

NIELS GRON'S STORY.

HIS PART IN THE DANISH ISLAND PURCHASE MATTER.

HAD LETTER TO GROSVENOR.

Represented the "No Sale" Party in Denmark—Denies Statements Made by Christman—Abner McKinley to Testify To-Day.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The investigation of charges made in connection with the Danish West Indies purchase was begun to-day before the special committee appointed by Speaker Henderson. Besides the members of the committee there was present Nels Gron, who brought the charges to the attention of the committee. Richardson, and quite a number of interested spectators.

Mr. Gron was the first witness sworn by Chairman Dalzell. The witness spoke in good English with slight Danish accent. He stated that in February last parties in Copenhagen had persuaded the transfer of the Danish West Indies to the United States conferred with him and brought to his attention the Christmas report.

Mr. Gron was sworn temporarily to Represent Alexander, of Buffalo, who said he had never seen Christmas, had never spoken to any one in or out of Congress as to the Danish treaty and never heard it discussed at any time or any place by any one until after the recent presentation of the matter in the House.

WHY GRON CAME. Continuing his statement, Mr. Gron explained to the committee that he had come to Washington and place the Christmas report before Congress and the public so that the facts would be known. He told of having obtained a note of introduction to General Grosvenor, of Ohio, arranging to meet the latter at Washington, his purpose being, he said, to carry out assurances given at Copenhagen that the matter before the committee would be handled in a certain manner.

Mr. Gron stated that he had placed the matter before Representatives Richardson and Underwood, who had done so before the committee. He stated that he had placed the matter before the committee and that he had placed the matter before the committee.

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THE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PENITENTIARY.

The Commission Will Meet Soon for the Purpose of Organizing and Beginning the Work. The Commission to have charge of the improvements to be made at the penitentiary has not been organized yet, for the reason that all the appointments were not made until yesterday.

FOR PRACTICE OF LAW IN CITY OF NORFOLK.

Report Has It That Messrs. Cabell and Sebrell Will Form a Partnership. It is currently reported that Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., of Danville, and Hon. J. E. Sebrell, Jr., of Southampton, two of the best-known of the members of the House of Delegates, will soon remove to Norfolk and form a partnership for the practice of law in that city.

THREE SECTIONS WERE COMPLETED.

Action of the Convention Yesterday—The Suffrage Clause Not Yet Finished. There were more than seventy members present yesterday during the two sessions, which continued from 10 until 2 and from 4 until nearly 6:30 P. M., when adjournment was had until this morning.

THE CHICAGO ELECTIONS.

"Bath House" John Wins Easily—People Against Town Governments. CHICAGO, April 1.—The Republicans and Democrats each made a net gain of one alderman in the city election held to-day. The new council will consist of 33 Republicans, 30 Democrats and 1 Independent.

THE JEFF-FITZ FIGHT.

Only One Bid Received—That of Charleston Club. NEW YORK, April 1.—Only one bid was received in this city to-day for the Jeff-Fitzsimmons fight. It was that of the Charleston Club, which offered the fighters 75 per cent. of the gross receipts, or a guarantee of \$25,000.

WORTH SEEING.

An elaborate display of handsome Tailored Dresses shown by FORGUREAN, TEMPLE & CO. Section 1 was then agreed to. Mr. Thom proposed to strike out the

PETERSBURG NEWS.

STRIKE DIFFICULTIES OF IRON-WORKS NOT SETTLED YET.

HITCH OCCURRED YESTERDAY. President Burgwyn Declined to Receive the Committee Officially—Charter Granted—Improvements Proposed by the Const Line.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 1.—(Special.) The strike difficulties at the Petersburg Iron-Works were not settled to-day, as has been hoped to be anticipated. After a courteous and pleasant interview between a committee of the strikers and President C. P. E. Burgwyn on Saturday last, at which no differences were discussed in a friendly manner, it was agreed that the company's answer to the request of the strikers would be forthcoming to-day.

EMPLOYEES' STATEMENT. This was declined on the part of the committee, who reported to the strikers that the company's answer to the request of the strikers would be forthcoming to-day.

LOCAL POLITICAL NOTES. Many Meetings Scheduled for This, the Last, Week of the Campaign. To-day will be the last opportunity for candidates in the coming primary to file their names with the canvassing board.

STRIKE OF COAL MINERS. Involves 10,000 Men Directly and Nearly as Many Indirectly. ALTOONA, PA., April 1.—After mass-meetings of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company's miners had been held at Punxsutawney and Skysville to-day, the threatened strike was formally declared to be in effect.

CHARTERS GRANTED. Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Hustings Court, to-day granted a charter incorporating "The Augustus Wright Company." The objects of the company are the manufacture of shoes, leather, and all the products of leather.

A SERIOUS CUTTING CASE. Willis Gilliam, a very prominent and widely known colored citizen, proprietor of the "Bath House" saloon, was the victim of a savage assault early this morning, made upon him by Moses Taylor.

COAST-LINE IMPROVEMENTS. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company in view of the extensive improvements decided upon, is offering for sale all of the buildings on the south side of the station on street, between Market and Union streets.

FIRE IN PRINCE GEORGE. A fire broke out in a church in Prince George county, three miles from town, occupied by Mr. Dean, narrowly escaped destruction last night. The fire broke out in a church which was in progress, and many people were present.

MAY IRWIN LAST NIGHT. She is Seen in "The Widow Jones" at Academy Before Large Audience. May Irwin's rotund form and beaming face, together with her jolly, good-natured, don't-care manner, made a large audience at the Academy last night forget the troubles of this world, and enjoy that which is said to add to the flesh of mankind—laughter.

Agents for the Celebrated Knox Hats. Generally speaking, clothiers ignore quality in Boys clothing and are guided by price only. Not here. We are as careful with Boys wearables as with men's—the right kind only at right prices.



HEARS MANY PLANS. COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS HAS SUGGESTIONS. NOTHING AGREED UPON YET.

The Commission Has Not Been Organized and the Members Are All at Sea Regarding the Improvements. "I believe it will be possible for us to have the improvements made in the Capitol before the General Assembly convenes here next January," said one of the members of the joint commission.

A Penny for Each Year. The entertainment to be given on Friday evening from 8 to 12 o'clock at Masonic Temple will be under the auspices of the ladies of the Masonic Home Auxiliary. It was the intention of the committee to send personal invitations, but it was found impossible to reach the number of friends of the Home.

Fell from a Train. Julian Hoskins, a brakeman in the employ of the Richmond, Petersburg and Potomac railroad, came near losing his life yesterday morning at Cherry Hill. A short distance from Quantico he fell from a train from which he fell.

Damage Was Slight. An alarm of fire was turned in last night about 9 o'clock from Box 27, corner Seventh and Franklin streets. Smoke was issuing from the second-story windows of the building at the corner of Box 27 and 56 east Franklin street.

Sold to Charles Straus. The large three-story brick building, Nos. 1 and 3 north Twenty-fifth street, was sold yesterday afternoon by H. A. McCurdy to Mr. Charles Straus for \$9,000.

Death of Charles E. Herndon. Mr. Charles E. Herndon, a son of Captain J. B. Herndon, a conductor on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, died last night at the residence of his father, No. 320 north Twenty-fifth street, after an illness of several months.

Battery A Inspected Last Night. The regular monthly inspection of the Howitzers was held at their armory last night. Captain W. M. Myers inspected the battery. After the drill the members enjoyed themselves for a time dancing with their lady friends.

John A. Moore. John A. Moore, formerly of this city, died Friday evening at his home, Greenwood, Albemarle county, Va. He was ill for about three weeks, and died with congestion of the lungs.

Advertisement for Baby's Own Mother's Milk. Is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. How sweet the picture of mother and babe, and angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle.

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