his reputation for veracity was not good.

OTHER TRIALS TO FOLLOW.

The fact developed to-day that in addition to Midshipman Stephen Decatur Jr., charged with four instances of hazing, and member of the graduating class, is under the same charge, and others will be brought to trial under like allegations.

Midshipman Decatur was after recess brought before the same court which had tried Midshipman Coffin, but his counsel, R. S. Theall of Washington, asked that a recess be taken until 12 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and the request was granted.

The other midshipman of the graduating class, against whom charges of hazing have been filed is Worthweight Foster of New Albany, Ind. Specifications have not been made public.

It is also understood that Carroll F. Graves of Spokane, Wash., is under arrest, and that charges will be filed against him. Nor is this case the end, for it is known that several other members of the first class have received intimations that they must answer to the same charge in the very near future.

FIRST CLASS MEN HAZED.

That the first class men are engaged in hazing, a practice hitherto left to the third class, is explained on the ground that Admiral Sands's opposition to hazing has arrayed the upper class men against him in a desperate attempt to save the system at the academy.

The other men at the institution are said to have taken it upon themselves to keep the practice alive, because they thought themselves less likely to be suspected, and they are almost immune from reports by members of their own class, the only class the members of which are on duty in the hall except in a minor way.

WARSHIP ARRIVES AT SAN DOMINGO.

United States Gunboat Dubuque in Harbor of Capital of Disturbed Island Republic—City and Vicinity Are Quiet.

San Domingo Republic of Santo Domingo, Dec. 29.—The United States gunboat Dubuque arrived here this afternoon. The converted yacht Scorpion will depart to-morrow for Monte Christi.

The whereabouts of President Morales is yet unknown.

The city and vicinity are quiet.

Telegraphic communication has been re-established.

Business is dull and a feeling of unrest prevails. Several arrests have been made.

MORALES IS REPORTED AS CONTINUING BATTLE.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Mr. Dawson, Minister at Santo Domingo, telegraphs information that the President is still fighting near Jaina with a small force.

Forces of Jiminez are advancing from Monte Christi against Santiago.

Santo Domingo City is quiet, but apprehensive.

A telegram has been received at the State Department from the American Consul at Puerta Plata, saying that a small force is reported concentrated at Guayabin. Perez is reported at Monte Christi, and Caceres has sailed for the capital.

NO CASE AGAINST MR. HAWES.

Prosecutor Refuses to Grant Detective White's Request.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Nelson Thomas yesterday refused to issue a warrant against Harry Hawes, who threw several toothpick holders at Frank White, a private detective, Thursday night in Faust's.

White visited Prosecutor Thomas several times during the day in an effort to get him to issue an information against the attorney for assaulting him, but each time Mr. Thomas told him that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant the issuance of an information, and that evidence submitted by White was not of sufficient strength to warrant a conviction.

DEAF-MUTE TAKES PLEDGE.

His Fine for Assault While Intoxicated Is Remitted.

Ben Piechowski of No. 602 North Broadway, a deaf-mute, was fined $20 in the Union Street Police Court yesterday, but the fine was stayed on his signing a pledge not to drink intoxicating liquor for a year.

According to the evidence, Piechowski visited John Saborsh of No. 1213 North Tenth street last Thursday and drank too much, and assaulted Saborsh.

Piechowski's wife, who is also a deaf-mute, was in court. Another woman who accompanied her interpreted Piechowski's statement for Judge Pollard.

Piechowski can read English, and when Judge Pollard filled out one of his blank pledges and showed it to him, with the conditions, he readily signed it.

FIGHT OVER BROWN WILL MAY DEVELOP

Miss Martha Lewis Protests Interpretation Placed on Testament of Turf King.

ASKS ALL OF ASTORIA PLATE.

One Piece of Rich Stake Prize Offered to Her, She Says—Threatens to Carry Matter to Courts.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—An upheaval in the case of the will of the late Captain S. S. Brown, millionaire turfman and coal king, has come.

Miss Martha Lewis, a young woman, whom Brown's will shows to have been a great favorite of the coal man, has rebelled openly against the administration of affairs as begun by Harry Brown in the Fidelity Title and Trust Company of Pittsburg.

Unless a change is made, and speedily, Miss Lewis threatens to go into the courts to collect all of that part which she claims is coming to her under the will.

It is alleged by Miss Lewis and her friends that she has not received all the famous Astoria gold plate which was willed to her by Brown, and that but one piece of the plate has been offered to her.

BROWN IS SILENT.

This is neither affirmed nor denied by Captain Harry Brown, who refuses absolutely to be seen in the matter, and it is understood that he is not averse to meeting Miss Lewis at law.

Miss Lewis has consulted with attorneys on the matter, and Brown's attorney has been busy ever since the will was probated.

Not until to-day was the will made public, and it is upon one clause in it that Miss Lewis proposes to make her fight. It reads as follows:

"I also give and bequeath to the said Martha R. Lewis my Astoria Stakes racing trophy and the box of silverware which I recently purchased."

IS ELEGANT TROPHY.

The Astoria gold plate is considered one of the finest trophies ever taken on the turf. It consists of several pieces and was the Waldorf-Astoria plate won some years ago by Captain Brown's crack filly, Sue Smith.

The Browns, according to Miss Lewis's friends, have proffered but one piece of this gold plate to Miss Lewis. Miss Lewis claims that this offer does not cover the provisions of the will, and says she will fight in court for the remainder of the gold plate.

"VOICE OF HIGGINS IS HAND OF ESAU ROOSEVELT."

Ex-Boss Says New York Governor Has No Backbone and That President Cannot Fool Old Politicians.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 29.—Ex-Boss Odell of the Republican party, who at the Republican Club to-day, and after a conference with Assemblyman Merritt, his candidate for Speaker, he let loose another tirade of abuse in denunciation of President Roosevelt, Governor Higgins, Congressman Parsons and all others who have contributed to his overthrow. Odell said:

"The man up in Albany who is doing so much talking has evidently had some starch injected into his spine by one Theodore Roosevelt, but if the stendfastness of Governor Higgins could be tested on the Stock Exchange (while I know nothing about that place) I should advise all my friends to sell the stock short. It is well known Governor Higgins never had any backbone in the past. When he talks it is the voice of Jacob Higgins but the hand of Esau Roosevelt."

The down-and-out boss said that President Roosevelt was not fooling anyone by his denials that he was interfering in State and local politics in this State, Ohio and Pennsylvania. He said that old politicians could not be caught with such salt.

Politicians are already discussing a successor to Odell as chairman of the Republican State Committee. It is not thought that Odell will resign, but it is believed to be certain that a new man will be elected to the post.

ALL GERMAN SINGING SOCIETIES TO ASSEMBLE.

Celebration of Fiftieth Anniversary of the Rheinischen Frohsinn, on January 1, Will Be a Noteworthy Event.

The Rheinischen Frohsinn, the second oldest German singing society in the city, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on January 1 at Concordia Turner Hall, Thirteenth and Arsenal streets. All the German singing societies and turnverein in the city will participate, and there will be many guests from East St. Louis, Belleville and other near-by towns.

Congressman Richard Bartholdt will deliver the anniversary address. A gold medal presented to the society by the Emperor of Germany will be delivered on this occasion to the German Consul in this city as a token of the society's appreciation of his friendly interest and efforts.

Delegates of the Nordamer. Ranischer Sangerbund Liederkranz will present holiday gifts to the musical director. The evening programme, beginning at 7:30, will include a concert by all the singing societies of St. Louis and neighborhood. There will be also a grand male chorus, in which 600 or more voices will be heard.

The Rheinischen Frohsinn is now under the leadership of Mr. J. C. Schoellkopf. Other officials are: Julius Hertz, president in honor; Josef Keller, president; August Schlightig, vice president; Otto Schlett, secretary; Wilhelm Rube, treasurer, and Carl Hasstein, financier.

SHOOTS HIMSELF THROUGH HEAD IN AN OUTHOUSE.

Frederick Redker Takes Life After Entertaining Wife and Friends With Graphophone Night Before.

Frederick Redker, 32 years old, of No. 2317 Dodier street, committed suicide at his home yesterday morning by shooting himself through the head. His body was found in an outhouse by his wife, Mrs. Annie Redker, at 7 o'clock in the morning.

In Mrs. Redker's statements to the police she says she is at a loss to account for her husband's act. He had no troubles that she knew of. Their home life was happy, she said.

After returning from his work Thursday night, Redker entertained his family and several guests with a graphophone. Friday morning, his wife says, he arose at 4:30 o'clock, the usual hour, to go to work. That was the last his wife saw of him alive. The body was taken to the morgue by the police.

PRISON TERMS FOR CHICAGO UNION MEN

Five Officials of Wagon Workers' Organization and Two Alleged "Sluggers" Sentenced to Penitentiary for Conspiracy.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—Five officials of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' Union of Chicago and two of their alleged hired sluggers, who have been on trial in the Criminal Court for conspiracy, were found guilty to-night and sentenced to terms in the Penitentiary.

The severest punishment was inflicted on Charles Gilhooly, leader of the alleged gang of sluggers. Besides receiving a sentence in the Penitentiary, he was also fined $2,000.

The other union men who were found guilty were Henry Newman, financial secretary of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' Union, No. 4; Charles Casey, secretary of the union; Edward Shields, recording secretary; Charles H. Deutsch, member of the Executive Board; John Helden, member of the Executive Board, and Marcus Looney, one of the alleged hired sluggers.

Frank Novak, another member of the Executive Board, was found not guilty.

BETRAYED BY UNION MAN.

The specific case on which the men were tried is only one of many similar instances that have occurred in Chicago within the last few years.

Last April, while Chris J. Carlstrom, a nonunion carriage worker, was returning home from a factory where a strike was in progress, he was attacked by two men and severely injured.

He died two weeks later from pneumonia contracted, it is said, while lying on the frozen ground, where he had been left by his assailants.

Last summer, when the department store teamsters' strike was at its height and an investigation of the picketing methods of the various unions in the city was being made by the State Attorney, George Meiler, a former president of the Carriage and Wagonworkers' Union, turned State's evidence and told of the inner workings of the union.

UNION'S "WRECKING CREW."

During the disclosure Meiler testified that the union maintained what he termed a wrecking crew, which, he said, meant a regular organization of men who were hired as sluggers in order to intimidate nonunion men who might desire to take the places of strikers.

He then cited the Carlstrom affair as an instance of the results of the "wrecking crew." Indictments were secured against the officials of the union and the alleged sluggers, and on September 18 the efforts to secure a jury were begun.

During the eleven weeks that it took to secure a jury, 1,331 veniremen were examined, and the total expense of the case to Cook County up to date has been $35,000.

HOCH DECLINES TO PARDON LABOR FEDERATION OFFICER

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 29.—Governor Hoch announced to-night that he had decided not to pardon Arthur E. Ireland, third vice president of the American Federation of Labor, who was sentenced to the Cowley County jail for six months for assaulting a nonunion machinist, employed by the Santa Fe Railway.

GOV. CUMMINS ATTACKS PRESIDENT'S PROGRAMME

Declares Dolliver Bill Is "Rank Subterfuge" to Eliminate Railroad Opposition.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 29.—Governor Cummins made a sensational attack on President Roosevelt's rate regulation programme in a carefully prepared speech which he delivered here to-night. It was over the shoulder of Senator Dolliver, whose bill Governor Cummins denounced as a "rank subterfuge, carefully designed to eliminate serious opposition on the part of railroad interests."

It was the understanding of those who attended the meeting that the President had espoused the Dolliver bill and that the effect of Governor Cummins's utterances were, therefore, the more sensational.

In support of his charge that the bill would in no wise remedy the evils that now afflict Iowa stock raisers, the Governor explained that it is necessary to empower the Interstate Commerce Commission or some other similar body to establish a minimum rate, else the railroads can continue to favor one locality over another quite as much as now.

"Any town, Des Moines, for instance," said Governor Cummins, "would be enabled by the Dolliver bill to complain that its own rate was too high and have the commission pass upon this claim. But the commission could not rule at the same time that the Iowa rate was far too low and must be raised.

"Suppose it was found that the Des Moines rate is higher than the actual cost of the transportation would warrant, and it is actually reduced. There is nothing to prevent the railroads yielding to pressure from any interests in behalf of Omaha, to correspondingly reduce the Omaha rate and thereby continue the grossly unfair discrimination."

Governor Cummins will ask for a renomination for Governor at the next Republican convention. A long-mooted question has thus been decided. It will be necessary to overturn the two-term precedent, and it is still under debate whether the addition of one year to Cummins's second term by the adoption of the biennial elections amendment makes Cummins already a third-termer, and would make him a fourth-termer if re-elected.

Be that as it may, the Governor's conferees have agreed, and he has acceded to it at last, that his only chance of maintaining his organization intact, and thus rendering certain his ultimate advancement to the United States Senate—the one consuming ambition of his life—is to retain the Governorship himself. He will ask this on the strength of his record of the last four years.

EVANS MAY BE VICE ADMIRAL.

All Naval Forces in Atlantic to Be Consolidated January 1.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Robley D. Evans, Rear Admiral, commanding the Atlantic fleet, as it will be called on and after January 1, may become a Vice Admiral before he is retired. The consolidation of all the naval forces on the Atlantic ocean under one title, "the Atlantic fleet," is taken here to mean that the Navy Department is taking the first step toward the carrying out of the recommendations of the General Board, approved by the Secretary, of restoring to the navy the rank of Vice Admiral.

There is also a suggestion of this in the President's message, wherein he pronounces in favor of the fleet formation as against squadrons.

New Orleans and Return, $15.70.

MOBILE AND RETURN, $12.65, via Mobile and Ohio Railroad, January 2. Tickets and information at 506 Olive street.

SERVICES IN HONOR OF ZION DELEGATES

Special Sabbath Evening Ceremonies Are Held in Tiphereth Israel Synagogue.

DISTINGUISHED JEWS TALK.

Leon Zolotkoff, Assistant State Attorney of Chicago, Makes Address on Objects of Movement.

Special Sabbath evening services were held last night at Tiphereth Israel Synagogue, at Ninth and Wash streets, in honor of arriving delegates to the convention of the International Zionist Congress, which opens to-morrow morning in Weintraub's Hall, at Seventh street and Franklin avenue. Among the delegates at the services were Leon Zolotkoff, Assistant State Attorney of Chicago, who is grand master of the Order of Knights of Zion, and his friend and co-worker, Philip P. Bregstone, who is Assistant City Prosecutor of Chicago. They have opened headquarters at the Hotel Jefferson.

On account of the special services and the presence of distinguished delegates from abroad, the synagogue was crowded, every seat being taken. At the close of the services a short address in Hebrew was made by Mr. Zolotkoff, in which he spoke of the movement, now an international one, for the repossession of Palestine, and dwelt briefly on the lack of knowledge of the younger generation of Hebrews concerning their national history. In the course of his remarks he related a story of a Jewish boy in a Jewish class to whom the teacher propounded the question, "Who was Judas Maccabeus?" "I don't know," replied the boy, "but I am sure he must have been an Irishman, because his name begins with 'Mac.'" The story won a hearty laugh from every member of the congregation.

Mr. Zolotkoff said to The Republic concerning the movement of which he is one of the leaders and in the organization of which he played an important part:

OBJECT OF ZIONISM.

"The object of 'Zionism' is to provide for those Jews of various lands who for some reason cannot, or will not, become assimilated a legally-secured home on their ancestral soil.

"More than 2,000 Jewish organizations forming a chain around the globe, are striving toward the same end.

"They have organized the International Zionist Congress, a parliamentary body of representative Jews from all lands, meeting once in two years. It was organized in 1898, and at first met once a year. In all, seven congresses have been held in that time, all of them in Basle, Switzerland, except the fourth, which was held in London, England.

"The Zionists have organized the Jewish Colonial Trust in London for the purpose of financing the movement. It has a larger number of stockholders than any other financial institution in the world. The shares are $5 each, and are held by 250,000 individuals. The total amount of the fund now on hand is $2,000,000.

"Another fund, known as the Jewish national fund, amounts to $500,000. The purpose of this fund is to acquire land in Palestine. The fund is raised from the sale of 1-cent stamps, which those who can afford it attach to all of their correspondence.

"The American Zionists are organized in a body known as the Federation of American Zionists. This is divided into Eastern and Western branches. The Order of Knights of Zion, which is about to convene in St. Louis, is the Western branch of the federation."

TO HONOR DELEGATES.

This morning special services will be held in B'Nai Amoonah Synagogue, at Thirteenth and Carr streets. This afternoon at 2 o'clock a series of lectures by leading Zionists will be given at Shoerith S'phard Synagogue, at Fifteenth and Wash streets. This evening, at 8 o'clock, in Liederkranz Hall, at Thirteenth street and Chouteau avenue, a reception will be given in honor of visiting delegates, numbering about 150, from all over the West.

The opening session of the convention to-morrow morning will be taken up by the report of the Committee on Credentials, roll call, opening prayer, address of welcome, report of Committee on Procedure, appointment of committees and reports of the grand master, grand recorder and grand treasurer.

The afternoon session will be devoted to correspondence and telegrams, reports of committees on shares, national fund, press and literature, organization, schools and junior organizations, reports of officers, and auditing.

In the evening a mass meeting will be held in the Missouri Athletic Club, at Fourth street and Washington avenue. It will be addressed by Grand Master Zolotkoff and other prominent Zionists.

The second day's sessions of the convention, Monday morning and afternoon, will be taken up by unfinished business, reports of committees on resolutions, papers and discussions, debates on amendment to the constitution, nomination, election and installation of officers.

Luncheon will be served in the hall each day of the convention by the Lady Zionists of St. Louis.

A New Year's Diamond Gift

Is the most perfect gift you can make. You can get it on easy terms, too. Store open to-night until 10 p. m. Loftis Bros. & Co., 24 fl. Carleton Bldg., 6th and Olive sts.

O. H. WITTE RECIPIENT OF RICH FLORAL GIFT.

Employes Surprise Hardware Man With Reminder of Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Company.

Yesterday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the Witte Hardware Company and the twenty-fifth anniversary of Otto H. Witte's presidency. In commemoration of the event the employes of the company presented President Witte with a unique floral piece.

The design of the offering followed in all its details the trade-mark "I. X. L." of the company and is 3 feet square and very rich in coloring and effect.

The presentation was a surprise to Mr. Witte, who has been very busy for the last week superintending the removal of the stock of the company into new building containing warehouses, just completed, on Second street, directly back of the building which the company has occupied for many years, and will in future use exclusively for offices and salesrooms.

The Witte Hardware Company was incorporated on December 29, 1880, as successor to F. A. Witte & Co., and is one of the large hardware jobbing houses which have made St. Louis a great hardware center.

Xmas Holiday Excursions,

Via Illinois Central to Chicago, New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and all points south and southeast.

PRISON SHOWS GAIN IN GROSS EARNINGS

Increase of $12,000 in Salaries of Guards Will Cause Balance of Receipts and Expenditures—Convicts' Health Good.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 29.—That the Missouri Penitentiary has prospered in a financial way during the year now drawing to a close is proven by the figures which show that the earnings of the institution have amounted to a total of about $27,000.

Last winter the Legislature increased the monthly salary of guards from $55 to $65, incurring an additional outlay of $12,000 for the year. Formerly the earnings exceeded the outlay of the prison about $1,500 a year.

While exact figures cannot be furnished for several days, yet it can be stated that the earnings and expenditures this year will not be far apart. If Warden Hall receives credit for the $12,000 additional outlay in the salary of guards, there would be a pretty good balance in favor of the prison, much larger than at the close of any former year.

BINDER-TWINE FACTORY.

A matter which does not show up on the earning side of the prison is the binder-twine factory output. This plant calls for the labor of forty convicts, a foreman and an extra guard. The product of the factory is sold to the farmers of the State at the actual cost of production.

Last year the price of binder twine was 8¾ cents per pound. The price will probably be the same this year. This plant is similar to one operated in the Kansas Penitentiary.

It was established in this State, as also in Kansas, for the benefit of the farmers who were paying to the so-called binder-twine trust from 12½ to 16 cents per pound for twine.

At the present time about 500,000 pounds is ready at the prison for shipment. Warden Hall says this will be increased to about 1,500,000 pounds by harvest time, making about half enough twine to supply the entire State. Next year he will endeavor to increase the output to meet all demands.

NO EARNINGS IN FACTORY.

None of this twine is sold outside of the State. The only cost added to the product is the keep of the convicts—about 7 cents per day per man; so there is absolutely no profit whatever in its manufacture.

Another increase in the maintenance cost is chargeable to the Jefferson City Waterworks Company. The prison formerly paid about $200 per month for water. Lately the water company put in meters and the cost has been increased from $550 to $575 per month.

A new front is being constructed to the prison offices, and a new ice plant and cold-storage department were added during the summer. Many minor improvements have been made during the year, none of which go to the earning account of the Penitentiary, although of much value to the State.

The increase in the pay-roll of the prison runs the total up for the year to $97,200, the heaviest it ever was. There are about 2,000 convicts in the prison, of whom 65 are women. About 1,500 are employed by contractors in the shops, and the remainder are employed by the State.

PRISON HEALTH GOOD.

The State owns a small farm adjoining the Penitentiary consisting of about fifteen acres of tillable land and thirty-five acres suitable only for quarry purposes. Next spring Warden Hall intends to utilize this tillable land for raising vegetables for the prison table.

It seems curious that the health of convicts should be better, striking an average, than of adults on the outside, but such is the case. There is a little more than 3 per cent in favor of the prison.

When it is recalled that many convicts have led dissolute lives, it seems all the more strange that their health should average better than that of persons supposed to lead temperate lives. It furnishes an argument in favor of industry, cleanliness and plain, wholesome food.

SEVERAL AMERICANS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE POPE.

Divorced Woman Secures Presentation, and Some Refuse to Kneel to Pontiff—Many Considered Not Worthy of Honor.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The Vatican authorities have received remonstrances from several American Bishops against the audiences granted by the Pope to Americans who, in the opinion of these Bishops, were not worthy of the honor, which, it is added, created dissatisfaction among the faithful.

The Pope has also been informed that among the persons presented to him a few days ago was an American woman who had been divorced. This irritated the Pontiff, who declared that such a presentation must not occur again.

The officials of the Vatican are also recalling that two Americans recently refused to kneel when the Pope appeared, and the persons having authority in these matters have been ordered to be more strict in arriving at decisions upon applications from Americans for audiences of the Pope.

American applicants in future must be recommended by their respective Bishops or have their applications supported by a recognized official here.

OPERA-HOUSE FOR EL PASO.

L. M. Crawford Purchases Site at Cost of $200,000.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—L. M. Crawford, head of the Crawford theatrical circuit, controlling theaters throughout Kansas, Missouri and Illinois, to-day closed a deal for a block of property, costing $200,000 on Pioneer plaza, on which to construct a modern opera-house, the former opera-house here having been burned. The new house will be ready for next season.

MAD DOGS BITE FIVE PERSONS.

Crusade Against Unmuzzled Canines Begun in Sioux City.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 29.—Five persons were bitten to-day by dogs supposed to be suffering from hydrophobia. The police have instituted a crusade against unmuzzled dogs.

Accidentally Shoots Himself.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Macon City, Ia., Dec. 29.—Lester Schulte, a young man of Rockwell, was killed last night by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. The top of his head was blown off.

Young Skater Is Drowned.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 29.—Russell Eisenower, 11 years old, was drowned while skating near Pontiac, breaking through the thin ice, which had become weakened by the mild weather.

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DIAGNOSES RABIES AS PNEUMONIA

Joseph Wyatt, Negro, Eleven Years Old, Hurried to Emergency Hospital—Bitten by Dog Day Before Thanksgiving.

Suffering paroxysms of pain and terror, Joseph Wyatt, an 11-year-old negro, was found to be suffering from rabies at the City Hospital yesterday shortly before noon, although he was forwarded to that institution for treatment for pneumonia. After an examination, and the nature of the lad's malady was discovered, he was hurried to the Emergency Hospital, where his condition is critical.

The lad, who lives with his parents at No. 3109 Lawton avenue, was bitten by a dog in the neighborhood on the day preceding Thanksgiving. The wound was in his cheek, and nothing was thought of the incident, as the injury healed nicely. Although there was no suspicion that the dog was rabid, it was killed.

Last Wednesday evening the boy showed difficulty in swallowing, and his breathing became labored. He complained of a severe headache, and displayed irritation at trivial matters, especially shrinking from sight of the scar of the wound on his cheek. He was very restless and could not sleep.

The following day, Thursday, the pains in his head became worse, being accompanied by severe pains in the neck and thorax, along the spinal column and in the left hip. The pains increased until he was taken to the hospital yesterday.

The attendants observed an increased reflex sensibility, and that the lad's mind was unusually clear. He could not swallow, and on attempting to drink water spasms of the larynx followed. He shuddered even at the sight of water. The patient showed great irritation, and expressed fear that he was in some unknown danger, jerking and leaping about the stretcher at every slight noise. Froth formed on his lips. It was stated at the hospital yesterday that a physician had been treating the boy, and had pronounced him to be suffering from pneumonia.

ENGLISHMAN ROBBED BY CASUAL ACQUAINTANCE.

Son of Member of Parliament, on His Way to Kansas, Loses $50,000 in Money and Jewels Between Detroit and St. Louis.

Byron B. White of London passed through St. Louis yesterday, a sadder and a wiser man by reason of his limited experience with the casual American acquaintance.

White is a son of Sir Thomas White, member of Parliament, and a well-known English statesman. Being afflicted with a nervous disorder, his father sent him to America with instructions to go to Garden City, Kas., there to be treated by an old friend of the English parliamentarian.

On the train between here and Detroit young White, who is guileless and quite unsophisticated, fell in with a stranger, with whom he spent many pleasant hours. When he arrived at the St. Louis Union Station young White discovered to his amazement and dismay that he was out $5,000 in money and jewelry. He had barely enough left to proceed to Garden City, and departed yesterday afternoon.

Patrolman Schmolinti, who heard young White's story, says there is little doubt that he was robbed on the train. His companion is believed to be still in this city. He is described as a man about 35 years old, tall, smooth-shaven, and dark of complexion.

NOT CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

Mansfield and Warrington Deny Accusation of Assault.

The cases of W. H. Mansfield and John G. Warrington, charged with assaulting John Nelson on the night of December 10 in front of No. 611 Lucas street, is pending in the Court of Criminal Correction.

At the time of the alleged assault, which both Mansfield and Warrington deny, it was erroneously reported that a hold-up and robbery had been committed. This was denied by Nelson himself afterwards while he was in the City Hospital. The only allegation against Mansfield and Warrington is that of assault.

Xmas Holiday Excursions,

Via Illinois Central, December 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, returning January 4.

"Border War" Fighter Dies.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—James M. Barnes died here to-day at the age of 67 years. Mr. Barnes went to Kansas in 1854. He took part in the "border war" and also in the campaign in Missouri during the Civil War.