NEW ELECTRIC ROAD PLANS.

POWER HOUSE TO BE BUILT AT LAWRENCE.

Kaw River Will Be Dammed Ten Miles West of This City to Furnish Additional Power—Officers for First Year.

The stockholders of the Kansas City, Lawrence & Topeka Electric Railway and Power Company met yesterday morning in the offices of Attorneys McGrew, Watson & Watson, in Kansas City, Kas., and elected these officers for the ensuing year:

President—E. B. Purcell, Manhattan, Kas.

Secretary—J. G. Johns, Galveston, Tex.

Treasurer—James Haggart, Kansas City, Kas.

Assistant secretary—E. G. Anderson, Kansas City, Kas.

If the plans formulated by the company are carried into execution, and there seems to be little doubt that they will, the two Kansas Citys, Lawrence, Topeka, and, in fact, the entire Kaw river bottoms, will be greatly benefited. The company proposes to build a double track electric railroad from Kansas City to Topeka, taking in the most fertile sections of the Kaw bottoms. Both passenger and light freight traffic will be catered to, as one of the principal aims the company has is to develop the Kaw bottoms. It is said that certain capitalists interested in the road own vast tracts of land lying in this section of the state.

While the double track electric railroad is to be the principal enterprise of the company, yet the company has back of this something which promises to be of equally as much importance to the two Kansas Citys as the railroad. The company proposes to build a big dam in the Kaw river about ten miles west of Kansas City, Kas., to enable it to furnish motive power for a mammoth electric power plant which will supply cheap electrical motor power for manufacturing nidustries in the two Kansas Citys. In addition to supplying the two cities with motor power the company will compete with the local electric light companies in furnishing the two cities with electrical illumination.

The new company will not depend upon this plant for power with which to operate its railroad. A contract has been entered into, so it is claimed, with J. D. Bowersock, owner of the Lawrence dam, whereby the company is to use that dam to furnish power for a big power house to be built there. From this power house the company will get its power to operate its railroad. It is possible, however, that in later years all the power will be secured from the one mammoth power house to be built ten miles from Kansas City, Kas.

The exact terms by which Mr. Bowersock has agreed to lease the Lawrence dam to the company is not known, but it is stated by a member of the company that the mule car line at Lawrence will be converted into an electric street car line and the power for its operation will be donated by the company.

The company has not yet decided upon the route to be taken from Kansas City, or at least it is not ready to be made public. Three surveys have been made, and it is claimed that the company has assurances from the property owners along all three routes that they will gladly donate the right-of-way. Of course, the route selected will depend upon the cost of constructing the road and the territory to be traversed. Attorney Henry McGrew, of Kansas City, Kas., who is interested in the company and assisted in securing the charter and getting the company organized, was seen by a reporter for The Journal last night, and said the route of the new road would be decided upon in the next few days and that representatives would be detailed to secure the right-of-way. He states that the contract for the construction of the road has practically been let to Cannon Bros. of Galveston, Tex., owners of the Texas Central railroad.

At yesterday's meeting, Attorneys A. N. Gossett, of this city; Howell Jones, of Topeka, and E. G. Anderson, of Kansas City, Kas., were appointed a committee of three to draft by-laws for the company which are to be acted upon at the next meeting, to be held in the near future.

ALDERMEN REMAIN AWAY.

Upper House Adjourns for Lack of Quorum—Lower House Does Little Business.

The absence of Aldermen Morgan, Munson, Johnson and Morrison prevented the transaction of any business in the upper house of the city council at the special session last night. The meeting was called to order and immediately adjourned for lack of a quorum.

In the lower house Mr. Burrows was the only absentee. The upper house measure giving the city treasurer an additional clerk to look after Westport matters was taken up and Alderman Simonds moved a suspension of the rules in order that it might be put on final passage.

Mr. Lynch, in opposing the ordinance, said he was in the treasurer's office yesterday and saw several idle clerks. This brought Mr. Simonds to his feet. "The Westport records are in bad shape," he said, "and this clerk is needed. Treasurer Green is a conscientious, faithful official and he would not ask for this clerk were he not necessary. It is proposed to employ Mr. Love, who was city clerk of Westport and is familiar with the records there and can straighten them out."

"If the records are in such bad shape," replied Mr. Lynch, "I don't see what is to be gained by employing the man whose duty it was to keep them straight."

By a vote of four to three the ordinance went to the committee.

The upper house ordinance appropriating $89.84 to pay off the judgment against Westport for a typewriter was passed. Troost avenue was ordered repaved with asphalt and the sidewalks curbed from Sixth to Eighth streets, and Indiana avenue paved from Seventh to Ninth streets. The plat of Linwood annex to the city was approved.

TO AMEND CITY CHARTER.

Requirement That Notice Be Given Mayor of Injuries Before Damage Suits Are Filed.

Alderman Brown, of the upper house, has filed his proposed amendment to the city charter providing for the giving of notice of injuries to the mayor by persons claiming damages as a condition precedent to the filing of suits against the city. The following is the main feature of the proposed amendment:

"No action shall be maintained against the city on account of any injuries growing out of any defect in the condition of any bridge, street, sidewalk, or thoroughfare in the city, unless notice shall first have been given in writing, verified by affidavit, to the mayor within sixty days of the occurrence for which such damage is claimed, stating the place and the circumstances of the injury, and that the person so injured will claim damages for such injuries, but notice shall not be required when the person shall, in consequence thereof, be bereft of reason."

It is estimated that the adoption of this amendment would result in the saving of thousands of dollars to the city annually. It is contended that often, as matters now stand, the first information to the city of such injuries received is when suits are filed and when it is too late fr the city to ascertain any facts bearing upon the matter, leaving it practically at the mercy of the plaintiff and unable to disprove the testimony given to support claims for damages.

COUNCIL ABSENTEES.

List Shows That Many Will Draw Pay for a Good Many Meetings Yet to Come.

Under the city charter aldermen are only allowed compensation for sixty council meetings each fiscal year and their pay is fixed at $5 per session. The meeting last Monday night was the sixtieth during the present fiscal year and had all the members attended each session they would not be entitled to further compensation. The records show, however, that all members have missed one or more meetings. Messrs. Munson, Pendergast, Lynch, Wolf and Beroth have missed one meeting each; Simonds, 2; Craig, Smith, Morrison and Seddon, 3 each; Brown and Brinkley, 4; Morgan and Wyne 5 each; Eyssell and Jewell, 6; Burrows, 7; Hough, 11, and Johnston, 18 meetings. The session of last night completed the sixtieth for the first named and they must serve the city without compensation during the remainder of the present fiscal year.

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Big Water Receipts.

Clerk Squier, in charge of the water rental department of the city, stated yesterday that collections for the first quarter in the present year had already reached $50,000 wih many of the railways and the Metropolitan Water Company yet to hear from. "These figures," said he, "represent the largest collections for a similar period in the history of the city and the money has been paid with far more cheerfulness and less kicking than was ever known. The outlook now is that we will have to cut off very few of the patrons to enforce payments."

Abstract Men Would Take the Earth.

Secretary R. M. Godfrey, of the board of public works, yesterday did a little figuring in order to ascertain just what sort of an increase the abstract combine proposed to make in its charges for city work. The records show that during 1897 the city paid the abstract people $459.62, at the rate of 14 cents for each name furnished. Had the rates it is now proposed to charge applied, the cost to the city would have been $3,283.

Getting Into Line on the Smoke.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway yesterday notified Superintendent Love that it was at work equipping its switch and road engines with smoke consumers. The Northeast Electric line also informs the department that it is equipping its machinery plant with anti-smoke devices.

Mayor Signs the Gas Ordinance.

Mayor Jones yesterday approved the new gas ordinance and it is now a law. The newly created position of second assistant gas inspector is to be filled by Inspector McClure and Mayor Jones. There are some twenty-five applicants for the place.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Mr. Walker Whiteside will play a brief engagement at the Coates the coming week, opening Monday evening. The repertory will be as follows: Monday, "Hamlet"; Tuesday, "Richelieu"; Wednesday afternoon, "The Merchant of Venice," and Wednesday night, "Othello." Mr. Whiteside will be supported by a good company, including Charles D. Herman, J. M. Sturgeon, James Cooper, J. M. Salapolis, J. L. Saphore, Lelia Wolstan, Ola Humphreys and Antonette Walker. The sale of seats will open this morning.

The latter half of next week the Coates will be occupied by Herbert Kelcey, Effie Shannon and an excellent company in the new and successful play, "A Coat of Many Colors," written by Madeline Lucette Riley, author of some of the most delightful comedies of recent years.

Mme. Scalchi, the famous operatic artist, and her company of grand opera artists, will give Kansas City the most worthy operatic concert of many years. The date of the engagement is Thursday matinee, January 27, and will be given at the Coates opera house. Aside from the presentation of one act from "Trovatore" and one from "Martha," there will be a fine miscellaneous concert in which all the artists will take part. First of all there will be the most famous contralto of the age, Mme. Sofia Scalchi. She will sing an aria from "The Huguenots" and several other of her celebrated numbers. Mlle. Toulinguet, the great soprano, who was the leading artist of the Mapleson Imperial opera company last year, will also sing some favorite old English songs, as well as some of the most popular of the grand opera numbers. Mlle. du Bedat, Thomas McQueen and Signor Alberti will also be heard in the operas and the concert part.

Murray and Mack, in their familiar farce comedy, "Finnegan's Courtship," will open a week's engagement at the Grand Sunday afternoon, with a company including Oscar Hall, Charles Morgan, Frank Watters, John Hill, Al Larue, Charles Hilliard, Gracie Cummings, Gracie Tyson, Lola Marrissee, Stella Deane, Dolly Delroy, Bessie Varse, Daisy Cook, Lillian Gale, the Trumbull sisters and Delmore and Wilson.

"Killarney and the Rhine" will follow "Town Topics" at the Ninth Street.

The Apollo Club, with Mrs. Katherine Bloodgood as soloist, will give its first concert of the present season at the Coates opera house to-night.

There will be a matinee performance of "The Girl I Left Behind Me" at the Grand to-day.

During the past year the little kingdom of Sweden has been placed before the eyes of the world more than ever before since the days of Gustaf Vasa. The press of this country has lately been full of comments concerning its people and royalty, in consequence of the world's exposition that was held there during the past year.

Next Friday evening an opportunity will be given the people of Kansas City to listen to one of the greatest orators of Swedish descent in America, Dr. C. A. Swensson, president of Bethany College and Conservatory of Music, at Lindsborg, Kas., and with him, in imagination, take a trip through this land of the Vikings.

With Dr. Swensson will be three of the faculty of Bethany Conservatory of Music, who will entertain with musical selections of the highest order. The lecture and concert will take place at the Academy of Music, Thirteenth and McGee streets. The following programme will be given:

"The Muleteer of Tarragona" (Henrion), Samuel Thorstenberg.

"Hungarian Rhapsodie" (Hauser), Theodore Lindberg.

"Bohemians' Grief" (Stoltz), Charles D. Wagstaff.

Lecture, "Travels in Sweden," Carl A. Swensson, Ph. D.

"Ernani Paraphrase" (Verdi-Liszt), Samuel Thorstenberg.

"Zegeuner-Weisen" (Sarasate), Theodore Lindberg.

Ensemble, air and cadenza, "Il Trovatore" (Verdi).

Chorus, "Song of the Vikings" (Faning).

THIS BABY A PROPHETESS.

Winnifred Cline, 3 Years Old, Makes Predictions Which Invariably Prove True.

Winnifred Cline, a 3-year-old Chicago girl, is a prophetess who knows naturally what is to happen. In addition to this the little girl shows evidences of an extraordinary memory.

Her vocabulary is substantially the same as that of a well informed person of mature years. Only in the juvenile quality of her voice does her serious conversation reveal the child; her pronunciation is distinctly free from any and all of those little deficiencies and eccentricities that constitute what is termed "baby talk."

Winnifred's thoughts and visions naturally are concerned mostly with such matters as household discussion brings before her attention. Perhaps the most frequent prophecy is of a visit from an unexpected guest, or of the fact that an expected visitor will not come.

In the late presidential campaign, Mr. Cline and Mr. McNaily, his father-in-law, were ardent supporters of the cause that the majority subsequently decided to be mistaken.

"Mr. Bryan will not be elected," Winnifred firmly asserted. "Mr. McKinley will be the next president."

Her relatives tried to talk her out of the idea, but she resolutely persisted in it. At the time when she first made the statement she was just completing her second year. Winnifried can tell when a letter may be expected from her father, who travels a great deal, and her prophecies invariably come true. She predicts when friends and relatives will write, and sometimes what they will write. If a guest is expected she tells whether he will come or not, what his mood will be and subjects most likely to be discussed, and is invariably right.

General Snow in Kansas.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 19.—(Special.) Reports received at the Santa Fe and Rock Island general offices show that the snow storm is general in Kansas to-day. From a half-inch to three inches has fallen. The snow is not drifting, and trains are therefore not delayed. The snow is a great thing for the growing wheat.

CITY NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

Sixteen cars of salt and fourteen hogsheads of earthenware were received at the custom house yesterday.

At the last meeting of Kansas City district court 486, Court of Honor, an elegant delegate's badge was presented to General F. W. Averill, the presentation speech being made by Dr. J. H. Smith.

TWO WOMEN OUTWIT THIEVES

EXCITING EXPERIENCE OF MRS. R. P. GRAFF AND HER DAUGHTER.

Quick Wit of Miss Bee Graff, Backed Up by the Coolness and Bravery of Her Mother, Rids Their Home of Two Robbers.

The house of R. P. Graff, at 728 Lydia avenue, was invaded by two burly negroes bent on robbery Tuesday evening, and but for the quick wit of Miss Bee Graff, 16 years old, and the bravery of Mrs. Graff, the thieves would undoubtedly have made a rich haul. Mr. Graff is head city salesman for the Ridenour-Baker Grocery Company and is well known in this city.

Mrs. Graff has been ill for some time. She was lying on a cot in one of the rooms upstairs at about 6 o'clock Tuesday night. Her daughter, Bee, was in the parlor downstairs when there came a knock at the front door. Mrs. Graff had placed an advertisement in the evening newspapers for a servant and Miss Graff supposed the knock was made by an applicant for the place. She opened the door to be confronted by a big black negro.

"Good evening, miss," said the negro, politely, "is your pa at home?"

"No, he isn't here," was the reply.

"When will he be at home?" asked the negro.

"He usually arrives about 7 o'clock," was the answer.

"Well, said the negro gruffly, his manner changing instantly, "that's all I want to know."

Before Miss Graff could slam the door shut the negro slipped in and grabbed her, pushing her against the wall. Another negro, with a long scar running down one side of his face, whom she had not seen before, pushed into the house, carefully closed the door and started down the hallway. Miss Graff was badly frightened, more on her mother's account than on her own. She could watch the movements of the scar-faced negro in a piece of glass that stood in the hall. She saw his enter the sitting room and start across the room to two doors that are in the wall side by side. One of the doors opens to a flight of steps that lead up to the room where Mrs. Graff was, and the other door opens to a flight of steps that led to the kitchen in the basement. Miss Graff was fearful lest the negro would open the door leading upstairs, but as luck would have it he opened the door leading to the kitchen.

There were no lights in the basement and he hesitated about starting down. In that one moment of doubt he paved the way to his undoing. The negro who had pinioned Miss Graff to the wall held her there by placing his arms straight out before him and confining her in the space between them. He took a small stickpin from her collar, and kept cautioning her to be quiet, as they intended no harm to her.

When the marauder with the scar face paused at the top of the cellar steps Miss Graff dodged down from under the arms of the negro who was guarding her and ran lightly down the hall and across the sitting room. She had almost reached the negro at the steps, when a half turned to see what the commotion was. Just as he turned his head she ran into him with her outstretched arms and he toppled over into the darkness and went tumbling down the stairs. Miss Graff slammed the door and bolted it just as the other negro ran to her side cursing her for her impudence. Miss Graff screamed as he drew near and her mother, who had been apprised by the unusual noise that something was wrong, hurried down to the sitting room with her husband's revolver in her hand. She opened the door beside the one her daughter had bolted just as the second negro reached her daughter.

"Throw up your hands!" commanded Mrs. Graff, pointing the revolver at the negro, who was taken completely by surprise at her sudden appearance.

He lost no time in obeying the command. "Don't shoot, missus; don't shoot," he pleaded. "I'll go 'way if you won't shoot."

Keeping him covered with the revolver, Mrs. Graff made him walk with his arms above his head to the front door, which he opened, and then disappeared in the darkness. The strain upon the two women had been terrific during their brief encounter, and when it was all over they both gave way to a specie of nervous hysteria. They believed the negro who had been thrown into the kitchen was still there, and were fearful that he would come upstairs and break in the door and murder them.

It was a blessed relief to the women when Mr. Graff arrived at 7 o'clock. He was told what had taken place and lost no time in going down into the kitchen. It was empty. The negro had made his exit through a side door.

"It was one of the most outrageous pieces of business I ever heard of," said Mr. Graff yesterday. "I have lived in Kansas City for twelve years and things have come to a pretty pass when thieves become so bold that they will enter a man's home in the central part of town at that hour of the day and terrorize women. What is the police force doing? This is what comes of compromising with criminals—what comes of petitions to governors. It's a shame and a disgrace. No man's family is safe in this town after sunset. I regret that my wife did not pull the trigger when she had the revolver pointed at the heart of that big, black brute."

A description of the negroes was furnished all of the police, including the twelve politicians recently placed on the force by Messrs. Scarritt and Gregory. Mr. Graff said he thought it advisable for men who have to be away from their families after sunset to furnish them with firearms so that they will be prepared to combat the daring band of thieves that now infests the city.

THE NEWS AT LEAVENWORTH.

Police Officers Commended for Doing Their Duty—Wheat Prospects Good—Other News Items.

Police Officers McDonald and Coldren hve been called on the carpet, for their audacity in arresting the two young society swells, who gave their names as "Bill Adler" and "Harry Adams." These members of the upper tendom imagined that they were made of better clay than the ordinary society of mortals, and the contaminating touch of a policeman's hand was more than their proud spirits could brook. They filed a complaint with the board of police commissioners against these officers, who were invited to meet the president of the board and the chief in the latter's office. Here they told their story, which, being borne out by facts, resulted in the approval of the officers' action, much to the disgust of the sports, who sought their removal.

During their mad career, prior to their arrest, they demolished a bureau, valued at $25, in a disreputable house on Choctaw street. The madame has placed a bill for that amount in the hands of a deputy constable and unless the money is forthcoming, will swear out a state complaint against the pair. Should this be done it will cause more than a nine days' sensation and result rather unpleasantly for one of the participants, who might have to undergo the ordeal of a general court-martial.

Deceived in Her Spouse.

January 1, 1898, Edith M. Worthington and John W. Winters were married, after an acquaintance of over two years. Yesterday Mrs. Worthington instituted divorce proceedings against her spouse, alleging that she had been basely deceived. In her petition she alleges that Worthington had led her to believe that he was in good health and well able to perform the duties of a husband. After her marriage, she states, she found that he was subject to fits, was debilitated and unable to perform his marital duties. She also complained that he was disgusting to her, and asked for an absolute divorce and restoration of her maiden name. She is but 16, while Worthington is 60, and an old soldier. She alleges that he has some property and asks the court to award her alimony.

Another woman who had found marriage to be a failure and applied for divorce was Mollie B. Storms, the defendant being Henry Storms. She was married March 24, 1896, and, in her petition she alleges that she has been an abandoned wife for more than a year. She also alleges that her husband failed to provide her with proper food, clothing and shelter, and states that if it had not been for the assistance of relatives and friends, she would have suffered the pangs of absolute want.

Mattox Has Departed.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Sadie W. Hatch and her son, Clyde Mattox, left the city, their destination being Topeka. During the entire day the pair avoided reporters and when accosted refused to talk for publication. During yesterday forenoon the pair did considerable shopping, during which time Mattox met several who had known him in former days.

Horse and Phaeton Stolen.

When J. M. Pickarts went to his barn yesterday morning he made the rather unwelcome discovery that his best horse was missing. Fresh tracks leading from the barn caused him to make an investigation, when it was found that a phaeton had also disappeared. The police were at once notified and search instituted. The tracks of the phaeton were followed from Eighteenth and Dakota streets south to Shawnee street, where they were lost. The supposition is that the horse and rig were stolen by the three convicts who made their escape from the federal penitentiary.

Wheat in Good Condition.

John M. Cory, one of the leading farmers of Leavenworth county, was in the city yesterday, and was seen by The Journal correspondent. In reply to a question as to how the wheat outlook was Mr. Cory said: "The wheat in my section is in an excellent condition, and shows up much better than for years, at this season. The weather we have had has just been right for the crop, and from present indications the coming yield will exceed that for years." Mr. Cory stated that the acreage put in would greatly exceed that of a year ago, and that he believed that Leavenworth county would turn out an immense wheat crop.

More Prisoners Coming.

Warden French, of the federal penitentiary, has received word from the department of justice that thirty prisoners will arrive here this month. They will come from the Northern district of the Indian Territory. The warden has received a letter from Major Strong, agent of the department of justice, asking if he could receive at least thirty prisoners per month. In reply he quoted the discharges during the last half of the fiscal year, which averaged twenty-eight per month.

Lige Harlan, who had been sent up from Paul's Valley, I. T., was released yesterday. He had served two and one-half years for larceny, and on his release left for his home.

Brief Mention.

The testimony in the case of Lawrence Brady against the Leavenworth Terminal Railway and Bridge Company was concluded yesterday and arguments will begin this morning. During the afternoon the jury was taken out to view the culvert, which is alleged to have caused the damage.

A marriage license was granted yesterday to Merritt L. Frazer, aged 29, and Anna C. Klemp, aged 29. Miss Klemp is the daughter of H. W. Klemp, one of the leading manufacturers in the city.

The divorce cases of Isaac N. Collyer against Margaret Collyer and Robert Bradley against Mollie Bradley will come up for trial in the district court to-day.

During the past two days the county treasurer has paid county warrants amounting to about $22,000. The quarterly expenses of the county amount to about $30,000.

Fred Bracy has received a letter from the City of Mexico asking him to make another shipment of fighting chickens.

City Collector Joseph Dreer has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted by the mayor.

The Civic Federation will meet to-night, and it is expected that some action will be taken looking to the abrogation of the metropolitan police law.

INDEPENDENCE.

Five Holes Five Feet Deep and Five Feet Square May Solve a Mystery.

Fred Walters, who resides on the Gates farm, south of Independence, reported to the police yesterday that Monday night, from dusk until 9 o'clock, he saw a light in the woods to the south of his house, and yesterday morning was surprised to find five holes in the ground, each about five feet deep and five feet square. Underbrush had been cleared away before the digging took place. Mr. Walters is of the opinion that someone was trying to locate buried treasure. The spot is not far from the scene of recent train robberies.

Death of Marcus Scholl.

Marcus Scholl, a pioneer and highly respected citizen of Jackson county, died yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at his home on South Osage street, of heart disease. Mr. Scholl had been a resident of Jackson county since 1849. He settled on a farm southwest of this city. Fifteen years ago he engaged in the grocery business. Mrs. Scholl, who is quite old, survives him. He had one daughter, Mrs. Moses Masters, who resides on South Pleasant street. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Christian church. The deceased was president of the board of elders of this church for many years. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Proctor, a life-time pastor and friend of the family. Interment will be at the city cemetery. Mr. Scholl at the time of his death was 72 years of age. He was born near Winchester, Ky.

Morgan-Pettingill.

Miss Mary Morgan, of this city, and Mr. Frank Hervey Pettingill, of Colorado Springs, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, by the Rev. Mr. A. D. Madeira, at the home of the bride on West Maple avenue. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only the bride's relatives and intimate acquaintances witnessing the ceremony. Last evening the bridal couple left for a trip through Florida. They will reside in Colorado Springs. The groom is a banker and broker at Colorado Springs.

Ex-Presidential Candidate Here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Streeter, of Murphy county, Ill., are the guests of C. M. Coe and family. Mr. Streeter is en route to Arizona for his health. He was candidate for president of the United States on the labor ticket in 1888.

Independence News Notes.

The Independence art class held a meeting Tuesday night.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Isabel Kelley to R. J. Stewart at the Catholic church January 26.

Dr. Johnson will lecture to-night at the Baptist church.

The trustees of the Maple Avenue M. E. church have filed a claim with the city council for $1,000 damages from the change of the grade of Maple avenue. A deep cut was made in front of the church property.

The city counselor has been asked to investigate the status of the franchise under which the electric line operates in the city.

Edward Brown was sent to the county jail yesterday for ten days for disturbing the peace.

A. Denton, who has been in Independence for several days visiting friends, has returned to his home at Butler, Mo.

W. Strohn, of Correctionville, Ia., is the guest of Charles T. Faust and family in Vernon place.

Miss Costello, of Liberty, Mo., is the guest of Miss Georgia Walte at her home on West Maple avenue.

MISS M'KENNA PRESENTED.

Attorney General and Mrs. McKenna Introduce Their Second Daughter to Washington Society.

The attorney general and Mrs. McKenna at their home in Washington, presented their second daughter, Miss Marie McKenna, at a 5 o'clock tea Tuesday afternoon, which was attended by the most prominent members of official, diplomatic and resident society. The drawing room was decked with flowers and tropical plants and clusters of roses, orchids and violets were displayed upon the piano. The tea table was appointed in green and white. Annunciation lilies and ferns, with white and green shaded candles, made the decoration. The debutante, with her mother, was assisted by Miss McKenna and Miss Mary Barbee, Miss Mabel McKinley and Miss Helen Long.

Miss McKenna, who is a tall, handsome girl, with an abundance of light hair, wore a gown of white satin with a bodice of chiffon made decollete, and carried a bunch of orchids and lilies of the valley, sent by President and Mrs. McKinley.

GENERAL HANCOCK'S CHAIR.

It Is Now Used by Chief Quarles, of the Kansas City, Kas., Police Department.

There is one fixture at the city hall in Kansas City, Kas., which has a bit of war history connected with it. It is the big armchair occupied by Chief of Police Quarles. The arms of the chair are made from pieces of iron taken from the vehicle in which General Hancock was hauled about during the days of the rebellion. These relics were secured by Captain H. H. Sawyer more than twenty years ago and were retained by him until a few days ago, when he consented to have them placed on Chief Quarles' chair at the Kansas City, Kas., police headquarters. The chief is very proud of his historic piece of furniture and displays all the dignity of General Hancock whenever he seats himself in it.

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WINTER MEETING STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION TO-DAY.

Unusual Interest Manifested in the Session and the Attendance Will Be Large—List of Those Already Here.

The men who own and edit the country newspapers of Missouri will assemble at the Coates House this morning to attend the winter meeting of the Missouri Press Association. The attendance is expected to be large, and for the first time at a winter meeting in the history of the association a list of new members will be admitted. This is taken by the officers as a good omen. They believe the session will be one of especial interest to the craft and productive of good results. The topics for discussion relate strictly to the business of handling newspapers, how to build them up, what are the desirable features to cultivate and along what path lies the real road to success. Men who have spent many years in the business will talk on these subjects and tell what have been their ideals and how nearly they have been able to realize their expectations.

The first session will begin at 10 o'clock this morning in the club room of the Coates House, when President William Barton, of the Commercial Club, will welcome the visitors to Kansas City. George W. Trigg, of the Richmond Conservator, president of the association, will respond. The usual committees will be appointed and routine matters occupy the attention of the editors until lunch time.

The programme of the afternoon session will relate strictly to the business of the men present. The following papers will be read:

"What Constitutes a Country Newspaper?" James Todd, editor Democrat, Maryville, Mo.; C. I. Black, editor Argus, Clayton, Mo.

"Newspaper Controversies, Wise and Otherwise," Cornelius Roach, editor Carthage Democrat; R. W. Mitchell, editor Nevada Post.

"A Newspaper's Obligation to Its Constituency," C. M. Harrison, editor Star, Grant City, Mo.; J. G. Galiemore, editor Press-Spectator, Salisbury, Mo.

This evening at dinner the members of the association will be the guests of the Commercial Club at the Coates House. After the dinner all will go to the rooms of the Commercial Club, where the editors and their wives will be given a reception by the club, and given an opportunity to meet the business men of the city. Following the informal reception some short addresses will be made to close the evening's entertainment. The topics and speakers are as follows:

"The Press and Schools as Educators," Hon. J. V. C. Karnes, Kansas City.

"The Law of Libel," Judge E. L. Scarritt.

"The Press in the Eyes of a Citizen," Mr. Robert Gillham.

"What I Would Do if I Were an Editor," Colonel L. H. Waters.

To-morrow the programme arranged is as follows:

Morning—"Good of the Organization," thirty minutes' general discussion; "How May the History of This Organization Be Preserved?" discussion led by H. F. Childers; short talk. Address by President R. H. Jesse.

Afternoon—"The Relation of the Metropolitan to the Country Press," J. J. Dickinson, St. Louis; R. H. Lindsay, Kansas City; "What Should an Editor Read, and Why?" H. E. Robinson, Maryville; Walter Williams, Columbia; "The Name of Our State," Frank Graham, Kansas City; general discussion.

"We expect a large attendance and we are sure to have a good meeting," said Colonel "Bob" White, corresponding secretary, at the Coates House, last evening. "Replies from the boys all about over the state indicate a very general attendance of the regulars and we have a dozen or more new members for admission."

Most of the members of the association are so situated that they can reach the city this morning. Only about a score came in last evening, but they expect at least 100 in to-day. The custom at the winter meeting is for the editors all to bring their wives and the custom will not be violated if the arrivals last evening are any indication. Those who registered at the Coates House last evening were:

R. M. White and wife, Mexico Ledger.
Walter Williams, Columbia Herald.
E. W. Stephens and wife, Columbia Herald.
L. H. Rice, Columbia Statesman.
H. J. Groves and wife, Independence Sentinel.
Omer D. Gray, Sturgeon Leader.
William R. Painter, Carrollton Democrat.
James Todd, Maryville Democrat.
H. E. Robinson, Maryville Republican.
Charles W. Green, Brookfield Argus.
Harry F. Childers, Troy Free Press.
Wilber J. Clark, Hamilton Hamiltonian.
E. J. Conger and wife, Linneus Bulletin.
Perry S. Rader, formerly of the Brunswick Brunswicker.
H. J. Wigginton, Linneus Bulletin.
J. West Goodwin and wife, Sedalia Pazoo.
Harry Edwards, Jefferson City Tribune.
Henry W. Ewing, Jefferson City Tribune.
Mrs. Clara J. Leonard, Chillicothe Constitution.
J. N. Shepler, Milan Standard.
R. B. Speed, Nevada Mail.
Colonel J. West Goodwin, of the Sedalia Bazoo, brought with him the sketch of the proposed monument to be erected to the late Gene Field. It will be on exhibition at the meeting. It attracted plenty of attention last evening. Mr. Goodwin says that a dozen men are anxious to compete for the design that will be accepted and that the prospects for the monument are bright.

HE DELAYED THE WEDDING.

Father of the Bride Was Locked in His Room, but Finally Got Out.

From the New York World.

Friends of Anton Doelger, the millionaire brewer, are telling a funny story of how he nearly missed the wedding at the Savoy of his daughter, Carrie, and William Kramer, Jr.

Just before the ceremony was to take place, Mr. Doelger went to his daughter's room. The maid, not knowing that Mr. Doelger was inside, locked the door, put the key in her pocket and went away. Mr. Doelger, in front of a mirror, brushed his hair and adjusted his necktie.

In the meantime the bride and the bridegroom, and the ushers, and the bridemaids, and the minister were in waiting in the parlor. Everything was in readiness. Only Mr. Doelger was missing. His presence was necessary, for he had to give the bride away. A search was made.

Mr. Doelger, having completed his toilet, wanted to leave the room. Finding the door locked he smiled and looked for the call button or bell rope. There was none in the room. He hammered at the door. Nobody heard him. He raised a window and shouted. Nobody answered.

After a half hour's search one of the guests heard Mr. Doelger shouting "Open that door, you!"

The hotel clerks rushed upstairs. All sorts of keys were tried. None would turn the lock. At last the maid came.

"I—I—I—have—the—key," stammered the maid. The door was opened. Mr. Doelger made a wild rush. The maid escaped.

The wedding was a fine one.

MRS. ASTOR ENTERTAINS 600.

The Magnificent Display of Diamonds at Her Ball Is Almost Unprecedented.

Mrs. Astor gave a ball Tuesday at her residence at No. 842 Fifth avenue, New York. She received the guests in the long drawing room at the left of the entrance, which was decorated with palms and American Beauty roses. She wore a white satin costume with silver embroidery, and made a great display of the Astor diamonds. Though she received alone, her daughters, Mrs. M. Orme Wilson and Mrs. George Ogilvie Haig, and her granddaughter, Miss Van Alen, stood near her. Dancing began in the usual informal fashion. An orchestra was stationed in the balcony of the ballroom, which extends over the eastern end of Mrs. Astor's house and the adjoining house of her son, John Jacob Astor. A blaze of electricity from the domed ceiling lighted up the paintings which line the wall, and exotics were picturesquely placed about. There was a buffet supper as well as the formal affair later. It was served continuously in the dining room of Mrs. Astor's residence. After supper the 600 guests returned to the ballroom, where gilded chairs had been placed for the cotillion. This was led by Elisha Dyer, Jr., who danced with Mrs. John Jacob Astor. At the other end were Craig Wadsworth and his partner, Mrs. M. Orme Wilson. The display of diamonds among the guests was almost unprecedented.

FUNERAL OF JAMES LILLIS.

St. Patrick's Church Has Its Day of Mourning for Its Most Generous Supporter.

The funeral of James Lillis was held at 10 a. m. yesterday morning from St. Patrick's church. Long before the funeral cortege arrived from the family home, on Forest avenue, the spacious church was crowded with people of all creeds and conditions, anxious to do honor to the memory of the deceased. The church decorations bespoke the loss of its most generous supporter. The lofty arches were encased in black draperies, and the gilded pillars of the altar enwrapped in symbols of mourning. Perhaps the most touching feature of the decorations was the pew of the deceased, which he had occupied for a quarter of a century, and where he had oft displayed his strong but simple faith. One hundred seats in the center aisle were reserved for the family and their near relatives, and each pew was tastefully draped in black ribbon.

When the funeral cortege arrived at the church doors, the church bell pealed the deathknell from outside, while from within were heard the mellow strains of "The Dead March in Saul."

The funeral arrangements were promptly carried out. The casket was an extra heavy metallic with elliptic ends, broadcloth covered and full silver ornamental trimmings. The linings and interior trimmings were very rich and beautiful. The pallbearers were: S. S. Simpson, James Burns, William H. Lucas, Thomas McNamara, W. J. Smith, Hugh Lynch, W. T. Johnson, Jacob Welsh and John Graves.

Solemn high mass was sung by Rev. Father T. F. Lillis, pastor of the church and eldest son of the deceased. Fathers Hoag, Zechenter, Walsh and Curry assisted the celebrant. When the mass was ended, Bishop Glennon, in pontifical robes, stood before the casket and preached a powerful and pathetic panegyric. His words were at intervals low and faint, denoting that he also was deeply moved. Within the sanctuary rails were ranged some fifty priests in white robes. Among many from neighboring cities were: Fathers O'Brien, Cooney, Curran, McNamee, Dwyer, Gleason, Graham, Ryan, Hogan, Curry, Costello, Fitzgibbons, Clinton, Smith, Cregan, Phelan, Spicardi, Kelly, Berthold, McCormack, McCaul, Cullen and Newman.

The "Gregorian Requiem" complete was rendered by the choir of twenty-five male voices, under the direction of Ben Nentwig, organist. The beautiful offertory, from Rosinni's "Stabat Mater," was sung by Mr. Benjamin Hollenbeck.

The body was laid in the receiving vault at St. Mary's cemetery, and the immense throng of mourners who joined in the procession testified to the respect and friendship which Mr. Lillis had honorably earned during his long career in Kansas City.

Other Deaths and Funerals.

F. G. Gerard, aged 64, a painter, died yesterday at his home, 2228 Tracy avenue. The funeral services will be held from the house this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and burial will be in Union cemetery.

John Seward, aged 38, died yesterday at St. Margaret's hospital of consumption. The funeral services will be held from Carroll's undertaking rooms this afternoon, and burial will be in Union cemetery.

J. D. Henderson, aged 60, died yesterday at 2304 Holmes street of militis. He was a well known farmer living near Kearney, Mo., where the remains will be shipped for burial this morning. A son, John Henderson, lives in this city.

MADE HIS OWN COFFIN.

Harvey Built It Eight Years Ago and Made Provision for His Funeral.

Millard Harvey, an eccentric resident of Palen Valley, N. Y., who recently died, was buried in a coffin which he prepared eight years ago and which he had kept in his home ever since. More than a year before his death Harvey wrote out the programme he desired should be observed at his funeral and gave it to an intimate friend. It was in a sealed envelope, which, according to Harvey's request, was not opened until after his death, and all the arrangements were carefully carried out.

Of the six pallbearers originally selected by Harvey two had died, but, according to the provisions of the sealed document, none were chosen to take their places. Harvey's wife died several years