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EXECUTION LEVIED.

SHERIFF SEIZES PROPERTY OF A BANK'S BONDSMEN.

TO SECURE COUNTY'S FUNDS.

SURETIES OF DEFUNCT ARGENTINE INSTITUTION MUST PAY.

County Commissioners Order Sheriff Longfellow to Levy on Real Estate Appraised at $34,000 —Bondsmen Liable for $31,000.

Sheriff Longfellow went to Argentine yesterday and levied on $34,000 worth of property belonging to the bondsmen of the defunct Argentine bank. This property was taken by the county on a judgment secured by it in the district court, which was afterwards affirmed by the state supreme court.

The bondsmen whose property is affected by the execution are: John R. Mattney, 20 lots and some acre property; William McGeorge, city property in Argentine; Bernard Speaker, 4 city lots; Phillip Petry, 18 lots and an acre tract of land adjoining Argentine; John R. Wolf, 3 acres of land in Argentine; J. E. Wiscoskie, 7 lots and 3 acres of land; George W. Gulley, 8 city lots. The total valuation of the property levied on by the sheriff yesterday is appraised at $34,000, which is more than the amount of the judgment, but when sold at auction it is not expected it will bring as much as it is actually worth.

The bondsmen were completely surprised and some of them are left in a rather embarrassed position. The judgment held by the county is in the sum of $31,000, the amount of the county's deposit with the bank at the time of the failure. Some of the bondsmen had no property subject to execution, and the others will have to carry the burden.

The men who will have to make up the county's loss in the Argentine bank failure became liable for the amount by signing the bond given to the county by the bank to insure the safe keeping of the county's funds. Suit was brought directly after the bank failed by Attorney McCabe Moore. Mr. Moore secured a judgment against the bondsmen in the district court and the bondsmen carried the case to the supreme court. Attorney Moore, in behalf of the county, appeared before the supreme court and succeeded in getting the case advanced on the calendar.

When the judgment of the district court was affirmed by the supreme court and the bondsmen discovered there was no possible way to escape paying the judgment they held a meeting in Argentine and appointed a committee to wait upon the board of county commissioners for the purpose of staying an execution long enough for them to arrange their business affairs and protect themselves against embarrassment. The board granted them time, but the bondsmen did not make progress fast enough to suit the board and it was decided to levy on the property.

George A. Taylor, who was cashier of the Argentine bank, is now serving a two years' sentence in the state penitentiary, having been convicted of receiving deposits knowing that the bank was in an insolvent condition.

JOINTIST EATON PARDONED.

After Hard Legal Fight for Law's Enforcement Governor Extends Executive Clemency.

Samuel Eaton, who was committed to the county jail about two weeks ago to serve a thirty days' sentence for violating the prohibitory law, has been pardoned by Governor Leedy. Eaton fought against imprisonment harder than any jointist ever sentenced from this city. The case was tried twice in the district court and each time a conviction was secured. He carried it on to the supreme court, but met defeat there. As a last resort his friends circulated a petition among business men and politicians asking the governor to pardon him. The petition was taken to the governor by a delegation from this city. The governor finally agreed to pardon him after he had served fifteen days. While Eaton was in the county jail, 100 other jointists were openly violating the same law daily in this city.

BAKER HAS BEEN ABUSED.

Alleges His Wife Assaulted Him With a Dipper and Inflicted a Painful Wound.

Frank M. Baker yesterday filed in the district court an answer and cross-bill to the petition for divorce filed by Mrs. Ella A. Baker. Mrs. Baker charged her husband with extreme cruelty and desertion. Mr. Baker says that he has been mistreated and that Mrs. Baker is guilty of the wrongs charged against him. He claims that on August 15, 1891, she struck him with an iron dipper and inflicted a painful wound. On August 1, 1892, he alleges, she attempted to assault him with a knife. They own a house and lot, the title of which is in Mrs. Baker's name. Baker asks the court to grant him a decree of divorce and that an equal division of their property be made.

CRAGES' CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Judge Holt Gives Him a Home for Three Years in the Penitentiary.

Charles Crages, a tramp, has found a permanent home for the next three years. He was taken before Judge Holt, of the common pleas court, yesterday and pleaded guilty to breaking into the house of George McDougal, near Morris station.

Crages is a typical "bum." He drifted into Turner about a month ago and subsisted on food given him by residents. Soon after he came small thefts were reported and suspicion rested on Crages. He was lodged in the county jail. After Judge Holt had passed sentence on Crages, the prisoner remarked that a home for three years was not such a bad Christmas present.

WIDOW SUES FOR DAMAGES.

Mary F. Hoblowetz Charges Her Husband's Death Was Due to Employer's Negligence.

During the big fire at the Swift packing house on August 6, 1896, Joseph Hoblowetz, one of the company's employes, was burned to death. Yesterday Mrs. Mary F. Hoblowetz, his widow, filed suit in the court of common pleas against the Swift Packing Company for $10,000 damages. She alleges in her petition that her husband's death was due to negligence on the part of the company.

Big Elevator Not Sinking.

Manager M. H. McNeill, of the Maple Leaf elevator, says the big building has settled no more than would naturally be expected for a structure of its size. The deep drainage sewer being built to the west of the elevator, power house and annex, he says, is to turn away water coming from the bluffs west of the property. This matter was considered when the building was erected, but was not thought necessary at that time.

INGRATITUDE OF REPUBLICS.

J. B. Gibbs, Colored Lawyer and Populist Politician, Committed to the City Jail.

J. B. Gibbs, colored lawyer and Populist politician, is serving out his $5 fine. This is how great men fall in Kansas when they become too prominent in politics. Gibbs and City Impounder L. W. Johnson became involved in a hand-to-hand fight on Minnesota avenue some time ago, and were arrested and fined $5 each in police court. Johnson paid his fine and was released. Gibbs was given time by the city, but failed to pay the fine, and yesterday an attachment was issued for him and he was committed to the city jail.

At the last Populist convention Gibbs was a strong candidate for state auditor, and is at present a member of the Populist county central committee of Wyandotte county. At the last county election he bolted the Pop ticket and succeeded in getting the negro Pop club of this city to denounce the ticket. He was a very warm supporter of Congressman Peters, and at one of the central committee meetings attempted to get a resolution passed by the committee indorsing the course of the Second district congressman. He recently caused warrants to be issued for the arrest of Superintendents Richardson and Gilham, of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, charging them with violating the state law which provides that all electric street cars operated during the winter months shall be vestibuled. The cases were dismissed by Judge Pfost, of the North side city court.

At the request of a number of leading Pops Gibbs was taken from the rockpile and made a trusty.

NO BLANKET BOND DEAL.

City's Securities Will Be Sold to the Highest Bidders and Not Under Yearly Contract.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the city council a representative of Spitzer & Co., Eastern bond buyers, made a proposition to the mayor and council to buy all of the city's refunding bonds issued during the next year. No contract was entered into, as the mayor and a majority of the councilmen are in favor of getting all they can for the bonds.

For a number of years past the Spitzer people have been securing all of this city's bonds. Competition seemed to be prohibited, and by virtue of the monopoly the bonds were sold at less than par. The interest was always large. Since the present administration began, an effort was made to interest other bond buyers, and it was found to be possible to sell the bonds, with low rate of interest, at a premium. The last $40,000 worth of bonds were sold at 1½ per cent premium. The Spitzer people offered to take the bonds at par. After the bonds had been sold to a Kansas City, Kas., man for 1½ per cent premium, the Eastern people decided they could afford to give a premium for the bonds. There are several local bond buyers who are willing to purchase the city's bonds and keep them here, and there is a strong feeling on the part of the mayor and councilmen to give these people an opportunity to buy the bonds.

BOY HURT WHILE COASTING.

Robert Voss' Skull Fractured by Striking Sled Runner in a Collision.

Robert Voss, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Voss, of 637 Barnett avenue, was dangerously injured last Tuesday night while coasting on the Barnett avenue hill. Young Voss while coasting down the frozen incline on his sled collided with another sled being pulled up hill, his head striking one of the runners on the other sled with great force. He was rendered unconscious and was carried into his home near by. Dr. E. J. Lutz was called and dressed the boy's injuries. While his skull is badly fractured, the attending physician states that he is not necessarily fatally hurt. This is the first serious accident this year from coasting, although great risks are taken by many coasters.

GREAT LEGAL BATTLE.

It Will Occur in a Mock Divorce Case at Mather Hall This Morning.

The Emerson Literary Society, of the Kansas City university, will hold an open meeting in Mather hall this morning. An interesting programme, the feature of which will be a mock divorce trial, has been arranged for the occasion. The suit will be brought by Mrs. Addie Rennie (Miss Addie Carlisle) against Kenneth Rennie, who will be charged with extreme cruelty and failure to provide. The plaintiff will be represented by "Attorneys" Hey and Kopf, and the defendant by Messrs. Cole and Green. It is claimed that the suit will be bitterly contested.

His Hand Damaged $5,000.

Dr. Z. Nason, formerly police surgeon, was made defendant in a $5,000 damage suit filed in the common pleas court yesterday by Adolph Menocka. The plaintiff alleges that some time ago he ran two large wooden splinters in his hand, and called Dr. Nason to dress the injuries. He claims that the doctor sewed up the wound before all of the wood had been taken out, causing blood poison. He thinks $5,000 would rectify the doctor's alleged mistake.

Fell Down "L" Road Stairs.

W. R. Childs brought suit in the common pleas court yesterday against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company and the city jointly to recover $5,000 damages. On October 4, the plaintiff alleges, he fell down a flight of stairs leading to the Tenth street station of the "L" road and sustained permanent injuries. It is claimed that the stairs, or steps, were in a very bad condition, and Mr. Childs holds the railway company and the city liable for the accident.

Christmas Surprise for Mr. Culver.

State Grain Inspector W. W. Culver was surprised last evening at his home, 737 Troup avenue, by a number of the grain inspecting force of this city. They called at his home in a body, and with them, in an express wagon, was taken a handsome secretary and bookcase, which was presented to Mr. Culver by the employes of the grain inspection department of Kansas.

METROPOLIS MISCELLANY.

Trade at the Up-to-date clothing and shoe store, 559 Minnesota avenue.

The Greenfield Musical Club will give an entertainment to-night at the Eighth Street Christian church. The proceeds will be given to the church.

The Woman's Benevolent Association will hold a business meeting this afternoon at 2:30 in the parlor of the Congregational church, corner Sixth street and Everett avenue.

Don't fail to get into the new camp of Modern Woodmen of America, which will be organized Thursday night, December 30, in the A. O. U. W. hall, corner of Fourth street and Kansas avenue. E. Pearman, D. H. C.

A Christmas choral service will be held at the Pilgrim Congregational church, Seventh street and Reynolds avenue, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Edwin Locke will deliver the address. The choir will render Berthold Tours' "Sing, O Heavens." The soloists will be Mrs. H. W. Carroll and Mr. M. L. Matson.

James F. Bogard brought suit in the common pleas court yesterday against the Fowler Packing Company for $2,000 damages. While he was in the employ of the defendant company, ripropping the river near the company's plant, it is claimed a heavy cable broke and struck him, breaking his jaw.

ARMOURDALE.

George Calkill has returned from a visit in the East.

The public schools will close Friday for one week for the holidays.

Mrs. John T. Sims is entertaining her father, F. C. Petri, of Fort Scott, Kas.

James Gallagher was arrested yesterday for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Don Wright, of Colorado avenue, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Siler, at Lawrence, Kas.

A. J. Gibson, of Oberlin, Kas., is visiting his son and family, of 630 Shawnee avenue.

The women of the G. A. R. have postponed the election of officers until January 5.

The Sunday school of the Presbyterian church will give an entertainment Christmas evening.

Mrs. Charles Mee and daughter leave this evening for Chicago and other Eastern points to visit relatives.

The Sunday school of the Baptist church will give an entertainment Christmas eve. A snow house will be one of the features.

Leave all news items and complaints at Lieninger's book store, 595 Kansas avenue, or at O. Q. Claflin's drug store, 823 Osage avenue.

The children of the Central Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and an entertainment at the church Friday evening.

Armourdale corps No. 5, of the Salvation Army, will give a free dinner to the poor of Armourdale at their barracks, 995 Osage avenue, on Christmas day.

The case of Joseph Courthander, who is charged with stealing from John Dyerson a revolver, a case of drawing instruments, a pair of scissors and a butcher knife, will be tried in Judge Fischer's court to-day.

The trial of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Weinberg, on a charge of receiving stolen goods, will be held in Judge Fischer's court to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Weinberg conduct a second-hand store at 23 Central avenue. The property in question is an overcoat belonging to Thomas Lynch.

ARGENTINE.

Dr. Noyes is ill of malarial fever.

George Davies left last night for Memphis, Tenn.

Ben Hur Masonic lodge will install its newly elected officers to-night.

Green & Connors have added a stock of groceries to their meat market.

Two Santa Fe engines have been sent from Argentine to La Junta, Col.

Conductor J. T. Merriwether, of the Santa Fe, has removed to Emporia.

The colored Masonic lodge will give a banquet Friday night at Lewis' hall.

Services will be held at the Christian Union tabernacle on Christmas at 11 a. m.

J. A. Westmoreland will leave this week for St. Louis, where he will spend the winter.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will give an entertainment at Firemen's hall Friday evening.

H. L. Christian has removed his harness shop to the Russell building, on Metropolitan avenue.

The regular weekly prayer meeting of the Saints' church will be held to-night at Warnky's place.

The pupils of the eighth grade of the public schools will give an entertainment at St. John's hall to-night.

The coroner will hold an inquest next Friday to investigate the death of Mrs. Newton Flurry. A coroner's jury was impanceled Tuesday.

The case of George Deffner vs. Fred Reichert, to replevin two carpets, a rug and a set of dishes, was tried to-day before Judge Pfost, of the Kansas City, Kas., city court, and resulted in a victory for Mr. Deffner. Reichert accused George Deffner, Jr., of stealing his carpets and dishes and had him and his mother, Mrs. Deffner, arrested. The case was dismissed by Reichert without a trial, and George Deffner, Sr., brought the suit tried to-day before Judge Pfost to recover the property, claiming them as his own.

THE NEWS AT LEAVENWORTH.

Citizens Protest Against Misuse of Police Funds—Rapid Transit to Kansas City.

The expose in yesterday's Journal of the fact that two "unknowns" drew a monthly stipend of $60 each from the police fund caused considerable comment among those who were unaware of the fact. From the time when Governor Leedy appointed a metropolitan police board not a month has passed without a warrant being drawn for $120, the warrant stating "for two men in citizens' clothes." Before the reorganization of the present board the warrant was made out in favor of the third member of the commission, and now that he has become president of the board he continues to draw it as formerly.

No one is cognizant of the slightest service given in return for this $1,440 per year, which, it is generally believed, goes to reward some one for party service. In addition to the two credited in The Journal as receiving this "donation," several others have been mentioned in the same connection, and still others claim that it is divided among the members of the board, who are not averse to a slight increase in salary.

In addition to this robbery of the public funds, the board has found other methods of rewarding favorites and withholding money from the city treasury. The salary of the day and night sergeant was fixed at $65 per month, and for this amount a voucher is regularly drawn. In addition to this, another voucher for $10 per month is given them, which is charged to "extra services." Of what these extra services consist, unless it is in their ability to hold down an office chair, is one of the things past finding out. Two other patrolmen of the force are credited with "extra services," for which they are given $10 each per month.

When the present police board took charge of the police affairs it was announced that everything would be done openly and above board. They also announced that they would each month publish an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures, so that the public might be informed as to their transactions. This statement has not been issued and the general public are as much in the dark, with regard to the present board's management, as they were with that of their predecessors. The people of Leavenworth demand a change and insist upon the right of knowing what is done with the city's revenues.

Rapid Transit to Kansas City.

Before many months residents of Leavenworth and Kansas City will have a cheap and rapid method of communication between the two cities. The Kansas City & Leavenworth electric railroad, which recently secured a charter, proposes to bring about this condition of affairs. Colonel J. L. McKibben, one of the projectors and who is largely interested in the Home-Riverside coal mines, has spent considerable time in the East, perfecting the plans, which are now matured and a meeting of those interested is to be held this week at Kansas City.

The new company will try to secure possession of the present electric system in the city and it is learned that the projectors of the new road have made an offer of $175,000 cash for the property. Should they secure it, part of the track is to be taken up and the remainder operated in connection with the Kansas City line. The proposed line has been nearly all surveyed and the engineer corps is now in the field completing the work. The new company will reach the fort either over the present line or over that surveyed for the old Earle compressed air line. By February 1 it is proposed to put at least 50 men at work preparing the roadbed, which will be finished and the road in operation as soon as men and money can complete it. Arrangements have already been made with a Leavenworth man to visit the farmers along the proposed line and purchase the right of way. The company proposes to make the run between the two cities in forty-five minutes, and the fare for the round trip will be 50 cents. The roadway is to be laid with heavy iron, as the company intends using it for freight transportation of coal during the night. Bonds for the enterprise have been sold and all the cash needed is ready.

Jesse George Sued.

A suit was filed in the district court yesterday against Jesse George, the missing attorney, which places him in no very enviable light and, taken with other instances of like character, may account for his disappearance. The suit is brought by John Schneider, residing in North Leavenworth, and is to recover $450 and $27 interest. The petition states that George obtained this money in June, 1896, for the purpose of paying some court costs in a case in which Schneider was a party. It was not used for this purpose and the attorney told Schneider that he had placed it out at interest until March, 1897. From that time on he made several excuses about not returning the money, but when pressed for it promised to return it on the Thursday before he disappeared. The petition charges that he has absconded for the purpose of defrauding his creditors.

George borrowed $300 from Mrs. Thomas Ashby, residing on West Spruce street, and it was to be returned in ten days. At the end of this time, as the money was not forthcoming, Mrs. Ashby sent word that she wanted the money, and this too, was promised for the day before his mysterious disappearance. Unless the money was taken away with him, no one knows what became of it.

Christmas at the Cathedral.

Elaborate preparations have been made at the Cathedral for the proper observance of Christmas. Services will begin with high mass at 5 a. m., and low masses at 6:30 and 8 o'clock. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m., during which a sermon will be delivered by Chaplain Kinsella, of the Soldiers' home. The principal service will be at 5 a. m., at which the Very Rev. Vicar General J. F. Cunningham will officiate. Members of the junior choir will sing the Christmas carol, "Holy Night," and the full chorus, ably assisted, will produce the opus by Theodore Von La Hache, called "La Celebre Missa Pro Pace." For the offertory the junior choir will rendeg the Portuguese hymn, "Adeste Fidelis." After the service Frank N. Hair will play the "Hallelujah Chorus," from "Messiah," on the Miege memorial organ. The sanctuary will be profusely decorated with palms, holly and evergreens, and illuminated with incandescent lights and candles.

Grocer Fails.

D. M. Leonard, a grocer doing business at 200 North Broadway, failed yesterday, with liabilities of over $5,000. During the afternoon chattel mortgages were filed in favor of the Simpson Brick Press Company, $2,700; William Goldthwait, executor, $400; Boulling & Co., $1,679.56, and the Leavenworth National bank, $402.81. Kelley & Lysle Milling Company filed an attachment suit in the district court for $425.40. The stock is now in the hands of the creditors, and it is expected that a number of other claims will be presented.

Brief Mention.

After hearing several motions in the district court yesterday, Judge Myers discharged the jury until January 3, and adjourned court until that date. He said that all convicted prisoners who were not granted new trials would be sentenced on the Saturday preceding.

Pat Fitzsimmons furnished bail yesterday in the sum of $2,000 to answer in the district court to the charge of assault on Conductor Beene, of the Electric road, and was released from the county jail. Justice Bond remitted the fine and imprisonment in the contempt case.

Private Charles Edling, troop B, Sixth cavalry, at the Fort, is to be transferred to Company C, Twentieth infantry.

The children of the First Methodist Sunday school will present the Cantata "Santa Claus' Dream" in the church on Friday evening. At the close candy and fruit will be distributed among those present.

The jury in the state case against H. A. Poindextre, tried before Justice Bond yesterday, found him guilty, and he was fined $10 and costs. The suit for the possession of the farm will be tried Friday.

Judge Hawn granted marriage licenses yesterday to Ormond F. George, aged 21, and Della Man, aged 19; John F. Sanders, aged 24, and Lolla A. Buckley, aged 22; Frank F. Kerns, aged 26, and Mattie P. Norris, aged 22; Hesakiah Jordan, aged 19, and Estella M. Reardon, aged 17. The last named couple had the consent of their parents, and were married in open court.

Bert Steel, a small boy who claims to have run away from his home in the Indian Territory because his step-father wanted him to steal horses, is in the woman's department of the city jail. Yesterday he asked the jailer to write a letter to Santa Claus and tell him that he did not want his name to be forgotten.

Red Cross Club has arranged for a Christmas celebration and dance in Chickering hall on Friday evening.

First Lieutenant John P. Ryan, Sixth cavalry, is transferred from Troop A to Troop H, of the same regiment.

A concert and impersonations will be given for the benefit of the old soldiers in Franklin hall at the home, on Christmas eve. Upon the same evening Governor Rowland, with a delegation of the veterans, will go to Atchison to distribute Christmas presents to the members of the Soldiers' Orphans' home.

The coal miners of the south shafts were paid last night and those of the north shaft will be paid Saturday morning.

United States Deputy Marshal Jones, of Fort Scott, left for Washington, D. C., last night, having in charge an insane convict from the federal prison.

INDEPENDENCE.

Council Committee Will Hear Merchants Interested in Air Line Freight Service.

The committee appointed by the council to report on alleged differences in freight rates of the Air line and the Missouri Pacific is now ready to give hearings to merchants who have been affected by the stopping of the Air line freight service. A member of the committee visited several merchants yesterday, and the uniform answer was that there was no difference in freight rates, but as a matter of convenience the Air line was given the preference over the Missouri Pacific, because the Air line yards were more centrally located. The committee has extended a special invitation to all merchants of the city interested in shipping to appear before the committee.

W. A. Cunningham, a member of the committee, stated yesterday that the report of the committee would contain no recommendation either for or against reestablishment of the Air line freight service.

Moore-Rogers.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Moore, of this city, to Mr. Homer Rogers, was celebrated last evening at the home of the bride's parents, on Spring street. Only intimate friends and relatives were present. Rev. Mr. Ryland was the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will take a tour through the East, after which they will make their home in this city.

Religious Services Disturbed.

Edward Majors, Fred Brown and Page Hudson, of Grain Valley, were arraigned in Justice Jones' court yesterday afternoon charged with disturbing the religious services at the Christian church, in Grain Valley. They pleaded not guilty, and their cases were set for January 4.

Populist Committee to Meet.

M. B. Rice, chairman of the county committee of the Populist party, issued a call yesterday for a meeting of the committee to be held in this city the afternoon of December 29. The call announces the meeting is simply for the purpose of conference, as no business of special importance is to be taken up.

Several Christmas Marriages.

The mid-winter rush for marriage licenses is on at the recorder's office. Licenses were issued to the following yesterday: James M. Allen and Miss Mary Liddel, Samuel Hall and Nora Barber, Phillip Brown and Effie Newton, William Mann and Mattie Lee Corn, Charles Browning and Mary E. Snodgrass.

Independence News Notes.

The funeral of Mrs. W. J. Clow was held yesterday afternoon from the Latter Day Saints' church.

Mrs. Judge Lattimer yesterday afternoon slipped on the ice, severely cutting her head.

Gus Lee has opened up a cigar store on the south side of the square in the building occupied by Parker's barber shop.

McElroy Bros. have the largest line of candies and nuts in town. Bottom prices.

Officers of the Endowment Rank Knights of Pythias, elected Tuesday night were: R. J. Wirt, president; M. Peiser, secretary.

A game of basketball will be played to-night at Armory hall, the entire proceeds to be given to the King's Daughters' charitable fund.

The remains of Henry Fuller, who was crushed by a falling tree, near Courtney, were interred in the city cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Frank and Walter Gates, who are engaged in business in St. Louis, arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives.

The condition of Frank Paxton has not materially changed since yesterday.

Miss Mary Wood, who has been attending school at Marshall, Mo., has returned home for the holidays.

Charles C. Cassell and Miss Ellen Young were married last evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. G. T. Cassell, near Raytown. Rev. Mr. Charles Wallace performed the ceremony.

HAD A DETECTIVE'S BADGE.

Its Possession Gets Fred H. Jenkins, a Hoosier Countryman, Into a Cell at Police Station.

Fred Jenkins, a detective, believes he has been made the victim of professional jealousy. Fred is a big, raw-boned countryman, who claims to come from Indiana. He carries a badge and a certificate evidencing that he is authorized by the Universal Detective agency of Indianapolis to do any class of detective work. He drifted into the Helping Hand institute last night and, after looking over some hard-visaged men about the place, confided to Terry Brigham the fact that he was a detective, and suggested that he be employed to watch them. The police have been looking for a man with a detective's badge, who has been holding bartenders and cigar dealers up for drinks and cigars, and Mr. Brigham called a policeman, who took the detective to Central station, where he was held for investigation.

Dexterity of Cigarettemakers.

So great is the dexterity of the employes in cigarette manufactories, acquired by long continued practice, that some workers make between 2,000 and 3,000 cigarettes daily—and being paid by piecework at so much per 1,000 earn about $6 weekly.

Salt Mountain of San Domingo.

In the island of San Domingo there is a remarkable salt mountain, nearly four miles long, estimated to contain nearly 90,000,000 tons, and so clear that medium-sized print can be read through a block a foot thick.

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RAILWAYS ONLY PROJECTED

ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION DURING CURRENT YEAR WAS SMALL.

Eleven States and Territories Added No Mileage and Five Others Less Than One and One-fourth Miles—Railroad News.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The Railway Age makes the following statement of new railway lines built in the year 1897:

While the year 1897 has shown larger railway earnings and better business conditions than its immediate predecessor, the marked improvement in the financial outlook did not begin early enough in the year for the completion of many new railway undertakings, and so it now appears that, although much construction work is under way, the mileage of track actually laid is but little greater than that for the preceding year. The lowest point in twenty years, in respect to railway building, was reached in 1895, when only 1,861 miles of track were added, and 1897 has done a little better, the total now reported to us being 1,864 miles. California stands first with 210 miles laid on different roads, and no track was laid in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Indian Territory, Arizona, Wyoming and Nevada—and five other states barely escaped from this category by getting credit for from half a mile to a mile and a quarter each. At the beginning of 1898, the United States will have 184,464 miles of completed railway.

PASSENGER MEN ADJOURN.

December 22 They Agree to Re-establish Agreement of December 4.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—The Western Passenger Association meeting, begun in this city yesterday, adjourned this afternoon. The question of inaugurating some new plan for the sale of homeseekers' excursion tickets, whereby none but bona fide homeseekers could take advantage of the tickets, was taken up again this morning and, after a lively discussion, no agreement was reached. A proposition that was advanced was to restrict the sale of these tickets to party rate tickets, the parties to consist of three or more. The proposition was not approved, and homeseekers' excursions will be run on the old plan during the winter, by the Southern and Southwestern lines, but the Northern and Northwestern lines will stop them.

Regarding the Kansas City-St. Louis and Kansas City-Chicago rate situation, the lines interested agreed to strengthen the agreement of December 4 to prevent dealings with scalpers, and the paying of excessive commissions to agents.

The California rate situation was referred to a committee of Western and Missouri river lines with instructions to report in the near future.

Nothing was done regarding the North Pacific coast-rate situation.

The association allowed a rate of 1½ cents on the certificate plan to the stock growers' convention, which meets in Denver in January.

A rate of 1½ cents was allowed for parties of not less than 100 to the spring meetings of the Merchants and Travelers' convention in St. Louis and Chicago. On parties of not less than 500 a rate of 1 1-5 was allowed.

Special Christmas rates from Kansas City to St. Louis, Chicago and Omaha were made.

INTERESTING REPORTS.

Relief, Pension and Savings Features of Baltimore & Ohio Employes' Associations.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 22.—The board of directors of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, which was elected by the stockholders at the seventy-first annual meeting, held last November, met to-day and organized for the ensuing year, by electing John K. Cowen president.

The report of the Baltimore & Ohio Relief Association shows receipts during the year ending June 30, 1897, of $1,189,993.04, and disbursements and liabilities of $787,512.88. The assets over liabilities on June 30, 1897, were $623,315.56.

The benefits paid on account of accident and natural sickness amounted to $381,481.58. The benefits paid during the seventeen years of its existence amount to $5,467,869.15. The membership averages 25,713.

The pension department of the association has 202 on the rolls, and the amount paid out during the year was $46,746.82, the total payments to date being $354,128.02.

The savings feature report show deposits during the year of $240,775.07, or a total of $2,973,679.57 since May, 1880. The amount loaned during the year was $192,391.85, or $2,089,437.85 since May, 1880. These loans have been expended in building 985 houses, buying 965 houses, improving 216 houses already owned, and releasing liens on 477 houses. There was an extra dividend of 1½ per cent declared, bringing the total dividends paid to depositors up to 5½ per cent, 4 per cent being guaranteed by the association.

THREE ROADS' STATEMENTS.

Increased Earnings for Lake Shore—Decrease for Michigan Central and Canada Southern.

New York, Dec. 22.—The directors of the Lake Shore, the Canada Southern and the Michigan Central railways have declared the regular semi-annual dividends on the stocks of their respective companies.

The estimated statement of Lake Shore for the year ending December 31, 1897, compared with 1896, showed the following: Gross earnings, $20,293,013; increase, $87,009; net earnings, $6,895,128; increase, $308,625; surplus after charges, $778,458; increase, $724,099.

The estimated statement of the Michigan Central and the Canada Southern for the year ending December 31, 1897, as compared with 1896, follows: Gross earnings, $13,650,000; decrease, $188,000; operating expenses, $10,183,000; decrease, $152,000; net, $3,447,000; decrease, $36,000; surplus over charges to Michigan Central, $750,000; decrease, $21,000; to Canada Southern, $282,000; decrease, $14,000.

GILLHAM AND BROWN CONFER.

Arrange for Port Arthur Route to Use the Burlington Bridge at Quincy.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—General Manager Brown, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and General Manager Gillham, of the Port Arthur route, have been in consultation here concerning terminal facilities in this city. Mr. Brown stated that he was here on invitation from Mr. Gillham to talk over the question of a division of the earnings at this point and to come to an agreement with the Port Arthur people in reference to their using the Burlington tracks in and out of the city.

Mr. Gillham later gave it out that the Port Arthur route would continue to use the Burlington bridge here, and that no bridge would now be built by the Port Arthur people. He also intimated that his road would use the new depot of the Burlington when completed.

MAY BOLSTER UP RATES.

East Bound and West Bound Situations Considered at Trunk Line Presidents' Meeting.

New York, Dec. 22.—The presidents of the trunk lines and their associates held a prolonged meeting at the rooms of the Trunk Line Association to-day for the purpose of considering east and west bound rates. The meeting was adjourned until to-morrow morning without any definite results having been reached. This meeting is of especial importance because an effort is being made to restore west bound rates and have them rigidly enforced. It is anticipated that the result of the meeting will be a general increase in rates, as this is regarded as an especially propitious time for an increase. The matter, it is said, rests largely with the Pennsylvania and New York Central roads.

STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET.

Will Ratify Action Recommended by Omaha, Kansas City & Eastern Directors.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Omaha, Kansas City & Eastern Railroad Company will be held at the offices of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Trust Company to-day to vote on a proposition to increase the capital stock of the company from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000, to ratify the action of the directors of the company in issuing first mortgage bonds to buy equipment and to build bridges, tracks, etc., and to vote on a proposition to issue second mortgage bonds at the rate of $15,000 a mile for the same purposes. It is understood the meeting will formally ratify all of these propositions, which are favored by the directors, and that most of the stockholders will be represented by proxy.

GRAIN RATES GO DOWN.

Joint Traffic Managers Make Cuts From Chicago and Mississippi River.

New York, Dec. 22.—The board of managers of the Joint Traffic Association to-day made a ruling reducing the rate from 22½ cents to 20 cents on domestic and export wheat, oats, rye and barley and their products and corn products from Chicago east bound. A reduction from 22½ cents to 17½ cents was made on export and domestic corn from Chicago, as was also a 15½ cent proportional rate on export corn, only, from all points on the east bank of the Mississippi, to cover shipments from points beyond. The new rates are to take effect January 1.

Heavy Holiday Traffic.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The general merchandise business on the various railroads centering in Chicago has increased very largely within the last ten days. The increase is due, of course, to the holiday trade, but the increase is fully 50 per cent over the increase of last year. The passenger traffic for the holidays has not begun to move in any volume as yet, but all of the roads say that they are looking for a much heavier traffic than at this time last year.

Northwestern Earnings.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The gross earnings of the Northwestern road for the month of November were $2,204,711, an increase of $225,877 over the same month of last year. From June 1 to November 30, the gross earnings of the road were $19,376,680, an increase of $2,215,898.

Railroad Notes.

George H. Foote, district passenger agent of the Milwaukee, returned yesterday from St. Louis.

H. C. Orr, general passenger agent of the Pittsburg & Gulf, returned yesterday from St. Louis.

A. B. Bridges, division freight and passenger agent of the Milwaukee, will return this morning from an extended Eastern trip.

B. P. Humphrey, traveling passenger agent of the Lake Shore, has returned from a Southwestern trip. He visited Arizona, Mexico and New Mexico. His traveling grip was stolen in Sonora.

George Gould said yesterday that he had not heard before of the story that on March 1 S. H. H. Clark was to succeed him as president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, and that the story to that effect from Salt Lake was news to him.

Daniel W. Lawler, general solicitor of the Maple Leaf road, Frank R. Kellogg, general attorney, and C. Shields, general superintendent of the same company, were at the Coates House last evening. They have been West for the past week, and are now on their way home.

Notice was posted in the Union Pacific shops at Laramie, Wyo., yesterday, stating that work would be discontinued until January 1, 1898. Shopmen will work only four days per week, seven hours per day. All car repairers and carpenters were laid off a few days ago till notified. There is said to be plenty of work for the force of men employed at present, and the reason for the cut is not understood.

MR. GAGE TO MR. GOMPERS.

The Secretary of the Treasury Replies to the A. F. L. Resolutions of Denunciation.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Gage has written the following letter to President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor:

"I have read with care the resolutions adopted the 20th inst. at Nashville by the convention of the Federation of Labor, which recite as follows:

"'Resolved, That we declare ourselves most positively opposed to the Gage financial bill recently introduced in congress by the secretary of the treasury. It is a measure that, if adopted as a law, will only the more firmly rivet the gold standard on the people of the country and perpetuate its disastrous effects in every form.

"'Resolved, That we pronounce the Gage bill an undisguised effort to retire our greenback currency and all government paper money, with a view to the substitution of national bank notes in their stead, and thus fasten the national bank system for years upon the American people.'

"Now, if it be true that the gold standard—by which things have been measured as to price for the last sixty years in this country—is inimical to the interests of the laboring classes of the United States, then I think it is inimical to all classes. In other words, I do not believe that the exploitation of one class by another, either through false weights, partial laws or a bad monetary system, can be made to work for the permanent benefit of the exploiting class itself, or for the general weal, even were it defensible on any ground of right or justice, which it is not. Granted, therefore, that the permanence of the gold standard for which I argue operates in this evil direction, then your resolutions of condemnation are well founded, and I am justly charged either with an ignorance which constitutes me a foolish adviser, or with a perversity of motive which makes me an evil adviser.

"I have a right to disavow the charge of perversity or evil purpose, since there is nothing in my whole life, as related to my fellow men, either in word or deed, from which the possession by me of such characteristics can be inferred, much less demonstrated.

"But ignorance often unconsciously works as deep injury as evil intent might do, and to this sin of ignorance, if it be a sin, I must confess myself to be a possible victim. In confession, however, I might not to classify me as separate from my fellow men generally, whether they be consid