Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, : : : MISSOURI.

The sixty-third general assembly of Indiana adjourned on the 9th. The session appropriated $150,000 for an Indiana exhibit at the St. Louis exposition.

Robert G. Hedrick, commissioner of Indian affairs under President Lincoln, was buried in Indianapolis, Ind., on the 13th, from an undertaker's establishment. He died in poverty.

The federal grand jury investigating the recent riot in the Raleigh county (West Virginia) coal fields made a partial report, on the 12th, accompanied by ten or twelve indictments.

John Crook died in Springfield, Ill., on the 13th, at St. Johns hospital of lung trouble, due to typhoid. He was the son of Judge A. N. J. Crook, formerly judge in Oklahoma under Cleveland.

United States Consul John L. Bittinger, at Montreal, was invited to resign, on the 13th, for criticising Canadians. He will be succeeded by Maj. A. W. Edwards, a North Dakota newspaper man.

Gov. Mickey of Nebraska announced positively, on the 11th, to those who have been importuning him to reprieve Gottlieb Neigenfind, the murderer, that he would not interfere with the death sentence.

In the presence of a great throng of the laity and priesthood, Bishop James S. Quigley, of Buffalo, was installed metropolitan of the Chicago archdiocese of the Roman Catholic church on the 10th.

President Francis of the St. Louis exposition was received by the king of the Belgians on the 10th. The king assured Mr. Francis that Belgium would participate in the World's fair at St. Louis in 1904.

Wm. Crozier, editor of the Manila American, who, with a reporter of the paper, was arrested March 2 on the charge of libeling Gen. Davis, commander of the American troops, was convicted on the 10th.

The post office department, on the 12th, announced 60 fourth-class post offices which will be advanced to the presidential class on April 1 next. The list includes Fairmont, Glencoe and Venice, all in Illinois.

Rev. Charles W. Potter, one of the best-known charitable workers of Toledo, O., died there of starvation on the 11th. Dr. Potter was unable to eat any nourishing food because of cancer of the stomach.

An injunction was granted, on the 12th, to the Kansas City Transfer Co. against the Team Drivers' International Union, by Judge John F. Phillips, on the ground that the complainants are government cart men.

At the republican primaries in Topeka, Kas., on the 11th, for the nomination of mayor, police were called to quell a riot. The complaint was made that the law and order women were intimidating the anti-prohibition voters.

Judge P. A. Pierce, of Carmi; Judge E. E. Newein, of Robison, and J. R. Creighton, of Fairfield, were nominated at Carmi, Ill., on the 11th, for circuit judges by the democratic convention of the Second judicial district.

Pupils of the Estherville (Ia.) school revolted, on the 12th, against the action of the school board in expelling four fellows, and, led by the principal, Miss Cullum, paraded the streets, shouting defiance at the school board.

Moses Sweetzer, who last year, gave a tract of land in Elizabethport, N. J., to the New York Typographical union as a site for a home for aged and indigent printers of the United States, died in Lynn, Mass., on the 10th, aged 80 years.

Six strange deaths at sea aboard the Anchor liner Karamania, from Marseilles, Palermo and Naples, caused that vessel to be detained at quarantine at New York, on the 10th, after an examination, which showed symptoms of cholera.

Judge Phillips, in the federal court, issued an injunction, on the 13th, against striking transfer drivers at Kansas City on the ground that goods are in transit when loaded on wagons, therefore coming under the interstate commerce law.

The house at Jefferson City, Mo., adopted a resolution, on the 13th, appointing a committee to investigate charges, made on the floor by Speaker Whitecotton, that an attempt at bribery had been made to defeat the Davidson text book bill.

The senate, on the 12th, decided to vote on the Panama canal treaty on the 17th, and the Cuban reciprocity treaty was reported to the senate by the committee on foreign relations. The extra session is therefore expected to be short lived.

The Illinois state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners announced, on the 11th, a reduction of 25 per cent. in the shipping rates of all railroads in Illinois as the result of the fight carried on by shippers and business men's associations.

August Krauss, a well-to-do farmer, residing near Bellefontaine, Mo., about twenty-one miles west of St. Louis, while insane, massacred his entire family, consisting of a wife and six children, on the 12th, using a rock-hammer, as a weapon. He then fatally wounded himself.

"Bill" Rudolph and George Collins, who have confessed to the robbery of the Union (Mo.) bank and the subsequent killing of Charles J. Schumacher, a Pinkerton detective, arrived in St. Louis, on the 10th, in charge of officers. They admitted their connection with the Union bank robbery, but claimed they shot Detective Schumacher in self-defense.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Wabash employes, on the 9th, in St. Louis, filed their motion to dissolve the strike injunction and generally denied all allegations.

The democratic judicial convention in Detroit, Mich., on the 10th, nominated Judge George L. Yaple, of Mendon, for supreme judge for a term of ten years, to succeed Judge Frank A. Hooker.

Mrs. Arthur Pennell, who was injured in the automobile accident in Buffalo, N. Y., which caused the death of her husband, died, on the 11th, without regaining consciousness. An examination of the automobile disproved the suicide theory.

John Gill and Charles Schley were found not guilty on a charge of larceny at Springfield, Ill., on the 11th, and were immediately rearrested on fugitive warrants from Butte, Mont., where they are wanted on charges of forgery.

The Cloth Casket Workers' and Trimmers' union began a strike for higher wages in Chicago, on the 10th, and six of the leading concerns that manufacture undertakers' supplies were tied up.

Arthur R. Pennell, a prominent figure in the Burdick murder investigation at Buffalo, was killed in an automobile accident on the 10th. His wife was fatally injured.

Two hundred machinists employed in shops of the Kansas City Southern railroad at Pittsburg, Kas., quit work, on the 11th, as the result of the failure of the company to accede to a demand for an increase in wages.

In a collision between a passenger train and a freight at Rankin station, Ky., on the 11th, Engineer E. W. Bonham, Fireman Ben Myers, Conductor E. S. Bramwell and Mail Clerk James Nolan were injured.

Announcement was made at Washington, on the 11th, at a meeting held by South American diplomats, that Andrew Carnegie was ready to financially aid the inter-continental railway project.

Five hundred students engaged in a class battle at Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., on the 11th. Police filled a patrol wagon with ringleaders among the belligerent students.

At Kansas City, on the 11th, police used revolvers in quelling riots resulting from the strike of transfer drivers for higher wages. No one was seriously injured.

The bill creating a new text book commission to select books for public schools for the next six years was defeated in the Missouri legislature on the 11th. So also the Jim Crow car bill.

Five small boys lighted a stick of dynamite at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 11th. Three of the boys are not expected to live.

The Cuban congress, on the 11th, ratified the reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Ice gorges in the Platte river broke, on the 11th, thus improving the flood situation.

Mike Karlosky was killed, John Foegk was fatally crushed and two other workmen were seriously hurt in an explosion at the Republic iron and steel mills at East Chicago on the 10th.

The Kansas senate, on the 10th, decided to make an investigation of the supposed merger of the Frisco railroad lines.

President Roosevelt's formal acceptance of the invitation to attend the centennial anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana territory was received in St. Louis on the 11th.

The Arkansas house failed to pass, on the 10th, the senate bill to appropriate $75,000 additional for an Arkansas exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

The Kansas house, on the 10th, passed the senate bill prohibiting the use of slot machines in Kansas. Gov. Bailey says he will sign the bill.

Fourteen bodies were recovered, on the 10th, at Olean, N. Y., where an oil train exploded the night previous. Fourteen persons are seriously injured.

Garret Hedeen, a notorious moonshiner, was stabbed to death by his brother, Riley Hedeen, in Polk county, Tenn., on the 10th.

Two women, Mrs. G. B. Evans and Mrs. H. S. Myers, took the places of their husbands, non-union men, and drove trucks about Kansas City, on the 12th, in defiance of the striking transfer company's drivers.

Mabel Green, aged 27, whose home is believed to be at Lacon, Ill., committed suicide in Chicago, on the 12th, by inhaling gas. A broken engagement is said to have led to the suicide.

Gov. Yates of Illinois received an appeal for aid for the flood sufferers at Shawneetown, on the 12th, and sent Assistant Adjt.-Gen. Ewart to that place with 100 tents.

Adelbert A. Ames, former mayor of Minneapolis, decided, on the 12th, to return to that city and stand trial on a charge of bribery.

Eight men were killed in a battle between rival turpentine camps near Orange Springs, Fla., on the 12th.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Pennell, killed in an automobile accident at Buffalo, N. Y., were shipped to Mr. Pennell's old home in Maine on the 12th.

Mrs. Seth T. Paine, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Burdick murder case in Buffalo, N. Y., quietly left that city on the 12th.

A sudden rise in the North Fork and Elkhorn at Norfolk, Neb., broke the dyke, on the 12th, and the town was saved only by heroic work.

The Chicago limited, west-bound, on the Illinois Central railway, was wrecked at Pomeroy, Ill., on the 13th, and five passengers injured.

The joint scale committee of Iowa miners and operators reached an agreement, on the 13th, affecting the scale for the first district. The scale is fixed at $1.05 a ton for screened coal, a ten-cent. increase.

Countess Anna Lee Rogers Brockenhaus von Lowenheim was reconciled to her husband, and withdrew her suit for divorce, on the 13th, after a dramatic scene in a St. Louis lawyer's office.

A. E. Batson was found guilty, on the 12th, of the murder of the Earl family near Welch, La.

Tetano Jezado, apparently an Italian woman of culture, attempted to commit suicide by cutting her throat in a berth on a Pullman car as her train was entering Charleston, S. C., on the 13th.

The Caribbean squadron, under the command of Admiral Coghlan, was ordered to Honduras, on the 13th, where the revolution is assuming serious proportions, to protect American interests.

Hanging to a fence post on the Thompson farm, half-way between the tracks of the Louisville (Ky.) Jockey club and Wathen's trotting track, an unknown man was found dead on the 13th.

August Krause, the farmer living 21 miles from St. Louis, who killed his wife and six children with a stone-hammer, on the 12th, and then cut his own throat, died on the 13th.

Prompted by jealousy, Mrs. Mildred Sharp, wife of James A. Sharp, a bartender, shot and killed the latter at their home in Kansas City on the 13th.

Safe blowers cracked the safes of the local office of the Standard Oil Co., at Atlanta, Ga., and secured $500 in money and 2,000 in checks on the 13th.

Three men were killed and 14 severely injured by an explosion of fire damp in the mine of the Cardiff Coal Co., near Pontiac, Ill., on the 13th.

Five thousand rifles ready for conveyance into the interior were seized, on the 13th, at Hong Kong, China.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Omaha flyer on the Wabash jumped the track near St. Charles, Mo., on the 15th, and Mrs. J. E. T. McGee, Mrs. Ella Cox, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs. J. F. Bennett, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. W. H. Smith, Kirksville, Mo.; D. Truchoft, Des Moines, Ia.; W. M. Prickett, Mercer, Mo.; James Canantsy, J. L. Holbrook and W. C. Seeger, St. Louis, were injured.

A working train with a crew of 60 men was dispatched on the 15th, from St. Johns, N. F., to attempt to clear the railway line across the country and cut out the express train which has been snowbound in the interior for the past 30 days.

Miss Julia Toombs, a 23-year-old girl, was shot and killed, on the 15th, at Providence, R. I., by Wm. Stevens Morse, a rejected lover. Morse fired four shots at her while she was on her way to church and every shot took effect.

J. Whitaker Wright, the London promoter, who is accused of being concerned in collossal frauds in connection with the organization of various financial corporations, was arrested in New York on the 15th.

Two masked men attempted to rob a fashionable restaurant in Pueblo, Col., on the 15th. Dr. J. F. Turner was instantly killed and C. B. Bishop was seriously wounded. The robbers fled without securing any booty.

D. R. Anthony, Jr., business manager of the Leavenworth (Kas.) Times, and a nephew of Miss Susan B. Anthony, was nominated for mayor by acclamation by the republican city convention on the 14th.

Announcement was made by an official of the trainmen's brotherhood at Chicago, on the 15th, that unless their demands for higher wages are granted a strike will be ordered on the Chicago & Alton.

Fourteen masked robbers visited the home of Frank Reichelderfer, a farmer, near Lima, O., on the 15th, and took possession of the house. They secured $1,200 in cash and valuable securities.

The Italian minister of foreign affairs, on the 15th, notified Ambassador Meyer that Italy has decided to officially participate in the St. Louis Exposition, appropriating $100,000 to that purpose.

Henry Schlimm, a rural mail carrier at Joliet, Ill., shot and killed himself, on the 15th, on account of poor health.

Henry W. Carter shot Minnie Webster and killed himself in St. Louis on the 16th. After the tragedy, Carter's widow stated that the murdered woman was Carter's daughter. He left a note saying he had been betrayed.

The house, on the 16th, passed the senate bill prohibiting the sale or giving away of cigarettes, cigarette papers or cigarette wrappers in Missouri to persons under 18 years of age. The bill now goes to the governor.

The St. Francis levee gave way at Trice's Landing, Ark., on the 16th, and the waters of the Mississippi river rushed through a three-quarter-mile crevasse in the embankment with a roar that was heard for miles.

Miss Marion Burdick, daughter of the late Edwin L. Burdick, was a witness at the inquest before Judge Murphy, at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 16th. Lawyers could get her to throw no light on the mystery.

Two killings on Sunday in Breathitt county, Ky., were reported in Lexington on the 16th. Bud Spicer was shot to death by John Hengley and Bud Combs was shot in a general fight in Jackson.

The 15-foot embankment of the Texas & Pacific railroad at Bourgere, La., 30 miles below Vidalia, broke, on the 16th, and a gap two miles in length was cut by the river in a few hours.

By direction of Secretary Root the war department, on the 16th, began compiling and publishing a complete roster of the officers and enlisted men of the Union and confederate armies.

The name of the new cup defender to meet the Shamrock III. will be Reliance. This was officially announced by the secretary of the New York Yacht club on the 16th.

Capt. Louis T. Bourie, whose family has been connected with the history of Fort Wayne since the time of Gen. Anthony Wayne, died at Fort Wayne, Ind., on the 16th.

Dr. Julien Baker, a physician of Tarboro, N. C., shot and perhaps fatally wounded Dr. H. T. Bass, of that place, on the 16th, the result of an old feud.

In the Prussian diet, on the 16th, an appropriation of $25,000 for Prussia's educational exhibit at the St. Louis exposition was voted.

Former Congressman John W. Candler, of Brookline, died of heart disease at Providence, R. I., on the 16th.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Chaplain Russell's Prayer.

Chaplain Russell of the house of representatives, in his opening prayer, the other morning said: "Hell-born devices, designed to corrupt the legislature, are at work. May the Lord guide the body divinely and save it from corrupting influences in its closing days. Let the legislators remain pure, Lord, and sent them to their homes with clean hands and hearts."

Jealous Woman Commits Murder.

Prompted by jealousy, Mrs. Mildred Sharp, wife of James A. Sharp, a bartender, shot annd killed the latter in Kansas City. Mrs. Sharp fired two shots. The first missed its mark, but the second entered her husband's heart. His shirt was burned, indicating that the woman had held the revolver close to his body. She threatened to commit suicide, but was disarmed.

Train Wrecked by Landslides.

An east-bound Missouri Pacific train was wrecked near Gasconade by running into a mass of stone and clay which had slipped upon the track from a bluff. Engineer Pace was thrown from his cab and seriously hurt, and Mrs. H. Alloway, of New York, a passenger, was slightly bruised.

Sent to Federal Asylum.

Lee A. Gallaher, former cashier of the First National bank at St. Joseph, now serving a five years' sentence in the state penitentiary for embezzling $20,000, has developed melancholia, and has been ordered to the federal asylum at Washington.

Collided in a Fog.

John Gray, a motorman, was fatally injured, another painfully hurt and nine passengers shaken and jarred by a collision on the Transit company's single track line from St. Louis to Clayton. The cars collided during a fog.

Death of an Old Veteran.

James Sparks, 104 years of age, died at Hartville of paralysis. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk and Mexican wars, and assisted in removing the Cherokee Indians from Florida to the Indian territory in 1836.

Two Engines Telescoped.

In a head-on collision at Nichols Junction, near Springfield, two Frisco engines were telescoped, but no one was injured. The engineers and firemen saw that the collision was imminent and jumped.

Serenated Convicts.

Joseph Rice, railroad and warehouse commissioner, paid for carriages to convey a St. Louis band to the penitentiary, at Jefferson City, for the purpose of serenading the 2,119 convicts.

Harold Money Dangerously Ill.

Harold Money, of Oakland, N. J., traveling representative of an eastern arms company and a live bird marksman of national reputation, is dangerously ill of pneumonia in Kansas City.

Country Home Burned.

The elegant country home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Cabanne, on the Clayton road, two miles outside of the St. Louis city limits, was completely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $50,000.

Board of Public Works.

The board of public works, created for St. Joseph by the present Forty-second general assembly, organized by electing Capt. J. C. Landis president and George F. Barnes secretary.

A Mammoth Grand Stand.

A grand stand, the seating capacity of which will be 30,000, is being erected for the accommodation of spectators of the World's fair dedication ceremonies.

Siam's Emperor Is Pleased.

Hon. Hamilton King, American minister to Siam, writes from Bangkok that the reception of the crown prince in St. Louis greatly pleased the emperor.

Death of Casper Gestring.

Caspar Gestring, one of the largest wagon manufacturers of St. Louis died at his home after a short illness. He was a native of Germany.

Grandest Affair of Its Kind.

Maj.-Gen. H. C. Corbin says the World's fair dedication ceremonies will be the grandest affair of the kind ever held in any country.

Roosevelt Will Come.

President Roosevelt has written the St. Louis World's fair management that he will attend the dedication exercises on April 30.

Washington Makes Appropriations.

Bills making appropriations for exhibits for the St. Louis and Portland expositions have passed the Washington legislature.

Transfer Drivers Strike.

The transfer business is tied up in Kansas City as a result of the strike of drivers. There has been considerable violence.

Getting Ready for the Fair.

Half a million dollars is to be expended in improving Jefferson barracks, south of St. Louis, before the World's fair.

Flocking Into Pettis County.

Iowa and Illinois land buyers are flocking into Pettis county, nnd the value of farm lands is increasing at a rapid rate.

Took the Carbolic Acid Route.

Mrs. Olive Collins, 20 years old, committed suicide in St. Louis by taking carbolic acid. She died at the city hospital.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH.

One-third of the physicians of Berlin earn less than $65 a month.

The habit of talking to oneself results from intense preoccupation. It is the initial symptom of dementia.

The commission of experts in mental diseases, appointed by the German ministry of education a year ago to investigate the healing value of hypnotism, reports that it can be used in some instances to remove symptoms, but that it cannot produce organic changes or cure epilepsy or hysteria.

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

In the senate, on the 10th, Walker's libel bill was defeated, receiving only two votes. Dickinson's bill to repeal the special jury law was passed; also a bill creating a state board of osteopathy, a committee substitute for Bradley's initiative and referendum; Farris' bill giving an additional bank examiner to the secretary of state; two appropriation bills, one for the pay of civil officers, and the other to pay for the assessment and collection of revenue; and a bill prohibiting amusements nearer than 1,900 feet of the World's Fair grounds. A bill to label baking powders also passed. . . . In the house, a resolution was adopted, reproving Judge Adams for granting the Wabash injunction. Among the bills passed were the following: Providing for the refunding of money collected under the special tax law, which was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court; establishing a normal school in Jasper county. The following bills were killed: Providing for the appointment of a commission to examine the qualifications of miners and mine mechanics and compelling banks in cities of 100,000 inhabitants or more to have a capital stock of $100,000.

In the senate, on the 11th, the Jefferson Club election bills were sent to engrossment without amendment. The constitutional amendment providing for a constitutional convention passed. By a vote of 20 to 12, the senate voted to submit to a vote of the people of the state a proposition to hold a constitutional convention, to be voted upon at the general election in 1904. In the house, the senate initiative and referendum bill passed by a vote of 78 to 54, having been substituted on motion of Mr. Duncan for the house joint and concurrent resolution. . . . The separate coach bill was killed by a vote of 70 to 75, and the bill creating a new textbook commission to select books for public schools for the next six years was also defeated. Murphy, of St. Louis, introduced a resolution commending Joseph W. Folk of St. Louis, and suggesting his name to the democrats as a candidate for governor. The resolution was killed by sending it to the committee on federal relations.

In the senate, on the 12th, bills were passed as follows: To prevent the use of adulterants or deleterious substances in the manufacture of candy; allowing the organization of town mutual telephone companies; exempting alien corporations with vested rights in the state from certain provisions of the corporation law; enabling cities of the third-class to acquire waterworks; to prevent the issuance of administration letters on estates which do not exceed the amount allowed for widow's dower and to minor children, in order that the funeral expenses may be paid; relating to land titles in Jackson county, and the manner of letting contracts for steel bridges in the same county.....After a humorous debate the house passed the senate bill making it a felony to steal chickens. The measure now goes to Gov. Dockery for approval. The senate bill increasing the number of regular patrolmen in St. Louis 150 and decreasing the number of probationary patrolmen to 150 was passed by the house with practically no opposition

In the senate, on the 13th, the tax commission bills consumed most of the forenoon and a part of the afternoon session, and a few of them were passed, including the one creating the office of state tax commissioner. The one requiring wholesale liquor dealers to pay an annual license tax of $250 caused quite a debate and failed of passage, and the one making a level assessment on all property of 40 per cent. was indefinitely postponed. The bill requiring the publication of assessment lists in each county failed. Several bills introduced by Senator Farris for the secretary of state, in relation to corporations, passed. The senate adjourned until Monday.....In the house Mr. Oliver's joint and concurrent resolution was ordered engrossed. It provides that all railroad and other transportation companies shall give passes to all the state officers. The bill introduced by Mr. Goebel, providing for a Saturday half-holiday for the clerks of courts of records, sheriffs, recorder of deeds, marshals in counties or municipalities having a population of 300,000, was passed, and also Mr. Crow's bill providing for the creation of a state mining board, to be composed of three members, appointed by the governor. The house appointed a committee to investigate the bribery charges in connection with the Davidson text book bill.

No business of any importance was transacted in the senate on the 14th..... In the house the following bills were passed: empowering cities of the third class to grant the right to the use of the streets for the conveyance of heat; by Young, requiring county clerks to keep a complete record of all persons sent to any state insane asylum, reformatory or other ellemosynary institution; by Murphy, exempting ex-Union and confederate soldiers from peddlers' license; by Gillespie, permitting cities of the third class to tax franchises; by Davidson, authorizing cities under 30,000 population to create non-partisan boards of public affairs; by Beckert, to prevent persons selling real estate without the written consent of the owner; by Senator Zevely, to relieve accident insurance companies from liability for deaths due to suicide; by Weaver, designating the insane asylums of the state by numerals, in the order here named: Fulton, St. Joseph, Nevada, Farmington; by Senator Kinealy, the juvenile court.

MAYOR TURNS OFF THE GAS

Labor Unions Begin a Vigorous Boycott Against a Corporation at Evansville, Ind.

Evansville, Ind., March 16.—Mayor Charles G. Covert and a number of the members of his cabinet find themselves compelled to discontinue the use of gas in their homes. This comes as a result of their being members of labor unions. Mayor Covert and other city officials turned off the gas in their homes, and will use only kerosene for lighting or fuel purposes. All were notified by the Central Labor union, which has placed a boycott against the Evansville Gas and Electric Light Co., either to discontinue the use of gas or be suspended by the unions.

Former Congressman Dead.

Hartford, Conn., March 15.—Former Congressman William Edgar Simonds died here to-day, aged 61. He was lecturer on patent law at Yale and at the Columbian university of Washington. He served with distinction in the northern army during the civil war.

Justice Day's Condition.

Washington, March 15.—Dr. Hardin, Justice's Day's physician, issued the following bulletin Saturday: "Justice Day had a fairly good night. His condition continues encouraging."

Anthony, Jr., Nominated for Mayor.

Leavenworth, Kas., March 16.—D. R. Anthony, Jr., business manager of the Leavenworth Times and a nephew of Miss Susan B. Anthony, has been nominated for mayor by acclamation by the republican city convention.

CURIOUS BITS OF FACT.

Chicago pays its meat inspectors $1,000 a year, and its milk inspectors $900. It has also a smoke inspector, who receives $2,000 a year salary.

Of the 161 original members of the Alpine club, founded in 1851, 13 are still living, among them Mr. Justice Wills, Sir Leslie Stephen and the master of Trinity, Dr. Butler.

The artificial production of pearls in large quantities is a simple problem, in the view of Dr. H. Lyster Jameson. One cause of pearl formation proves to be a worm, which has its origin in the cockle or "tapestry shell," from which the larvae pass to the mussel, and may be eaten with the latter by the eider or scoter, reaching maturity in the intestines of these birds. If the larvae remain in the mussel long enough pearls are formed. With full knowledge of the life histories of these parasites, it is believed that pearl oysters or pearl mussels may be infected to any desired extent by placing them in infected company, and the infected molluskscan then be left to themselves in suitable beds until the pearls are sufficiently developed.

STATE ITEMS

WHITEGAPPERS INDICTED.

They Are Charged With Severely Whipping James Ainsworth at Greenton.

The grand jury at Lexington returned an indictment against five men, charged with severely flogging James Ainsworth, of Kansas City, last November, for trying to obtain possession of his son from Mrs. Ainsworth, from whom he was separated while both were attending church services at Greenton. These men were indicted: Ollie Loggin, Charles Trammel, William Parrot, Steve Oles and E. D. Kite. Mrs. Ainsworth attended the Lafayette county Baptist church one Sunday night in November, taking her little son with her. Ainsworth, it is alleged, tried to take the boy away from her by force, but was prevented by his wife's relations and friends.

About midnight, it is alleged, he was called out by a band of whitecappers, taken to a thicket, severely whipped and given 24 hours to leave the community under penalty of hanging. Ainsworth claimed that he knew the whippers, and started suit for damage, but the matter was dropped, and it is said that Ainsworth received $1,000. The grand jury began an investigation. The indicted men were arrested and released on bond of $200 each for trial at the June term of the criminal court.

QUITE A DRAMATIC SCENE.

Countess' Heart Melted by a Pleading Husband, Who Was Aided by a Lawyer.

Countess Anna Lee Rogers Brockenhaus von Lowenheim has become reconciled to her husband and has withdrawn her suit for divorce, after a scene in a St. Louis lawyer's office as dramatic as ever took place on a stage.

The countess went to the law office of F. M. Estes to ask if he had obtained service on her husband, Count Lowenheim, whom she supposed to be thousands of miles away. While they were deliberating methods to obtain service the count himself rushed in, and fondly embracing his wife, begged her to withdraw the suit. The The countess refused peremptorily.

The effort at reconciliation would have terminated then and there had it not been for the tact of Attorney Estes. For an hour and a half the lawyer, used to dealing in dry legal maxims and using musty tomes, was an aid to Cupid. The count himself was able to plead. The countess, little by little, relented. When at last she consented to the withdrawal of the suit there was a quiet jubilee. The count and countess took the Vandalia train back to New York city.

A VOTE OF THANKS.

David R. Francis Commended for His Great Work in European Countries.

Representative Tichacek, of St. Louis, introduced the following resolution in the house, which was adopted unanimously:

"Whereas, The Hon. David R. Francis, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., is now completing a grand tour of Europe, which has made St. Louis and the state of Missouri famous among the crowned heads of foreign countries, by reason of his mission in making public to the rulers of the world the grandeur, greatness and glory of the coming World's fair.

"And Whereas, The Hon. Mr. Francis is adding laurels to this great commonwealth by a splendid exemplification of the energy of her citizens in crossing oceans and continents to make known an American enterprise; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the house of representatives tender to the said David R. Francis a vote of thanks for his work in behalf of the World's fair, to which we are appropriating the sum of $1,000,000."

FRISCO LIMITED WRECKED.

Defective Chafing Iron Caused a Serious Derailment at Bois d'Arc — Five Were Hurt.

The Frisco southeastern limited, north bound, was wrecked at Bois d'Arc, all the coaches except the sleepers leaving the track. The derailment was caused by the chafing iron dropping down between the engine and the tank. The engine did not leave the rails. The passengers were not injured, but four postal clerks and an express messenger were badly hurt. Those injured:

J. Miller, Kansas City, postal clerk; P. E. Barnes, Kansas City, express messenger; E. N. Mall, Kansas City, postal clerk; C. R. Davis, Kansas City, postal clerk; Jefferson Covington, colored, Springfield, postal clerk.

None are thought to be fatally injured. Traffic was delayed ten hours, and many trains were detoured over other lines.

Alleged Murderer Arrested.

Willard Johnson, wanted at Pittsburg, Kas., on a murder charge, was arrested at Macon by Sheriff Gilstrop. Johnson claims self-defense.

Buys Interest in Paper.

D. L. Burnside has acquired a half interest in the Poplar Bluff Republican, and in the future the paper will be edited by Fromley and Burnside.

Inspecting St. Joseph Factories.

R. A. Armstrong, of St. Louis, representing the state bureau of factory inspection, is in St. Joseph, making his semi-annual inspection.

Land Boom in Boone County.

There is a big boom in land in Boone county. One hundred and twenty-five families have moved in during the last few weeks.

Banana Train Wrecked.

A banana train jumped the track at Cedar Gap, the other day, and bananas were scattered over the track for a quarter of a mile.

Double Hanging for St. Louis.

Henry Wilson and Bud Gray, negroes, will be hanged for murder, in St. Louis, on April 8.

LEVEES CONTINUE TO HOLD.

Cessation of Rainy Weather Renews Hope in New Orleans—The Situation at Other Points.

New Orleans, March 15.—The guage here reads a little over 19.3, which is only two-tenths below the record 18.9, but the sudden change from stormy weather to sunshine and brightness has given renewed hope all along the line. Saturday's terrific rain was a test in itself and not a sign of weakness was displayed. With good weather more workers have been enlisted and more work rushed, and even those who were ready to surrender weak places to the rivers have gained courage and say any volume of water can be met. A week ago it was thought there would surely be a crevasse at Arlington a short distance below Baton Rouge. There had been a cave-in the old levee and a long new levee was started in the rear. This was in process of construction when the high water came. The new levee was then abandoned and a smaller new levee was built around the cave proper. During the terrific rains it was feared the work could not be completed, but several convicts and other laborers were kept busy and the river was held back and the task finished when the storm was at its heighth. Saturday Gov. Heard made an inspection during the rain and went there again to-day and is satisfied the danger is past.

DANGER INCREASING AT MEMPHIS.

Break Found in Levee Twenty Miles North of the City.

Memphis, Tenn., March 16.—The situation between Caruthersville, Mo., and Baton Rouge, La., is serious. The river is rising rapidly, and it is doubtful whether the levees will hold the great volume of water. The situation in and around Memphis is becoming more serious. Without a single exception the numerous lumber plants in North Memphis have suspended operations owing to the encroachment of the waters. The Fourth and Market street people are moving about in skiffs and the street railway has annulled all schedules in that part of the city.

A dangerous place in the levee is reported from Hollybush, 20 miles north of here. Engineers of St. Francis levee board, with a steamboat, went to the scene early to-day. It was found that the water was running over the levee for a distance of 600 feet. Men and material are being sent there, and a strong fight is being made to hold the embankment. Refugees and hundreds of horses and mules continue to arrive on every train.

SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI.

Convicts on Three Plantations Ordered to Huntington Levee.

Jackson, Miss., March 16.—Gov. Longino has returned from Greenville and other points along the Mississippi river where he went to look after the levees. He reports them still holding, but getting weak in some places.

Maj. Dabney, chief engineer of the levee board, has great confidence in the levee system, believing it will stand the pressure unless it continues raining. To-day the governor conferred with the levee board by telephone, and at their request ordered all the convicts on three plantations, about one hundred, sent to the Huntington levee, the weakest section on the system. In all about three hundred convicts are now engaged in levee hand.

DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY

One Man Instantly Killed and Another Seriously Wounded In a Denver Restaurant.

Pueblo, Col., March 16.—A daring attempt at robbery with a tragic end occurred in one of the most fashionable restaurants in this city Sunday evening. Two masked robbers first entered the back door of Loestau's cafe, advanced half the length of the long room and then retreated and went outside. Presently they entered by the front door. One went to the cashier's desk, while the other attempted to rob the guests at the tables. The second robber pointed a revolver at Dr. J. F. Turner, who was sitting at a table, and commanded him to throw up his hands. The doctor hesitated and the robber fired full in his face, killing him instantly. Then the desperado attacked another guest, C. B. Bishop, and shot him in the left side. Then, without securing any booty, the robbers fled. Bishop, who was taken to a hospital, is in a critical condition. He came recently from Sugar City, where his brother lives. Dr. Turner, who was about thirty years of age, came here from Iowa two years ago. He was a graduate of Princeton.

Detectives Are Puzzled.

San Francisco, March 15.—The detectives of this city are puzzled to account for the disappearance of a diamond brooch valued at $1,500, the property of Mrs. S. Franklin, of Chicago, a guest of the Palace hotel. The brooch was lost at a private dinner party at an uptown hotel and no clew to its whereabouts has been found.

DROPPED DEAD AT BANQUET.

Dr. C. M. Skinner, a Well-Known Member of Masonic Fraternity Expires at Oconomowoc.

Oconomowoc, Wis., March 16.—Dr. C. M. Skinner, of Hartland, Wis., a well-known member of the Masonic fraternity, dropped dead late last night as he sat down to a banquet of the Masonic lodge here, after the royal arch degree had been conferred upon several members with the usual ritual of the Masonic order and under the direction of Dr. Skinner himself.

SHOT BY A REJECTED LOVER.

Miss Julia Toombs, Aged 23, Killed While on Her Way to Church in Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I., March 16.—Miss Julia Toombs, a 23-year-old girl, was shot and killed to-day by Wm. Stevens Morse, a rejected lover, who, during the past three months has been twice in an insane asylum. Morse fired four shots at her while she was on her way to church and every shot took effect.