

CHEAP TRICK WAS PLAYED BY PAPER

Commercial Club Directors Sign Public Statements.

Asked if They Had Attended Meetings at Night and They Replied, "No."

THE FALSEHOOD IS UNCOVERED

Stirred by a cheap trick, which brought them into unpleasant notoriety, and put them in the false light of seeming to say what they had not, Messrs. Harry R. Hank, Dan Fitzpatrick, Wallace Well and George H. Goodman have signed statements concerning the resolutions adopted by the Commercial club directors favoring the water works contract and the park bond issue. They were tricked by the question, "Did you attend a meeting at night?" and they responded no. As a matter of fact, the Commercial club meeting at which the resolutions were adopted was held in the day time.

Mr. B. H. Scott also was tricked the same way. He said he did not attend a night meeting. He did not even know the purpose of the question asked him until he read an article this morning saying he did not attend the meeting of the Commercial club directors when the resolutions were adopted. Mr. Scott met with the directors in response to the call of the president and heartily endorses both measures.

The following statements indicate how utterly false and contemptible was the misapprehension which is doing everything the united business men can to promote the welfare of the city:

Statement Untrue.

"I wish to state that I was at the meeting of the Commercial club held in the morning when the resolutions were adopted desiring the ratification of the water contract and approving the park bond proposition, and the statement made in the morning paper is absolutely untrue, and I never made a statement to anyone that I was not present at this meeting."

P. DAN FITZPATRICK.

Mr. Goodman Present.

"Last evening Mr. Robert Wilhelm called me up over the phone and asked me if I was at the meeting of the Commercial club the night before, to which I answered no, as I knew of no meeting of the Commercial club on the night before. I attended a meeting at 11 o'clock on the morning of October 31, where the bond issue for parks and the proposed contract with the water company were discussed and approved. I, with everybody else present, approved the resolutions. I have never told anyone that I was not present at this meeting."

GEORGE H. GOODMAN.

Mr. Well's Statement.

Mr. Jim Wilhelm called me over the phone and asked me if I attended the meeting of the Commercial club. I informed him that I did not, as I forgot about it and understood that there was no meeting at night, but this meeting, when the resolutions were adopted was on Wednesday during the day, and while I was not present at the meeting, but was notified of same, I had expressed myself in hearty approval of the adoption of these resolutions, and do approve them, and sincerely trust that these measures for the park bond issue and the ratification of the proposed contract with the water company will carry, as I think it is the best for the city. Very respectfully, WALLACE WELL.

Mr. Hank's Statement.

I wish to state that Mr. Bob Wilhelm telephoned and asked if I attended a meeting of the Commercial club the night of October 31. I stated no, as there was no meeting at the club rooms. The meeting that I was requested to attend was during the day, and I could not attend on account of urgent business, but it was known that I heartily approved of the proposed ratification of the water contract with the city, and also for issuing \$100,000 for park purposes. I wish to reiterate my approval of these resolutions of October 31, covering the above propositions.

Secretary Coons.

Mr. Coons said: "I wish to state that I was authorized to secure the approval of three or four of the gentlemen that were not present at the meeting of the Commercial club rooms on October 31, and at which meeting the resolutions were adopted approving the Bond Issue for Parks, and the ratification of the proposed contract

with the Paducah Water company, and through a misunderstanding I failed to secure the approval of Mr. Wallace Well, Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Bower, and I wish to make this public announcement that I was authorized to do so through the president of the Commercial club at an open meeting. Through the press of business I overlooked this which I regret very much, and wish to make this announcement in justice to the president and the directors that were present."

EXPLOSION

WRECKS STORE ROOM OF CINCINNATI SOUTHERN.

Chattanooga Railroad Shops Visited With Horrible Catastrophe Last Night.

Chattanooga, Nov. 2.—A terrific explosion occurred in the yards and store room of the Cincinnati Southern railroad this morning. As a result Clark Evans, colored, is dead and another man fatally injured. Almost a score are seriously injured. The store house was entirely destroyed. Several other buildings were damaged. Every window in the power house of the Chattanooga Electric railway was broken.

BRITISH STEAMER AFIRE.

Crew, With Exception of Two, Rescued by Passing Vessel.

Queenstown, Nov. 2.—The British steamer Vedamore, from Baltimore Oct. 20 for Liverpool, passed Kinsalehead this morning and signaled that she saw the British steamer Nemea abandoned and on fire in latitude 51 north and longitude 15 west. The crew of the Nemea with the exception of two men, who were lost, were taken on board the Vedamore.

The British steamer Sylvania, from Boston Oct. 24 for Liverpool, has reported subsequently seeing the Nemea on fire in about the same position, or about 200 miles off the Irish coast.

HEARST CHARGES

Of Mutilation of Independence Petitions to Be Probed.

New York, Nov. 2.—As a result of the letter sent yesterday by William R. Hearst to Judge Otto Rosalsky charging gross criminal negligence on the part of the members of the board of elections, which resulted, he alleges, on the mutilation of petitions filed by candidates of the Independence League. MacDonal DeWitt, a lawyer in the offices of Clarence J. Shearn, appeared at the district attorney's office today, accompanied by witnesses, to testify in support of Mr. Hearst's contention. They are the men who make affidavit to the truth of the statements.

DOG SAVES FAMILY FROM FIRE

Awakens Master in Time to Escape From Burning Home.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Nov. 2.—John Dolan, his wife, two daughters and son, were saved from burning to death in their home early this morning by their dog. Dolan was first aroused by the dog's howling, but told the animal to "shut up," and went to sleep. The dog then jumped onto the bed and seized Dolan by the arm. This thoroughly awakened the man and the family escaped just as the roof was falling in.

BISHOP GALLOWAY BETTER.

It is Believed That He is on the Road to Recovery.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 2.—Dr. E. H. Galloway, who was seen tonight at the residence of his father, Bishop Galloway, gave a very cheering report as to his condition. The patient is more than holding his own and it is believed that he is in a fair way to recovery. Telegrams and letters and telephone messages as to his condition continue to come in, indicating wide interest.

President After Turkeys.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 2.—The president, Mrs. Roosevelt and Surgeon-General Rixey, at Pine Knot, got up early this morning and started on a hunt for wild turkeys. Mighty hunter, though the president is, it seems that he has never potted a wild turkey, and it is his ambition to add this achievement to his record.

Secretary Coons.

Mr. Coons said: "It is the daily average circulation of a newspaper that the shrewd advertiser investigates. 'High Water' days don't count. The Sun's daily average last month was 3999."

HOME CONSUMED BY ANGRY FLAMES

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Were Awakened By Smoke.

Efforts to Save Valuable Papers and Personal Effects Resulted in Injuries.

LOSS WILL BE ABOUT \$1,000.

Awakened by suffocating heat and smoke Jerome Allen, his wife and baby boy, of Lamont, rushed from their beds last night at 12 o'clock to the open air to safety just in time to escape cremation. Valuable papers and money in the house drew wife and husband into the burning house again, and both were seriously burned.

Allen is a prosperous farmer, formerly a liveryman in Paducah. He owned a small frame dwelling and last night retired early.

At 12 o'clock he was awakened. The smoke suffocated him. He seized his wife who had also awakened, and the mother took her baby in her arms, wrapping her gown about it, and fled.

Reaching the open air they began to think of valuables. Mr. Allen fought the fire which originated in the cooking room. He was unsuccessful and was badly burned about the head and hands, losing all his hair. His wife remembered valuable papers in the wardrobe and rushed into the building to save them. She was unsuccessful, and staggered out of the burning house minus her hair and a portion of her gown. The blazing robe she wore was smothered out before she was badly burned.

"I cannot begin to estimate my loss," Mr. Allen stated over the telephone at noon. He was able to be up although badly burned. The house was partially insured and will say roughly that I lost \$1,000. My wife was badly frightened by the shock, and is also badly but not seriously burned. I have no idea how the fire caught."

Mr. Allen lost valuable papers and about \$30 in cash. He regrets the loss of the papers most of all. After the fire he went to the residence of Sheriff John Ogilvie, and the family will live with Sheriff Ogilvie until quarters are secured.

PRAISED

WAS STARKS-ULLMAN BAND FOR PLAYING FOR LADIES.

Commended When They Donated Service to Citizens' Rally at City Hall.

Members of the Starks-Ullman band, which furnished the music at the citizens' rally at the city hall last night are indignant at the article published this morning with reference to their organization. There are 20 members of the band, and all of them are employees of the Starks-Ullman Saddlery company. They organized the band for their own pleasure, and have cheerfully offered their services to all sorts of public enterprises and movements. They gave their services on two occasions last week, to the ladies conducting the cooking demonstrations at Rhodes-Burford's. They were highly praised for their donation in that instance by the paper which was so severe on them this morning.

THOUSAND POUND STONE

Knocks Men From Fourth Floor to the Basement.

Philadelphia, Nov. 2.—Two men were killed and five seriously injured by the slipping of derrick chains at a new building today. Men were working on a scaffold under the derrick when the chain slipped, throwing a thousand-pound stone down upon them. Men and stone were carried from the fourth floor to the basement.

Rich Man Murdered.

Pittsburg, Nov. 2.—James McMillan, a prominent business man was found murdered near his home in the fashionable section of the city this morning. His money watch and several diamonds were missing. McMillan's head was crushed as if with a club.

Judge Gary Dies.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Judge Joseph E. Gary, one of the most widely known jurists in this section of the country, and who presided during the famous trial of the anarchists in 1888, died suddenly yesterday of heart disease. He was 84 years of age.

HART CHALLENGES WINNER

Kentucky Fighter Wants to Meet Victor of San Francisco Bout.

Louisville, Nov. 2.—Russel Hart, manager of his brother, Marvin Hart, this afternoon wired James Cottrill, of San Francisco, a challenge from "Marvelous" to the winner of the Kaufmann-Berger battle. Since his six-round set-to with Schreck in New York City about a year ago Hart has been rusticiating on his farm here. He only yesterday figured in a thrilling rescue, grabbing the pistol of a drunken man, who had the drop on a junk dealer, and it is thought was about to fire. Hart happened to be passing the junk store at the time.

BANK OF HARDIN BURNS TO GROUND

Money and Papers Thought To Be Safe in Vault.

Hardin Herald and Paraphernalia and Records of Masons Also, Were Destroyed.

LOSS ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND.

Fire destroyed the bank of Hardin, the Masonic hall and plant of the Hardin Herald at Hardin, Marshall county, a few miles south of Paducah on the N. C. & St. L. last night between 8 and 9 o'clock. The cause of the fire is unknown, and the loss is complete, no insurance being carried.

The fire was discovered shortly after 9 o'clock. It caught in the first floor of the two-story brick building. A bucket brigade was unable to cope with the conflagration and the fire was too hot to attempt to save anything.

The building was occupied downstairs in front by the bank, in the rear by the Hardin Herald, edited by Jack Wear. The Masonic hall occupied the upstairs.

The Bank of Hardin is capitalized at \$15,000 and Gene Irvan is the president. It has been a flourishing bank since its organization, and while the fire will set it back for some time, will not necessitate its closing business. The papers, books and money had been carefully placed in the vault, and it is thought the vault remains intact. It will be opened as soon as an expert locksmith is secured.

The Masons, printing company and bank carried no insurance. The building was owned by the banking company and no insurance was carried on it.

The loss is estimated roughly at \$2,000. This includes the equipment of the three businesses, bank, printing and the Masonic hall furniture. The loss on the building is about the same.

JAP SPY

CAUGHT SKETCHING THE FORTRESS AT MANILA.

Yellow Fellow Holds Bank of Captain and Had Several Sketches in His Possession.

Manila, Nov. 2.—A Japanese officer known to hold a commission as captain of engineers in the mikado's army, was caught today in disguise engaged in sketching certain fortifications in Manila harbor. He promptly was arrested and steps will be taken to deport him immediately. A search of his effects revealed several well executed sketches of the forts on the islands. Washington was notified at once. Orders from there are awaited.

T. MOSELEY PRESIDENT.

Elected by Central Labor Union to Succeed L. M. Langston.

Last night the Central Labor union met and elected a president to succeed L. M. Langston, resigned. Mr. Langston went to Cairo to work and T. Moseley, vice president, was elected to succeed him. Charles Horton, of the Retail Clerk's union, was elected vice president. E. B. Sanders was chosen financial secretary, vice W. E. Gipson, who is unable to attend the meetings.

Mosaba Is Overdue.

New York, Nov. 2.—The Atlantic transport liner Mosaba, with 27 cabin passengers and a cargo of live stock aboard is over due 28 hours. She sailed from London October 29 and should have arrived Tuesday at the company's headquarters. It is said no alarm is felt for the vessel's safety.

RESCUES ANIMALS AT RISK OF LIFE

Col. James Sleeth Burned On Neck And Arms.

Thinks of Dog and Horse First Thing and Saves Them From Blazing Stable.

FOUR STABLES ARE DESTROYED.

Col. James Sleeth, the druggist and member of the board of health, is badly burned, the result of his heroism this morning in rescuing his fine dog and horse from a burning stable. His hands, neck and ears are badly burned, and he is today confined by the injuries.

Col. Sleeth was awakened by the cry of fire. He arose to find his stable burning. The fire caught from the stable of W. J. Hills next door, at 318 North Ninth street, and spread rapidly. Col. Sleeth secured a blanket from his bed, thinking instantly of the necessity of binding his horse before he could rescue it, and succeeded in getting the animal out. His hands were burned in this act.

He remembered his fine bird dog, and rushing back into the stable, grabbed the frightened canine and carried it out, the falling brands of fire severely burned his neck and ears.

Dr. Horace Rivers was called this morning and administered to the druggist's wants.

Fire broke out from some unknown cause in the stables of W. J. Hills, 318 North Ninth street, at 2 o'clock this morning and burned rapidly, consuming the stables of neighbors before the fire was discovered and the fire department called out.

The Hills stable is located on an alley back of the residence. It adjoins the stable of Colonel James Sleeth and is across the alley from the stables of Mrs. B. Wells, Sr., and Mr. Louis Levy. All four stables were burned. The Nos. 1, 3 and 4 fire companies answered the alarm. The fire had gained too great a headway and the loss was complete.

Chief Wood states that the damage will amount to about \$1,000 partly covered by insurance.

STOLE SHOES

AND WAS PURSUED BY MOB TO STREET INSPECTOR'S OFFICE.

With half a hundred people pursuing him, Alfred Breedlow, colored, ran into the open arms of Street Inspector Alonzo Elliott at his office, near the city hall at 10 o'clock this morning and was immediately taken to police headquarters and lodged in the lockup, pending trial for petit larceny.

He stole a pair of shoes from the Ben Michael store and was observed in the act. With each step he enlisted a follower, and by the time the police station, which he made straight for, was reached he had a regular mob after him.

SUTTON WINS FROM SCHAEFER

Defeats "Wizard" by Score of 500 to 429 at 18.2 in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Nov. 2.—George Sutton last night defeated Jake Schaefer at billiards, 18.2, 500 points, running out in his thirty-third inning. Schaefer's score was 429. The latter's 73 in his seventh inning was his high run of the evening. In his thirty-second inning Sutton ran ten and missed the shot that would have made his score 500. Schaefer, with his score at 418, was unable to score more than 11 toward closing the gap, however.

FOUR ARE DEAD.

In Battle Between Officers and Robbers in Washington.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 2.—Four men are dead as a result of a battle late yesterday near Kennewick, Wash., between officers and two men who had robbed two stores in Kennewick.

Walked to See Brother.

New York, Nov. 2.—Lillie Devoe, 16 years old, dropped fainting in the streets of Yonkers last evening. The girl was taken to a hospital and when revived said her plight was due to the fact that she had tramped a great deal of the way from

THROWS HIMSELF UNDER THE TRAIN

And Engineer Is Helpless To Avert Tragedy

Hertbroken Note Addressed to Some One He Loves is the Only Explanation.

MAN EVIDENTLY PIANO TUNER

The name of the man killed by the train at Clark's Station is John Murray, 30 years old, of Mayfield. Fred Roth telephoned there to Chief of Police McNutt, who identified him. He is an itinerant piano tuner, sewing machine repairer and guitar player.

A heart-broken note, a pencil-written scale, a few addresses in a note book and a mandolin pick, are all left to disclose the identity of an unknown man, evidently a piano tuner, who threw himself in front of an Illinois Central freight train this morning shortly after 12 o'clock at Clark's station four miles east of Paducah on the Louisville division, and was instantly killed. He seemed to have been drinking and staggered in front of the engine as the train approached him. The engineer did not observe him in time, and did ping was impossible. The man was struck in the head, knocked off the right of way and the train crew picked him up dead.

The train was the second section of freight, No. 188, in charge of Engineer David Kennedy and Conductor E. C. Derrington. It left Paducah at midnight and the accident happened a few minutes after leaving Paducah. On account of the short distance back to Paducah the train was backed into the union station and the corpse given into the care of station attaches, who notified Coroner Eaker. The coroner removed the body to the Mattil-Efinger undertaking morgue, where it is being held for identification.

The man is about 5 feet 8 inches tall, has curly hair and blue eyes. He was ordinarily dressed and carried nothing about his person except a small leather note book into which he had scribbled many names, some from Fancy Farm, Mayfield, and other Graves county towns; also residents of Wickliffe, Fulton and Paducah. He had been seen lately about Paducah saloons, and was recognized by Harry Allen, who operates a saloon at 110 South Third street. Allen did not know his name.

Coroner Frank Eaker was unable to get service on members of the train crew, and could find out few particulars of the affair. From what the engineer stated the man was drunk. Pieces of fresh lemon in his pocket indicated that he was treating his stomach for excessive drink. The writing in the book, showed that he had an unsteady hand.

The music scale in sharps and flats was scribbled in his book. He marked "piano" under some names indicating that he tuned pianos.

Looks Like Suicide.

The following note written in a vest pocket memorandum book, indicates that he committed suicide: "My Dere One—You nerly brok my hart the way you don me. If you dont want to treat me right it is all right. But you never will see anyone else like me, dere. You looked so sweet last night, I did want to dance with you so bad. But you did so bad I wouldnt ask you to. My god, I hope you will love me for I will love you as long as I liv. May God bless you, my dere one, forever. Goodbye R. L."

Among the names, evidently a list of his patrons, were: Mrs. Waits, 13 and Trimble street; Mrs. Smith; John Beasel, Oram; Mr. Killkain, Fancy Farm; Dr. Flint, Wingo; Hall Bellingly, 110 South Third street; Lutzle Slayton, Melber; Dunn Bros., Wickliffe.

Fairbanks' Schedule upset.

Peru, Ind., Nov. 2.—Vice President Fairbanks' special was compelled to detour around a wreck this morning. His schedule was seriously disarranged. The wreck occurred on the Wabash, west of Peru. A freight train struck a broken rail and 21 cars left the track.

Stole His Outfit.

While "Dink" Ballows, of Clark's river, was in a house on the south side owned by him, collecting rent yesterday, some one stole his horse and buggy from in front of the house, and the outfit still is missing.

Strike Continues.

New York, Nov. 2.—There is no settlement in sight of the trouble between the New York Transportation company and its striking chauffeurs, and particularly all the company's automobiles are still tied up.

Geologists Make Discovery in Texas Showing Desert Was Once Jungle.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 2.—Walter E. Koch, a fellow of the Geological society of London, and G. B. Richardson, of the United States geological survey, in excavations here, have unearthed jawbones of two tapers, supposed to have existed here 25,000 years ago, and an elephant's tooth, from an animal which probably lived about 12,000 years ago. The discovery of the bones proves, the geologists say, that this great desert region was once a jungle. Tapers live on roots along river banks and elephants would not have been here unless it had been marshy.

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Dynamite for Wedding Joy.

Friends of Wisconsin Farmer Nearly Wreck House in Celebrating.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 2.—Charles A. Roberts, living on a farm near Stoughton, draws the line at the use of dynamite by charivari parties. To celebrate Roberts' marriage some of his friends gathered at his home last Sunday night and exploded several sticks of dynamite, wrecking part of the house. Roberts went to Stoughton and swore out warrants against four young farmers charging them with malicious destruction of property, an offense which carries a grave penalty in this state.

Failure of Mexican Scheme.

Receiver Named at La Crosse for Company Capitalized at \$600,000.

La Crosse, Wis., Nov. 2.—Judge Fruit in the circuit court today appointed C. S. Van Auker receiver of the Mexican Plantation company. The company is capitalized at \$600,000. A great amount of stock was sold in all parts of Wisconsin, many people of small means being among the purchasers. The failure is attributed to the exorbitant price paid for the plantation from the first holders and to the ill luck attending its operations.

Intangible Assets Law Valid.

Texas Appellate Court Upholds New Statute in Railroad Case.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 2.—The new intangible assets law was held constitutional by the state appellate court today in a decision in the case of several railroads against the state tax board to test the statute. The court decided, however, that the tax board does not have the power to assess intangible property and can only make recommendations to the assessors as to what the assessments should be.

Carnegie Works Loss.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 2.—The plant of the Carnegie Plow and Manufacturing company with its valuable machinery in East Carnegie, was destroyed by fire early today, causing a loss of \$125,000. The fire originated in the foundry building.

Weather—Fair and slightly warmer tonight. Saturday partly cloudy with colder by night. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 63 and the lowest today was 35.