KANSAS CITY, KAS.

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TAYLOR IS GUILTY.

SO SAYS THE JURY IN THE CELEBRATED BANK CASE.

LENIENCY IS RECOMMENDED.

COURT ASKED TO BE AS MERCIFUL AS POSSIBLE.

Verdict Was a Surprise, as a Hung Jury Had Generally Been Looked For—Motion for a New Trial Will at Once Be Filed.

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment.

"F. W. Drought, Foreman.

"We recommend the utmost leniency on the part of this court. (Signed) James Gibbons, A. D. Cozad, N. J. Meyers, Fred Blanz, G. M. Adams, J. S. Barnes, J. E. Herriott, P. J. Erskine, Ola Johnson, L. S. David, J. M. Gille and F. W. Drought."

The above was the verdict rendered by the jury in the Taylor trial after deliberating about twelve hours. The jury reported at 11:30 yesterday morning. It was quite a surprise, as nearly everybody had predicted a hung jury. Mr. Taylor, the defendant, was in the courtroom when the verdict was read and he received it with outward calmness, but it was plain to be seen that he was greatly disappointed. His attorneys say that they will immediately file a motion in arrest of judgment on the grounds that under the evidence the jury could not legally find the defendant guilty of the charge on which he was tried. Taylor was charged with receiving money knowing that the bank was in an insolvent condition and his attorneys claim that there was no evidence introduced to show that he was cognizant of the fact that the bank was failing. While evidence of gross mismanagement and strong indications of fraud was introduced, yet it is argued that this did not warrant a verdict under the charge upon which he was tried.

The trial of George Taylor was a very warm legal battle. He was cashier of the Argentine bank and practically had complete control of all the bank's affairs. It was closed on August 11, 1896, by the state bank examiner and upon investigating the books of the institution it was discovered that its affairs were in a very bad condition. A warrant was issued for Taylor on complaint of a man by the name of Miller, one of the depositors. Before this warrant was served on him he disappeared and his whereabouts was not known by the authorities for some time. He finally wrote a letter to the depositors and agreed to return and stand trial. He returned as per agreement and addressed a mass meeting of depositors in Argentine. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace J. T. Sims and was discharged. Other complaints were made against him and he was finally bound over to the district court where he was found to be guilty by a jury yesterday.

The case was concluded Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and was immediately given to the jury. At 12 o'clock that night Judge Alden summoned the twelve men before him and asked them if they were having trouble interpreting the instructions or the law in the case. Everything was clear enough to them, but there were four jurors who voted for acquittal on every ballot. They were sent back to their room and recalled at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Judge Alden gave the jury a mild lecturing for being unable to arrive at a verdict, and then released them until yesterday morning, when they reported at the court house and were again locked up. It took them about three hours to finally agree upon a verdict.

The penalty for the crime of which Mr. Taylor has been adjudged guilty is a fine of from $5 to $5,000 and a penitentiary sentence not to exceed five years. If the defendant's motion to set aside the verdict of the jury is overruled Judge Alden will likely pass sentence upon Taylor within a few days.

LITTLE ONE'S FATAL FALL.

Four-Year-Old Ruth Ferry Tumbles From a Hammock and Has Neck and Both Arms Broken.

Little Ruth Ferry, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferry, of No. 23 South Second street, Kansas City, Kas., met death yesterday morning shortly after 11 o'clock in a very peculiar manner. She was lying in a hammock, which swung from two of the porch supports, and hung less than four feet from the floor. In rolling over in the hammock she fell out, breaking her neck and both arms.

Death was instantaneous, the child never uttering a sound after striking the floor of the porch. The little corpse was found by Mrs. Ferry a few moments after the accident happened. The mother is almost prostrated with grief. Physicians were quickly summoned, as Mrs. Ferry could not believe that the child was dead. An examination was made and it was discovered that the child's neck and both arms had been broken in the fall. It is considered a very strange accident by the physicians, as the child fell only a little more than three feet. One of the arms was broken below the elbow and the other exactly at the elbow joint. The funeral will be held to-day.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Annual Meeting of the Local Association Will Be Held To-morrow Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Equal Suffrage Association of Wyandotte county will be held to-morrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jennie Maher, No. 732 Armstrong avenue. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 2 o'clock by Mrs. Maher, the president. One of the most important matters to be transacted at this meeting is the election of officers for the ensuing year.

After the new officers are chosen matters relative to the present campaign will be brought up and discussed. The suffragists are quite a factor in municipal politics, as women are allowed to vote at city elections. The suffragists propose to take a very active part in the approaching election. Mrs. Maher stated yesterday that while the suffragists were not entitled, or rather, are not permitted by law, to a vote at county and state elections, yet nearly all suffragists have husbands and some of them have daughters who have beaux, and it is the intention of the suffragists to vote husbands and beaux for the candidates who are friendly to the suffrage cause.

QUARLES IS STILL CHIEF.

County Attorney Miller Takes the Petition of Ouster Under Advisement.

The ouster proceedings were not commenced against Chief Quarles yesterday as was expected. Attorney Henderson took the petition to County Attorney Miller early yesterday morning, but he refused to sign it until he was given time to look over and secure a little counsel as to the advisibility of attaching his official signature to such a petition. It was understood between Miller and Henderson, so the latter claims, that there should be no hitch in the proceedings. The county attorney will decide this morning whether or not he will sign the petition with Mr. Henderson. In the event that County Attorney Miller "lays down" on Henderson and his crowd it is hard to tell what will happen.

The proposed action of the anti-joint people in trying to secure the removal of Chief Quarles caused a great deal of comment, and no little speculation is being indulged in as to the final determination of the fight. Quarles and his friends are taking matters easy waiting to see just how far the fight is going to be carried. Mr. Quarles stated yesterday that he had no fear of being ousted and says that the fight is being urged on by Attorney Henderson and Dr. St. John. He says that he does not believe there is any organization of anti-joint people back of the fight at all. If the county attorney refuses to sign the petition this morning some other plan of warfare will be decided upon. It was intimated by one of the antis last night that complaints might be sworn out and arrests made.

HIS TROUBLES TOO MANY.

Prisoner Arrested for Trying to Pass a Worthless Check Attempts to End His Existence.

Paul Pinkert, a Hollander, from Botsworth, Mo., attempted to commit suicide while a prisoner at the St. Louis avenue police station last night. He was arrested at 7 o'clock by Officer Pat Clark on a charge of attempting to pass a worthless check for $25 on a merchant at Ninth and Hickory streets. When he was taken to a cell, Pinkert carried in his shoe a two ounce phial of laudanum, which he had purchased at Gregory's drug store at Ninth and Wyoming streets, earlier in the evening. The jailer who searched Pinkert failed to look in his shoes and Pinkert soon had the poison in his stomach.

He was heard groaning in his cell an hour after he was locked up and told the jailer he had taken poison. The empty bottle was found in the cell and Police Surgeon Longan and the ambulance were called. Pinkert was removed to the Central police station, where Dr. Longan speedily revived him.

He said he had been drinking and was despondent because his girl had gone back on him. He had, when arrested, a woman's pocketbook, containing 25 cents in "nickels," a veil and a curling iron. The check was drawn on the Bank of Commerce and was poorly executed. Pinkert was held on a charge of attempting to pass a worthless check.

A VICIOUS NEGRESS.

She Slashes a Tough on the Neck, Inflicting a Wound That May Cause His Death.

George James, a well known negro tough and bully of the North end, called on Sadie Cameron, a negro woman at 411 East Fourth street, last evening. They differed on some question and quarreled. James was slashed across the throat with a razor and came near being decapitated. The blade grazed the jugular vein and made a frightful wound six inches long. He was cared for by the police surgeon and sent to the city hospital, where his injuries were pronounced serious. The Cameron woman was arrested by Sergeant Burke and Officer Whitsett and locked up at headquarters. She is the woman who shot at Marshal Keshlear about a year ago when he went to her cabin in the East bottoms to hunt for James, who had been in a saloon row and was supposed to have done some cutting.

HELPING HAND INSTITUTE.

Will Celebrate Its Third Anniversary This Evening With Addresses and Appropriate Exercises.

The third anniversary of the establishment of the Helping Hand institute will be appropriately observed to-night at the institute, 408 Main street. Rev. Mr. B. E. Shawhan, superintendent and founder of the institute, will make his report of the work covered by the institute for the year and its present outlook for the ensuing year. Following Rev. Mr. Shawhan's report addresses will be made by Rev. Dr. W. P. George, Rev. Mr. J. W. Hancher, Rev. Dr. Hawkins, Alderman W. W. Morgan and Gardiner Lathrop.

Rev. Mr. Shawhan stated last night that the free baths of the institute will be opened to the public to-day.

NOT COVERT BUT POWELL.

Texas Man Who Was Cared for Here Under an Assumed Name.

Charles Powell, aged 31, died yesterday morning at 601 McGee street, of peritonitis. He was living with a woman who at first claimed to be his stepmother, and she told the city physician that his name was William Covert. She said that he had come to Kansas City from Texas, where he had been injured while riding a horse, to be operated on for cancer, which had developed from the injury. It was learned later that the man's name was Powell and that his widowed mother lived in Harwood, Mo. She was telegraphed yesterday noon and an answer was received from her requesting the body to be prepared for shipment to her home.

Michael Brennan Dead.

Michael Brennan a well known contractor and builder, died last evening at his home, 632 Troost avenue, of tonsilitis. He was 31 years old and was a brother of Jeff D. Brennan, a well known politician in the Sixth ward.

Other Deaths and Funerals.

Charles Bosley, aged 88, died yesterday at the city hospital of old age. He lived at Round Top, Mo. The funeral services will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Laura Kinnamon, aged 11, daughter of William K. Kinnamon, died yesterday morning at the family home in Harlem, of diphtheria. A month ago a son of Mr. Kinnamon died of diphtheria also.

Thomas Lillis, aged 79, died yesterday at his home, 1423 West Twenty-fifth street, of old age. Burial will be in Mount St. Mary's cemetery to-morrow morning. He had lived in Kansas City twelve years.

ON A FORTY DAYS' TRIP.

Assistant Secretary of War Meikeljohn Will Inspect Trans-Mississippi Military Posts.

Assistant Secretary of War Meikeljohn, of Washington, was in the city an hour yesterday morning. He was traveling in the private car of Superintendent Clark, of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, and was just starting on a forty days' trip of inspection of all military posts west of the Mississippi. He was accompanied by Colonel H G. Townsend, general passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific; Captain Dean Little, of Arkansas, and his secretary. City Physician Coffin joined the party here and went to Fort Leavenworth to spend the day.

Mr. Meikeljohn left Leavenworth last night and will inspect the fort near Omaha this morning, and then go on west. The inspection is made to gather information as to the condition and needs of the amy.

Grade Clause Eliminated.

The grade clause was eliminated from the constitution of the Kansas City Implement, Vehicle and Hardware Club, at its meeting at the Coates House last evning. This is considered a very important move on the part of the association. The regular monthly meeting held last evening was attended by twenty-nine of the members. The customary dinner was served.

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TWO EXTENSION ORDINANCES

INTRODUCED IN THE CIT YCOUNCIL LAST EVENING.

The Lower House Wants to Go to the Blue, While the Upper House Wants Westport Limits Adhered To.

Councilman Lynch introduced in the lower house of the council last night his proposal to extend the limits of the city to Brush creek on the south and to the Big Blue river from Fairview avenue north to the middle line of the Missouri river. The proposal was followed by an ordinance providing for an election to be held on November 30 to vote upon the extension proposed. As was expected, Speaker Smith broke away from his Republican constituents, and the proposal was adopted and the ordinance passed by votes of 6 ayes to 4 nays.

Both documents were rejected by the upper house. Alderman Johnston was absent. After making a long speech, Alderman Morgan voted for the Lynch proposal and the other eight members of the house voted against it. Before the ordinance was read Alderman Morgan announced that he had promised to attend the Convention hall meeting at the Commercial Club assembly room, and he took his hat and departed. The remaining eight members voted against the Lynch ordinance. Alderman Seddon, chairman of the finance committee, then reintroduced the proposal to extend the limits so as to take in Westport and the strip of country between the southern limit of that city and Forty-ninth street, extending from Broadway to Troost avenue, which was adopted by the upper house at its last meeting and rejected by the lower house. This proposal was again adopted and the accompanying ordinance was once more passed.

Before the Lynch proposal and ordinance were taken up in the lower house, the clerk started to read a petition from residents and owners of property in the territory between Fairview avenue and the Blue, which it was proposed to take in. Councilmen Lynch and Wolf protested against the reading of the petition, claiming that, as it was not in the budget, it could not properly come before the house. Speaker Smith said that any document bearing upon a resolution or ordinance pending before the council could be read, whether it was in the budget or not. "The constitution of the United States expressly says," said he, "that the right of petition shall not be denied to citizens."

Councilman Wolf said he didn't care what the constitution said, and he offered a motion to lay the petition on the table. This motion was lost by a tie vote. Councilmen Lynch and Wolf were still determined to prevent the reading of the petition, and they tried to convince Speaker Smith that he was wrong, but he remained firm. Councilman Simonds then said that he could see no harm that would come to the friends of the proposed Blue extension by having the petition read, and Councilmen Lynch and Wolf then sat down. The petition follows:

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16, 1897.

To the Mayor and Common Council of Kansas City, Mo.

We, the undersigned residents living between Fairview avenue and the Blue river, on the east, and property owners in the above territory, do petition and earnestly request your honorable body not to pass an ordinance to extend the city limits further east than Fairview avenue, as we deem that no fairer boundary to all parties and to the interest of the city and outside farming land owners could be selected than the one already presented for your consideration, with Fairview avenue as the east line, and if the city limits are extended to the Blue it will cause an unjust hardship to us. Besides, we are satisfied it will cause litigation as to the legality of the extension:

S. L. Duvall, 34½ acres.
W. R. Renick, 45 acres.
H. E. Colvin.
Jacques & Murdock, 20 acres.
U. H. Hand, 3.85 acres.
H. S. Lowry, 2 acres.
A. G. Bearss, 5 acres.
Theo. A. Kennedy, 5 acres.
Tolle estate, 15 acres.
Horace H. Henson, 5 acres.
H. F. Bunquest, 15 acres.
J. Philip Kensche, 600 acres.
Philip J. Henn, 10 acres.
Mrs. A. H. Armour, 80 acres.
John J. Blair, by J. H. Ford, agent, 201 acres.
Missouri Frog and Crossing Works, by J. H. Ford, secretary and treasurer, 6 acres.
H. Topping, 76 acres.
R. O. Steele, 38 acres.
Kansas City Bolt and Nut Company, 300 acres.
J. M. King, 30 acres.
S. S. Wright, 6½ acres.
J. W. Hurlbut, 6 acres.
Sarah E. Wilson, 5 acres.
C. R. King, 12 acres.
J. B. Cecil, 12 acres.
A. Nadeau.
R. S. Williams, 2 acres.
W. B. Duvall, 10 acres.
Charles B. Mumford, 5 acres.
Mrs. S. A. Smith, 25 acres.
Samuel J. White, 13 acres.
John C. White, 7 acres.
Caroline White, 7 acres.
Annie Cecil, 13 acres.
Mary V. Jarboe, 7½ acres.
S. E. Graham and W. M. Hall, 30 acres.
John McLaughlin, 50 feet.
John McDonnell, 100 feet.
Curtis White, 6 acres.
Frank West, 7 acres.
Marion West, 7 acres.
Thomas West, 4 acres.
George Hoover, 50 feet.

James J. Davis, who circulated the petition, sent two communications to the council, in one of which he gave a number of reasons why the eastern limits should not be extended to the Blue. In the other he said:

"While I was canvassing for names on petition against extending city limits east of Fairview avenue, I did not have time to see but a few of the residents living between Fairview avenue and the Blue, but I did not find one person that was in favor of extending the city limits east of Fairview avenue, and I am satisfied by what the men I saw said that nine-tenths of the people living between Fairview avenue and the Blue would vote against extension."

The lower house passed a concurrent resolution providing for a joint committee to hire an expert to make an examination of the water works plant. The resolution provides that the committee shall consist of the president of the upper house, the speaker of the lower house, two members of each house and the city engineer and assistant city engineer. The resolution did not reach the upper house before it adjourned.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask you Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee.

The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

Tastes like Coffee
Looks like Coffee

Insist that your grocer gives you GRAIN-O
Accept no imitation.

HARD ON COAL MINERS

POPS WORKING THE PENITENTIARY MINE TO THE LIMIT.

FREE-MINED COAL UNDERSOLD.

FIVE TIMES AS MUCH SOLD AS UNDER MORRILL'S ADMINISTRATION.

State Auditor Morris Refuses to Certify to Figures Which Make a Startling Showing Against the Administration—Kansas News.

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 18.—(Special.) State Auditor Morris to-day refused to certify to some figures taken off the books in his office relative to the operation of the penitentiary coal mine under the Populist administration, although he admitted that they were absolutely correct. The Republican state campaign committee offered to pay him a liberal fee for making the proper certification; but he declined to do so. Steps will be taken to compel him to certify to the records if any law can be found to do so.

The Populists are still attempting to delude the coal miners of Kansas. They profess to be the friends of the miners, and at the same time the records show that they are the miner's worst enemies.

The Populist state platform and all county platforms have always opposed the placing of penitentiary coal in open competition with free-mined coal, but, as almost the last act of the Populist legislature, upon the advice of the governor in a special message on the subject, a law was passed enabling the penitentiary directors to sell prison-mined coal in the open market. The directors are running the mine at full blast and selling coal to everybody they can. They undersell free mine operators a trifle, and are, therefore, working up a big trade. One of the directors is acting as traveling agent, establishing agencies for the prison coal in all towns in Northwestern Kansas. The free mine operators are feeling the competition keenly, and as a result the miners are not getting as much work to do as they are entitled to.

In order to show the miners just the extent of the operation of the penitentiary mine, the Republican campaign committee took the figures from the auditor's books showing the receipts for coal sales at the prison for the first seven months of the present Populist administration, compared with the corresponding seven months last year, under Governor Morrill's administration. Under Morrill, the receipts were $3,333.02, while under Leedy they were $15,460.35. The expenses of running the penitentiary under Morrill's administration for the same seven months of 1896 aggregated $86,301.62, while for the seven months under Leedy the expense has been $93,737.92.

The Republican committee recently sent these figures to the coal mining districts of the state and when the miners got hold of them they were amazed. The Populists, in order to keep the miners in line, declared that the figures were not correct. It was in order to prove that they were absolutely correct that the committee to-day asked the auditor to certify to them. Assistant Auditor Charles Taylor examined the records and ascertained that the figures were correct, and he was ready and willing to certify to that fact. Just then Auditor Morris came in, and Taylor decided to refer the matter to him. The auditor took the matter under advisement until he could confer with other officials around the state house. He came back in a few minutes and said he would decline to attach a certificate to the figures. He admitted that the figures were correct, but said if he certified to anything he would have to take everything connected with the penitentiary for that period. He did not care to give out the coal figures exclusively. The committee was somewhat astonished to think that he would refuse to certify to what the records in his office showed, and an effort will be made to get the proper certificate.

STOCK YARDS REHEARING.

Arguments Begun Before Judge Thayer at Topeka Yesterday Morning.

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 18.—(Special.) The Kansas City stock yards case is being heard again in the federal court. Judge Thayer, of the United States circuit court of appeals, arrived from St. Louis at noon to-day and this afternoon took up the hearing. The case is now being fought for final determination. All of the issues have been joined and the hearing now is for a permanent injunction against the enforcement of the Jaquins stock yards law. Judge Thayer was called in to try the case for two reasons. One was that it would furnish a speedy termination of the case and the other was because in similar cases Judge Foster, of the federal court of Kansas, and Judge Munger, of the federal court of Nebraska, had rendered opposite opinions. In order to settle both cases practically at the same time, it was agreed to call in Judge Thayer of the circuit court of appeals. There will be only one appeal from his decision and that will be to the United States supreme court.

Judge Thayer upon taking the bench this afternoon limited the time of argument. He said he would have to return next Wednesday afternoon and that counsel would have to finish their arguments by that time. Attorney D. R. Hite, for the stockholders of the company, made the opening argument. He talked all the afternoon. He began by giving a complete history of the case and explaining in detail the method of doing business at the yards. He then proceeded to make a legal argument in favor of the complainant's side. His talk was in line with that which he made before Judge Foster when the case was heard on an application for a temporary injunction. He sprung two new points, however. The first that the new Jaquins law confiscated private property without providing any compensation; the second was that the business of the stock yards company was so closely identified with that of the live stock commission merchants as to make it interstate commerce also. Judge Foster decided some time ago that the business of the commission merchants was of an interstate commerce character.

Judge Woolworth, of Omaha, who handled the Nebraska case, is here and will make an argument on the interstate commerce feature. Judge Horton will also argue the case from the stockholders' standpoint. The argument for the state will be made by Judge David Martin and Attorney General Boyle.

BIG INCREASE IN OVERDRAFTS.

Kansas Bankers Are Not Following Commissioner Breidenthal's Recent Good Advice.

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 18.—(Special.) While the forthcoming condensed statement of State Bank Commissioner Breidenthal on the condition of the Kansas banks will show a big increase in deposits and a decrease in the borrowed money account, the objectionable overdraft account will show a big increase. Breidenthal has hammered at the bankers of the state to keep the overdrafts down, and they did fairly well until recently. Now, overdrafts are on the increase. The commissioner says this is due to the large amount of money in circulation. "Whenever money becomes plentiful," said he to-day, "the bankers get reckless. They permit customers to overdraw their accounts then, when they would not do so in hard times. Now is just the time when bankers should be more careful than ever. But many of them can't see it that way, simply because they are anxious to get their money out where it will earn something."

BULLETIN ON GRASSHOPPERS.

Chancellor Snow Tells Kansas Farmers How They May Get Rid of the Pests.

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 18.—(Special.) Chancellor Snow, of the state university, has prepared a bulletin on grasshoppers for the benefit of the farmers of Kansas. During the past season, hoppers did considerable damage to crops in the western part of the state, and the authorities are afraid that more damage will be done next year. Secretary Coburn, of the state agricultural department, recently asked Chancellor Snow to prepare a bulletin on that subject. The bulletin was completed to-day, and the state printing committee will have it printed in pamphlet form. Professor Snow says that alfalfa was damaged more this past season than any other crop, and that it was the work of the "differential locust." He says also that the Rocky mountain locusts, which did so much damage in 1874, came in in large numbers recently, and are preparing to get in their work next summer. The farmers can get rid of the pests very easily, he says, if they will supply themselves with a grasshopper-killing machine. The machine is composed of a long tin pan made on the order of a bread pan, only on a much larger scale. The pan is filled with kerosene and then attached to sled runners. As the contrivance is drawn across a field by a team the hoppers jump into the pan and the oil kills them. The strange thing about it is that the hoppers never move until the sled passes over them, and then they jump into the pan. Chancellor Snow claims that it is a very effective way to get rid of hoppers. He says every farmer should have one of these machines.

WEBB M'NALL DEFIED.

"Underground" Insurance Companies Paying No Attention to His Pronunciamento.

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 18.—(Special.) Not a single one of the sixty-seven insurance companies writing underground fire insurance in Kansas has heeded the recent warning of State Insurance Commissioner McNall, to the extent of making application for license to do business in the state. Some of them deny that they are doing business in Kansas at all, while others claim they have a perfect right to write insurance on Kansas risks in Kansas City, Mo. Not one so far heard from shows any inclination to take out a license. McNall is being urged by the governor to proceed against some of these "underground" companies. The officials cannot touch the companies, but they can cause the arrest of persons who are acting as agents in Kansas. Evidence is being procured and it is likely that some prosecutions will be instituted in a short time.

Big Republican Rally Planned.

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 18.—(Special.) The Republicans of Shawnee county are arranging to hold a big rally here on the evening of October 28. Congressman Charles Curtis, Congressman Case Broderick and W. J. Bailey, the three avowed candidates for congress in the new First district, will deliver addresses.

THE NEWS AT LEAVENWORTH.

New Labor Law to Be Tested—Assistant Secretary Meikiejohn at the Fort.

The law passed by the last legislature requiring that an employer must give in writing, on demand, the reason for the discharge of an employe is about to be tested in Leavenworth for the first time. Joseph Reynolds was, until recently, an employe of the Home-Riverside coal mine, but was discharged. He made a demand upon George W. Kierstead to know the reason for his discharge, which was refused. Yesterday afternoon Reynolds went before Justice Frank Fitzwilliam and swore out a warrant for the superintendent's arrest. Bond has been furnished for appearance when wanted.

The new law makes it a misdemeanor for an employer to refuse the reason for discharging a man if the latter desires to know. It fixes the penalty for such refusal at thirty days in jail and a fine of $100, besides making provision for the collection of heavy damages in certain cases. The case will be watched with much interest, and should a verdict be rendered against the superintendent the case will be carried to the higher courts.

Inspecting the Fort.

Yesterday morning Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn arrived at Fort Leavenworth in a special car over the Missouri Pacific from Jefferson Barracks, Mo. He is on his tour of inspection, which will include a trip to the Pacific coast. He is accompanied by his private secretary, J. C. Schofield.

Upon his arrival at the Fort Leavenworth depot he was met by a squadron of the Sixth cavalry, under command of Colonel Carroll, and escorted to the post, where, upon his entrance, a salute of fifteen guns was fired by the Fourth artillery. The remainder of the garrison, including the troops from Fort Riley, were reviewed, in full dress uniform, after which a reception was tendered him at the residence of Colonel Hawkins, post commander. Mr. Meiklejohn left on last night's train for Omaha, where he will inspect that post. General Brooks, commanding the department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Chicago, will be here about October 25 to pay his first official visit.

Stole a Basket of Clothes.

Yesterday morning a man accompanied by a small boy was seen hanging around Diergardt's hotel at Third and Cherokee, and shortly after their disappearance the proprietor missed a basket of clothing. He at once suspected the stranger and gave his description to Officers Sutton and Barrett. He was found with the goods in his possession shortly afterwards and taken to the police station. Here he gave his name as Charles Ellis, and among his possessions were a number of articles, including a new pair of shoes and a coffee pot. He was locked up to await examination.

Register at Once.

It is highly important that all Republicans should see that they and their friends are registered, as the books will close Friday night. Unless a person has registered this year, he will not be entitled to vote at this fall's election. Parties who have moved from one ward to another must visit the city clerk's office and have their registration certificate changed to their present ward.

Bold Thief.

Sunday night J. V. Kelly drove into the city and hitched his horse and buggy near the National hotel, while he went to the Leavenworth Club. After about an hour's absence he returned to find horse and buggy gone. He reported to the police, who instituted a search, but up to the present nothing has been seen or heard of horse or buggy.

Brief Mention.

Colonel Brown, inspector general, United States army, arrived at the Soldiers' home yesterday and will inspect that institution.

Mrs. Oscar Rush died of heart trouble late Sunday night and was buried yesterday afternoon.

An abstract of judgment for $250, in favor of Fred Schultz, versus M. G. Farrell and wife, was filed in the district court yesterday.

A. C. Lamborn, as administrator of the estate of the late Joseph T. Lamborn, instituted a suit in the district court yesterday against F. H. and Eliza Pettingill, to collect on a note for $1,671.10.

The deputy sheriffs completed the work of posting the election proclamations in the county yesterday.

The real estate transfers for the week ending October 18 amounted to $27,260.

The coroner's jury which met yesterday afternoon to inquire into the death of the old veteran, Herman Cobden, who was killed by the cars last Friday night, returned a verdict in accordance with the facts. They did not attach blame to anyone.

The reunion committee met last night to audit the bills for last week's festivities. They report that they have enough money to pay all expenses.

Fred Hoberg began divorce proceedings against his wife, Lavina Hoberg, in the district court yesterday. The couple were married May 15, 1882, and he alleges that he has been a deserted husband for more than a year past. The plaintiff says that he is the owner of considerable property and he asks the court to bar his wife from any interest in it.

The probate judge granted a marriage license yesterday to Solomon Greenbaum, aged 27, and Essie Samish, aged 20.

John Thornton was arrested last night on a state warrant, charging him with the murder of James Webster. He shot Webster about six weeks ago, inflicting a wound from which he died last week. His preliminary examination will take place before Justice Bond next Tuesday.

A number of Red Men and their wives left for Pittsburg, Kas., yesterday to attend the meeting of the state great council.

Harry Moore, Matt Noyer and James Williams have been arrested for an assault committed on W. T. Roberts, in the Soldiers' home garden. They will be tried before United States Commissioner Bond this morning.

New Books for the Library.

The second meeting of the special library committee, appointed by the board of education last week to assist in the purchase of 15,000 new books for the library, held a meeting last night. The committee went over the list of about 300 titles of books sent in by citizens and, after striking out those which are already in the library, discussed the merits of those proposed. About 100 books were purchased.

FAVORS GOING TO THE BLUE.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ADOPTS A LIMITS EXTENSION RESOLUTION.

Fresh Start Taken in the Convention Hall Matter by the Members of the Club—Mr. Stilwell's Subscription Increased.

The first business to be brought before the Commercial Club after President Barton had rapped for order last evening was a communication from City Clerk Curry, stating that the lower house of the council had instructed him to extend its thanks for the resolution adopted by the club at its last meeting calling upon the council to provide for the annexation of Westport, and to ask the club to give its opinion as to the advisability of extending the eastern limit to the Big Blue river.

President Barton suggested that as the council was in session, immediate action might be advisable. W. C. Scarritt offered a resolution declaring it the sense of the club that the southern limits be fixed at Brush creek and the eastern limits at the Blue.

D. W. Rider opposed the resolution, saying there was too much farm land included within the proposed limits, and that litigation would likely follow their adoption.

Mr. Scarritt said he did not know of a wheat or corn field within the limits bounded on the east by the Blue, that the city would be of greater extent north and south, bounded by Brush creek on south, than east and west, with the eastern boundary at the Blue. He claimed the proposed limits would give Kansas City a smaller area in proportion to its population than any other city in the United States. He also said there is a large territory which cannot be sewered except by means of the Blue.

C. J. Hubbard said Brush creek and the Blue should both be included in the city limits.

Mr. Scarritt's resolution was then adopted and a messenger sent with copies of it to both houses of the council. The messenger did not arrive in time to present the resolutions to the council.

President Barton read a statement of the fund at the disposal of the convention hall committee, which amounts to $121,711.60, of which $115,826.95 had been reported to the committee to September 8. Stock subscriptions to that date were $109,002.60; sales of buttons, $6,824.35. From September 8, stock subscriptions to the amount of $4,440 had been received and the sale of buttons increased to $8,140. Proceeds from baseball games, etc., amounted to $129.

President Barton read a telegram from Chairman Campbell, of the convention hall committee, who was unable to be present because of absence from the city. He read a letter from President Stilwell, of the Kansa City &Northern Connecting line, subscribing $500 to the convention hall fund on behalf of the company.

Mr. Stilwell also stated the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Trust Company will be either one of five or one of ten to guarantee that a hall, to be given in the convention hall building on the opening night, will yield a return of $5,000 to the fund, and that a three days' musical festival will yield $10,000. "If four other interests can be found to make a like guarantee we will have $15,000 guaranteed from this source, and perhaps secure a great deal more from the actual operations of these two entertainments," said Mr. Stilwell. He suggested this plan would make the $15,000 guaranteed available for immediate expenditure.

Secretary Clendening read a letter from Charles E. Hochstetler, subscribing $50 to the fund. This, with the Kansas City & Northern Connecting Line subscription of $500, increased the total fund to $122,261.60.

Rev. Dr. Lowry was asked by President Barton to say something about the convention hall project. "On one or two occasions I have been strongly urged to invite the Baptist Young People's Union of America to Kansas City," said Dr. Lowry. "The attendance has been sometimes as high as 3,000 to 4,000, but cutting this in half, to 2,000 people, you can see what an advantage it would be to the railroads. Would not $20,000 be a conservative estimate of the returns to the railroads? You can readily see what a Christian Endeavor convention would do for Kansas City and for the railroads which center here."

President Barton then called upon the members of the Commercial Club to express themselves in the matter of the convention hall movement. Ex-President M. V. Watson favored going ahead with the money already subscribed, making the plans for the building conform to the amount of money on hand. August F. Seested agreed with Mr. Watson, as did also David B. Kirk, the latter expressing a belief that more money would be subscribed as the plans for the building matured.

J. V. C. Karnes said a number of large subscriptions had been made with the understanding that the full amount proposed, $150,000, should be secured. He said these subscribers might decline to pay until the amount is raised. "I believe this amount, $150,000, should be raised before we go to wheel," he said, "and if the committees already appointed or others to be appointed will work for forty-eight hours, laying other things aside, I believe the amount can be raised."

George W. Fuller said he was willing to devote twice forty-eight hours to the work, but he believed that the people who subscribed to such enterprises have been very generally seen. He thought many subscribers might increase the amounts to be given, and said if a movement to this end was general he would increase his $500 subscription 20 per cent.

F. P. Neal agreed with Mr. Fuller in the matter of securing increased amounts from subscribers, and, speaking for the Union National bank, said he thought a 20 or 25 per cent increase would be made if there was a general movement in that direction.

J. J. Heim said many large subscribers would increase their subscriptions, and the Ferd Heim Brewing Company would be one of these. Walter J. Bales said the full amount of $150,000 should be had before the building is erected.

D. W. Rider said a committee is working to secure a $25,000 bonus to be given the convention hall committee, conditioned on the selection of a certain site, which will cost about $99,000.

W. W. Morgan had dropped in from a council meeting to offer a resolution throwing numerous bouquets at the board of education and most people in any way connected with the public schools, public library, etc., and conditioned upon the adoption of the manual training school for colored boys and girls should be erected. He made a speech in support of the resolution.

Walter J. Bales thought it should be referred to the "proper committee." "What is the proper committee?" asked the alderman. When he learned that it was to go to the committee on municipal affairs, of which his friend, J. V. C. Karnes, is chairman, he said he was satisfied, adding: "I do not want it to go down into the icy hands of death."

Convention hall matters being resumed, C. J. Hubbard expressed a belief that several thousand dollars could be added to the fund if a thorough canvass is made, and expressed himself decidedly in favor of making a last effort.

John L. Peake suggested that a series of entertainments be given during the winter for the benefit of the convention hall fund. He thought the theaters would donate the use of their houses on nights for which other attractions are not booked, and that, in addition to noted lecturers who could be secured, a great amount of local musical and dramatic talent might be had. He believed entertainments under the auspices of the convention hall committee would "take like wildfire."

A communication from J. Harry Lewis, suggesting that an entertainment committee be appointed to arrange for a series of entertainments, was read by the secretary.

The Kansas City State bank was admitted to membership in the club, after which an adjournment was taken.

The convention hall committee of fifteen will meet to-morrow to receive bids for a site for the hall.

CITY NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

The upper house committee on streets and alleys will meet at 10 o'clock this morning for the purpose of considering the ordinance granting a franchise to the East Side Electric Railway Company.

Mrs. H. C. Schwitzgebel read a paper at the meeting of the Mothers' Union yesterday afternoon on "Do Children Need Parties?" She favored such gatherings and the free mingling of children with their friends.

The annual sale of seats at the Westminster Presbyterian church took place last night. Charles Whitehead, president of the board of trustees, and W. P. Alcott, treasurer, conducted the sale. The seats were auctioned off last year, and with few exceptions, all of the pews were retaken by their former occupants.

W. M. Gregory, M. W. Van Valkenberg and G. A. Bailey, of Topeka, and W. A. Cormany, of Fort Scott, were at the Midland last evening. They are special agents of fire insurance companies, and are members of the Kansas Field Club, that holds its regular meeting at the Midland to-day. About twenty-five other agents who do business in the land of McNall will be on hand to attend the session. The usual topics of insurance men will be discussed.

INDEPENDENCE.

Mission Union of Lafayette Presbytery Will Begin a Three Days' Session in This City To-night.

The mission union of the Lafayette presbytery will convene in this city to-night. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. A. A. Wallace, of Mexico, Mo. The session proper will be held to-morrow at the Westminster church. The morning session will be devoted to organization, the enrollment of new societies. In the afternoon papers will be read by representatives of various mission societies. Wednesday evening Rev. Mr. Frank Mitchell will deliver the discourse. Thursday will be devoted to reading of papers and the discussion of various topics. Rev. Mr. Dobbyns will deliver the closing address Thursday night.

Council Meeting To-night.

There will be a meeting of the city council to-night. It is not expected that the Air line proposition to take off passenger trains will be discussed, as some of the officials of the road are in the East. The session will be devo