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CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRIC WORK AND PAPERING LET

Finance and Improvements Committees Open the Bids.

Local Firm Gets Wall Paper Job.

FOR DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE.

Two contracts were awarded by the public improvement and finance committees of the general council, which met in joint session. The contract for papering seven rooms in the city hall was let to Wahl & Sons for the sum of \$109.50. For the wiring of the new central fire station the contract was awarded to the Mitchell Machine and Electric company for \$125, which calls for the stringing of 13,000 feet of wire. Many firms sent in bids on both jobs, the lowest ones being taken.

Other bids for wall papering were: Kelly & Umbaugh, \$58.35, for 10 cent paper; \$66.70 for 15 cent paper; \$78.25 for 25 cent paper. C. C. Lee, \$61.12 for 10 cent paper; \$72 for 15 cent paper; \$93 for 25 cent paper; \$149 for 50 cent paper.

Besides letting these contracts, other important business was transacted. Contractor Jack Cole was instructed to construct a toilet apartment under the staircase on the first floor.

Building Superintendent G. R. Davis was ordered to have a new platform and stand built for the aldermen's chamber on the third floor. The council chamber will be equipped with the old furnishings, which will be repainted, grained and varnished. Nothing was said about new chairs for the rooms.

Chief James Wood of the fire department, was instructed to place an order for all necessary automatic harness lifters for the new fire station.

The matter of ascertaining the number of lights for the city hall was referred to Superintendent Davis and City Electrical Inspector M. Pherson.

The meeting was held in Mayor Smith's office, the following being present: Lackey, Oehlschlaeger, Hank Lally, Hannin, Sherrill and Wilson. Another meeting will be called for next week, when further arrangements will be made for additional equipment.

Garbage Disposal Contract.

A called meeting of the Paducah board of health will probably be held next week for the purpose of letting the contract for the disposal of garbage and dead animals. Several bidders have given in figures and the board hopes to get the work done for a reasonable amount.

As the law forbids the dumping of carcasses and trash into the river other ways will have to be resorted to. The best and most sanitary method is incineration and the bidder giving the lowest price will be awarded the contract. For the fixed sum he will bind himself to burn all dead animals and scavenger truck for the coming year. This manner of disposing of the city trash has been desired for some time by the health board.

City health officer, Dr. H. P. Sights, is delighted with the small death rate so far this month, as it has been less than one a day, promises to be even lower than last month. Eighteen days have passed and only sixteen deaths have been reported.

In speaking of the record of births so far this month the health officer said the rate is over that of last month.

Paducah has been complimented for the work of the health department by the Commercial Appeal, of Memphis. The health officer said Memphis is recognizing Paducah as one of the healthiest cities of its size anywhere and the newspaper's account was a high compliment to the city health department.

Sanitary Inspectors Gaither and Barnett are making a house to house canvass over the city at the request of the health board in an effort to have the citizens clean the alleys of tin cans, trash and rubbish. They began work the first of this week.

RUNYAN MAY PITCH IN MISSOURI LEAGUE

Pat Runyan, who was the star slab artist of the Indians, has received a contract from the Canton, Ill., team, which is in the Missouri-Illinois league. At present Runyan is tossing bolts and hammers around freight cars at the Illinois Central shops to keep in trim for next season. Runyan also has a contract from the Decatur team in the Three Eye league, but has not attached his sig to either of the contracts.

Baroness Vaughan Goes to Paris, Presumably to Consult Counsel Concerning King Leopold Affair

Widow and Daughters May Clash Over Funeral Arrangements and Later Over Estate and Crown.

Brussels, Dec. 18.—The body of King Leopold today was transferred from the "Palms" to the city palace. Baroness Vaughan is clamoring that her wishes, regarding the funeral, should be respected as his wife and the king's daughters are trying to oust her. It is believed as a compromise she will be kept in the background.

Contest for Throne.

Baroness Vaughan left today for Paris, it is believed, to see her lawyers. A contest over the succession to the throne of Belgium is possible. The vatican is reported to have confirmed the marriage a year ago of King Leopold to Baroness Vaughan. Two sons are said to have been born from this union, and both survive. The elder is Lucian, 5 years old. It is reported that he will claim the throne. Prince Albert, the heir presumptive, is a nephew of Leopold.

Baroness Vaughan was born at Caroline Lacroix, daughter of the house porter at the French legation, Budapest. Baron Vaughan was really a French substitute officer of the name of Dureux. Leopold met the woman at Ostend.

Tolling bells and booming cannon announced the death of Leopold. Half-masted flags of red, yellow and black fly from the public buildings.

Crowds fill the streets and the men and women discuss in subdued tones the king's death, and whatever their opinions of his personal life, join in tributes to his greatness.

Leopold died as he lived, relentlessly repulsing his called daughters and clinging tenaciously to his favorites; and at death's brink, when he insisted upon closing up certain private business matters, he was unable to escape the influence of his greatest passion, that for work and material gain.

Funeral on Wednesday.

Princess Louise, of Belgium, the eldest of three daughters, arrived here. The second daughter, the unfortunate Stephanie, was here with her father, but was refused permission to see him till after his death. When she was admitted to the chamber she threw herself beside the body in a state of uncontrolled grief.

Prince Albert, the new king, was moved with pity, and, seizing his cousin's hands, knelt with her before the body, giving mute expression to his sympathy for and intended protection of the banished daughter. The group of old servants, who loved all three, wept at the sad picture.

The funeral will be held next Wednesday. He had expressed a wish that the funeral rites be simple, but it is understood that the ceremonial observed at the burial of his father, Leopold I, will be followed.

Prince Albert will take the oath as king next Thursday.

The public was admitted to the mortuary chamber at 5 o'clock in the

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Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—Decision against Dr. Cook's pole discovery claims by the committee of Danish scientists was foreshadowed today in a preliminary report to the University of Copenhagen council by the committee, regarding the first stages of its investigation. It is authoritatively reported that the committee found data so far examined insufficient to support Cook's claim. Consideration of the committee's report by the council lasted four hours and was close to the public. It is said that

SENTENCE OF SUGAR MEN DEFERRED TO JANUARY.

New York, Dec. 18.—Sentencing of five former employes of the American Sugar Refining company, convicted yesterday of conspiring to defraud the government in connection with weighing sugar imported by the trust, was deferred today by Judge Martin in the federal court until January 8. Meanwhile attorneys will file motions for a new trial and briefs. The men expected a sentence today.

The four checkers were released on \$2,500 bail each and Oliver Spitzer's bail was increased to \$10,000. The men were all in court to hear the sentence. Judge Martin says he will consider the jury's recommendation of mercy.

NEW BALL CHIEF.

New York, Dec. 18.—Thomas Lynch, of New Britain, Conn., today was elected president of the National League unanimously, ending the deadlock. He was nominated by Brush. Heydler was elected secretary. Lynch is a former amateur baseball star of olden days. He is 46 years old. His name was not mentioned until today.

afternoon. The body lay in state for two hours.

Thousands passed before the bier, on the opposite side of which stood two officers and two nuns. The newspaper correspondents also were admitted to the room, notable for its bare walls and simple furnishings.

It is said that a balliff appeared at the residence of Baroness Vaughan, with the object of seizing the premises on behalf of Princess Louise. The baroness successfully prevented the formal service upon her, and it is expected that the matter will be brought into the courts.

The newspapers in special editions devote several pages to the life of the king, whose private life is criticized generally, while his intellectual greatness is extolled. The Etoile Belge and the Petit Bleu praise the work of Leopold for both Belgium and the Congo.

The Socialist organ, the Peuple, violently attacks the memory of the king because he repulsed his daughters and admitted his favorite to his bedside. The paper discusses the reported morganatic marriage of the king and Baroness Vaughan and asks whether the children of this union will hold pretensions to the throne. This point appears to be settled by the constitution. The children have no rights, but it is understood that they will inherit a great part of the king's immense personal fortune.

Following the funeral Wednesday, the body will be placed in the crypt of St. Mary's, beside those of his father and his wife.

RAGLAND COUPLE ARE WED AT METROPOLIS

Metropolis, Ill., Dec. 18. (Special)—Mr. Byrd Humphrey and Miss Lula B. Tippin, of Ragland, Ky., were married here today by Magistrate Liggett.

TWO MILLION POUNDS IN FARMERS' UNION

About 2,000,000 pounds of dark tobacco remain unsold in the pool of the Farmers' union. This includes the crop of the McCracken county members, but it is expected that the pool will be sold in a short time. Several good bids have been made for the pool, but so far all offers have been rejected. It is certain that the tobacco will be sold early next year at least, according to State Secretary R. L. Barnett. A number of the county pools have been disposed of already.

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the disposition developed a decided change in the attitude of the faculty members, who heretofore strongly were in support of the doctor. The verdict by the committee is not expected before the latter part of next week, though the committee probably will make up its mind long before that.

NEW PASTOR OF FIRST CHRISTIAN ARRIVES

The Rev. W. A. Fite and family have arrived from Fulton, Mo., and are with Mrs. W. G. Whitefield, 631 Kentucky avenue. Dr. Fite came to assume the pastorate of the First Christian church and is being extended a cordial welcome to the city.

O. R. C. AND LADIES INSTALL TOMORROW

Wingo division, No. 290, Order of Railway Conductors, will have a joint installation of officers with the Ladies' auxiliary tomorrow afternoon at the Three Links building. The installation ceremonies will begin at 2 o'clock, and in the evening the members will enjoy a banquet at the conclusion of the installation. A pleasant time is anticipated.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR ALL IF YOU'LL BE A GOOD FELLOW

Means Provided to Relieve Distress and Distribute Comforts.

Many Worthy Enterprises Are Open.

SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

"Not what we give, but what we share,—
For the gift without the giver is bare.
Who gives himself with his aims
feels three,—
Himself, his hungering neighbor,
and Me."

The opportunity will be given the good hearted people of the city to share their Christmas joy and make happy the poor families of the city. The plan of filling the stockings that Santa Claus overlooks and of visiting homes unvisited by the jolly little fellow will be identical as that of the "Good Fellow" of the Chicago Tribune, which has spread like wild fire over the country.

If there is anybody in the city who feels that he is willing to divide his pleasure with the unfortunate of the city the opportunity will be afforded by the Charity organization. All that is necessary will be to send his name and address with the statement how many children he will be Santa Claus to, or people who will feed, to the "rest room," 214 South Seventh street, or to The Evening Sun. In answer you will receive the names and addresses of some deserving poor people. Then Christmas morning you can personally deliver the presents or food, and see for yourself the happiness and sunshine it will cause among the people to whom Christmas is but a dream.

It is expected that there will be many warm hearted people who will embrace the opportunity to aid Kris Kringle in the field, where he has a tremendous job every Yuletide. There are many deserving families in the city in whose homes there will not be any Christmas gifts for the children unless the kind hearted people seize the opportunity to play the role of Santa. The charity will be unheralded and the act will be without publicity. Miss Agnes Mahony, the district nurse at the "rest room," is enthusiastic in the prospect of a merry Christmas for the poor, and she will send the names and addresses of the deserving poor in response to all inquiries. It will vary, but liberal responses are expected without any limit. Most of the prominent people of the city have responded liberally to the aid of the Charity club, but this call is wholly voluntarily, but liberal responses are expected. As soon as possible it is urged that the statements be sent in so that the answers may be sent out in time for Christmas.

Mayor Smith has tendered the Charity organization the use of a room in the city hall for the homeless strangers in the city. The room is fitted up with a bed and is comfortably heated. Last night for the first time it was put to use, as a young man from Minnesota was stranded in the city and he was given the room for the night.

Christmas Plans.

All eyes are centered on Christmas now, especially young eyes, and the churches will generally observe the occasion as well as have Christmas entertainments for the Sunday school pupils.

Following is a list of Christmas trees and other forms of entertainment for the young:

Broadway Methodist—Cantata on Thursday night.

Fountain Avenue Methodist—Concert and tree Christmas eve.

Third Street Methodist—Tree Christmas night.

Twelfth Street Baptist—Tree Christmas night.

Evangelical—Tree Christmas eve.

Kentucky Avenue Presbyterian—Entertainment Christmas night.

First Christian—Tree Christmas eve.

Tenth Street Christian—Tree.

Grace Episcopal—Sunday morning, December 26, at 9:30.

Good Shepherd House—Tree Christmas eve.

Mizpah Mission (First Presbyterian)—Cantata Monday night.

Epworth Mission (Broadway Methodist)—Tree Christmas afternoon.

Home of Friendless—Tree Christmas eve, and all gifts for the parentless little ones thankfully received.

Union Rescue Mission (R. W. Childs)—Tree between Christmas and

Engineer Fails to See Lights of Switch Engine and Five Lives Pay Price of One Moment's Oversight

Pullman Cars Roll Down Embankment When Frosted Rail Breaks Under Heavy Burlington Train.

Cleveland, Dec. 18.—The failure of Engineer Adams to see the lights of a switch engine in time to check the speed of his train today caused a collision of train No. 1, on the Lake Shore, bound for Chicago from New York, and a switch engine in the yards near the Union station, resulting in the death of five and the fatal injury of another. Several were severely hurt. All the Pullmans but the last were derailed. Fifteen Vassar girls in it were unhurt. The dead are: John Swales, switchman; George Frank, switchman; Edward Bascher, switchman; W. G. Burns, engineer yard engine; H. L. Adams, engineer No. 1.

Burlington Wreck.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Ten to twenty persons were injured, several seriously, when passenger train, No. 52, on the Burlington, bound from Chicago to Seattle, was derailed at West-ern Springs, 15 miles west of here, early today, while running from 40 to 50 miles an hour. At the Burlington offices here, it is stated, none of the injured will die, though other advices indicated at least two women are dangerously hurt. The extreme cold weather was the direct cause of the wreck, according to Burlington officials. Cold had contracted the rails and when the heavy train struck one it broke, derailing six Pullman coaches. Burlington officials say all the coaches remained on the ties, but telephone advices say three went into the ditch and turned over. Relief trains were sent to the scene from Aurora and most of the injured at once were started for Chicago. Four of the injured arrived on the first relief train and are now at local hospitals. It is believed they will live.

Three Pullmans rolled down a 20 foot embankment and turned partly over. It is considered almost miraculous that none was killed. The crash of the falling cars attracted the attention of villagers, who hurried to the rescue of the imprisoned passengers. Two score of men and women and children were taken out of the cars in their night clothes and cared for in the homes of villagers, until relief arrived. Nearly all were going home to spend the holidays. Mrs. Lovell was hastening to her mother, Mrs. E. J. Moore, who is ill at Windsor Mills, Ontario. Mrs. Lovell's injuries are thought not serious, but attending hospital doctors refused her permission to leave, although she demanded to be released so she can hasten to her mother.

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PREPARING PETITION TO BE FORWARDED TO SECRETARY OF STATE KNOX.

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NIGHT RIDER JURY FAILS TO AGREE

JUDGE SENDS REELFOOT LAKE JURORS BACK TO THEIR ROOM.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The jury in the case of Garrett Johnson and Arthur Cloar, alleged night riders, charged with the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin, reported this morning, it could not agree on a verdict and was sent back to deliberate further. It is said the jury stands nine to three for conviction.

High School Boys AT THE KENTUCKY

Arrangements were completed last night for the presentation of the High school minstrel at the Kentucky theater next Tuesday evening, December 21. Owing to the great success of the two performances at the High school auditorium the High school faculty was urged to repeat the show, this time at some local theater. The Kentucky was secured on a 50 per cent basis. Over \$125 was netted by the two performances at the High school and both times the big hall was taxed to its capacity.

Christmas Services.

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Christmas morning there will be special mass at St. Francis de Sales, services at Grace Episcopal church at 11 and at the German Lutheran church at 10:30.

The Knights Templar will observe the festival in the asylum, Fraternity building.

Early Morning Cars.

Early morning cars will be run on all street car lines by the Paducah Traction company Christmas day, as is the usual custom, for the accommodation of church-goers. Mass will begin at 6 o'clock at the St. Francis de Sales Catholic church and cars will leave all lines early enough to take the church-goers there on time.

HERO A SUICIDE.

Galveston, Dec. 18.—Friends of Everett G. Lewis, hero of the storm, which swept Galveston last summer, are today in communication with his relatives at Poppam Beach, Maine, following his suicide. Lewis saved the lives of ten persons when the pavilion at the end of Tarpon pier was wrecked. Lewis had been a nervous wreck since, and took poison following a fit of despondency.

NO CLEWS FOUND IN KELLNER CASE

LOUISVILLE KIDNAPING MYSTERY AS FAR FROM SOLUTION AS EVER.

Louisville, Dec. 18. (Special.)—There are no new clues in the kidnaping case of little Alma Kellner.

Cromwell Dies.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 18. (Special.)—William Cromwell, for many years clerk of the state senate and with no opposition for the place at the next session, died this morning of paralysis. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Emma Guy, of Warren county, former state librarian.

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The Weather

Forecast for Paducah and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Sunday. The temperature fell considerably last night registering 17 as the lowest. The highest temperature was 26.

Illinois: Washington, Dec. 18.—Sunday fair and slightly warmer, light to moderate west winds becoming variable Sunday.

Sun rose today 7:19
Sun will set today 4:34
Moon will set 10:42

INSURGENTS ARE HEAVILY BACKED BY VOTE OF STRAW

Success Magazine Takes Sentiment of Its Subscribers on Subject.

It Predicts Presidential Results.

MANY QUESTIONS ARE ASKED.

New York, Dec. 18. (United Press.)—A decidedly interesting and in some particulars sensational "straw ballot" apparently indicating that the country while still loyal to President Taft is backing up the so-called "Insurgent" movement directed against Speaker Cannon and Senate Leader Aldrich, will appear next week in the January number of "Success." Particular interest attaches to the vote which was taken from among the 22,500 life subscribers of the magazine, because of the fact that a similar vote taken last fall enabled "Success" to predict nearly a month before the election practically by the electoral vote received by President Taft.

Of the more than 22,000 persons polled a representative citizenship scattered over the country, 12,103 replied. Of these 8,260 classed themselves as Republicans; 23,213 as Democrats, and 1,529 as Independents. Practically every state in the union was represented in the list of replies.

On November 8, "Success" mailed to its life subscribers a letter and a ballot containing ten questions designed to feel the public pulse on the matter of President Taft's popularity, the popular opinion of the new tariff bill, the political standing of Aldrich and Cannon, and the strength of the support of the "Insurgent" movement. The letter called attention to the fact that the president on his recent tour of the country had explained his position both as to past and pending legislation and that prominent congressmen and senators had explained the tariff.

The Questions.

In view of these explanations and the light thrown on the question, the ballots were asked to indicate their opinions. The tabulated questions and answers tell their own story.

Question No. 1 asked: "Do you believe that your vote for presidential candidate next November was wisely cast?"

Of the Republicans answering, 3,728 voted "Yes," while 540 voted "No." 2,323 Democrats voted "yes" and 296 voted "no."

Question No. 2: "Are you satisfied with the first nine months of the administration of President Taft?"

Of the Republicans, 3,098 voted "yes," 2,490 voted "no" and 2,778 declined to vote. Of the Democrats, 500 answered "yes" and 2,083 replied "no." Over half of the 509 Democrats who approve of the administration of President Taft voted from the south, and in Georgia a majority of the Democratic ballots supported him.

Question No. 3: "Do you approve of the position of Senator Aldrich in the recent tariff legislation?"

Republicans voting yes numbered 517, while those voting no numbered

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RED CROSS STAMPS ARE GOING RAPIDLY

There was a rush for the Red Cross Christmas stamps today at the stand in the postoffice lobby. Some record-breaking sales are expected next week. The record was broken this morning by Miss Clara Stewart and Miss Ruby McDonald who had sold 2,500 of the stickers at 11:30 o'clock. Some of the firms of the city contributed to the fight against the white plague by buying liberally. Some of the largest orders filled this morning were: J. A. Rudy & Sons, 500; City National bank, 500; Racket Store, 200; Guthrie company, 300; Friedman & Keller, 500.

THREE CENT FARE IN CLEVELAND WINNER

Cleveland, Dec. 18.—Federal Judge Taylor today decided in favor of the three cent initial fare and one cent for transfer as arbiter of the Cleveland railway dispute.

Circuit court adjourned yesterday at Benton until next Tuesday. Two more days will dispose of the docket. Only a few cases of importance are on the docket.