THE LAITY WILL WIN.

METHODIST CONFERENCE VOTES SO FAR TAKEN INDICATE IT.

GREAT CHANGE IN SENTIMENT.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION RAPIDLY GROWING IN FAVOR.

Thirteen Conferences Show a Majority of 341 for Equal Representation, Against a Majority of 569 the Other Way Last Year.

Chicago, March 16.—Returns from the Methodist conferences that have voted on the constitutional amendment providing for equal lay representation in the general conference indicate the certain triumph of the measure.

The proposition originated in the Rock River conference held in Chicago last October. It stated as follows:

"Amend section 2 of paragraph 67 of the Book of Discipline by striking out the words 'nor of more than two lay delegates for an annual conference' and inserting the words 'nor of more lay delegates from an annual conference than there are ministerial delegates from such annual conference,' so that the section as amended shall read:

"'Section 2. The general conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an annual conference; nor of a less number than one for every forty-five; nor of more lay delegates from the annual conference than there are ministerial delegates from such annual conference; provided, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any annual conference a fraction of two-thirds which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such annual conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and provided, also, that no conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and one lay delegate.'"

The section of the discipline which this action will alter involves limitations on the powers of the general conference. Therefore, to secure the propositions adopted it must be submitted to the vote of 145 annual conferences, containing 17,000 preachers, and must be voted by three-fourths of these preachers in the aggregate. The voting was to begin after January 1, 1898. The Rock River conference, which submitted the measure, has not voted on it.

The 145 annual conferences are divided into spring conferences, of which there are forty-five, and annual conferences of which there are 100. Of course, the spring conferences are just beginning to vote, and up to the present time only thirteen of them have voted. But the laymen have watched their proceedings with the deepest interest, and by comparing their votes with the votes they gave on a similar proposition in 1896, feel able to predict a complete victory.

The returns of the first thirteen conferences to vote on this measure compared with their vote in 1896 is as follows:

	—1898-99—		—1896-97—	
	For.	Ag'st.	For.	Ag'st.
Upper Mississippi	26	55	..	83
Florida	12	22	..	38
Mississippi	24	52	3	69
St. Johns River	..	..	8	6
Louisiana	19	83	2	81
North India	60	9	26	38
Baltimore	141	18	47	100
Washington	90	14	5	114
Kansas	89	22	31	81
Virginia	15	7	..	27
St. Louis	92	19	31	72
South Kansas	91	16	..	..
Total to date	680	319	200	769

Majority against, last year 569
Majority in favor, this year 341

The change is attributable mainly to a radical change of sentiment in the church. It is most noticeable in the Eastern conferences, which are swayed by the New York Christian Advocate. That paper in 1896 was opposed to the amendment, but since the Rock River conference submitted it anew it has supported it. The vote so far taken falls somewhat short of being the necessary three-fourths majority for the amendment. But the spring conferences are conservative, so even if they give a bare majority, the fall conferences, which are overwhelmingly in favor of the amendment, will pull it through. The relative diminution of negative votes is marked.

Although the contemplated change is of a radical nature, the agitation is entirely free from partisan feeling. There will be no bitterness if it is defeated, and no triumphant demonstration if it is carried.

After the amendment is carried by the annual conferences, it must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the next general conference, which meets May 1, 1899. An effort is being made to have Chicago chosen as the place of its meeting.

FRENCH NAVAL ACTIVITY.

Paris Aurore Says the Fleet Is Being Prepared for Mobilization to Support Russia.

Paris, March 16.—The Aurore to-day affirms that the French fleet is being prepared for mobilization, adding that feverish anxiety prevails at all the arsenals and ship yards, which are working until 10 o'clock at night. The Aurore says the French Northern squadron at Cherbourg is ready for immediate departure. The ships, it appears, are being swung during the night, at Cherbourg, for the adjustment of their compasses.

Finally, it is asserted, that, in order to complete the necessary number of officers, second year students are to be appointed midshipmen, and all the admirals have been instructed to arrange to reach Paris within twenty-four hours after being summoned.

The Aurore explains that the mobilization is connected with preparations to support Russia by a naval demonstration in the far East.

A. P. A. MISSIONARY IN FRANCE.

Ex-President of Kansas A. P. A. Goes to Paris in the Interest of the Order.

Topeka, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) A. D. Hubbard, ex-president of the Kansas A. P. A., has gone to Paris, so it is given out here, for the purpose of establishing a European branch of that order. When he left he said he was simply going to do newspaper work for some Eastern papers friendly to the A. P. A. Since his departure, however, the other story leaked out. Hubbard escaped going to the penitentiary for a five year term by the skin of his teeth, recently. He was convicted of embezzling $8,000 while acting as receiver of the Snow-Hamilton Printing Company's property and was sentenced to prison, but the supreme court, in an opinion in the appeal, held that it was not a crime for a receiver to embezzle; that a receiver did not come within the meaning of "agent." It ordered Hubbard's release from custody.

LEFT TO HIS FINAL REST.

Burial of Major General W. S. Rosecrans—Salute of Three Volleys Fired Over His Tomb.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 16.—The funeral of Major General W. S. Rosecrans to-day was one of the most impressive and elaborate this city has ever witnessed. Thousands assembled to honor the dead warrior. Business was interrupted during the ceremonies.

The remains were quietly removed from the bier at the city hall, where they had been lying in state, to the cathedral, at an early hour.

After the service the column formed, with General Last and staff at its head. The services at the cemetery were brief. At the conclusion one of the infantry companies fired a salute of three volleys over the tomb, taps were sounded and the warrior was left to his rest.

Portrait of Judge Vories.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 16.—(Special.) Chief Justice Gantt, of the supreme court, to-day received from Messrs. Ben R. Vineyard, M. A. Reed, H. K. White, Henry M. Ramey, Vinton Pike, James P. Thomas, C. A. Mossman, Hall and Woodson, of St. Joseph, a splendid oil painting portrait of the late Judge Henry M. Vories, one of the supreme judges of Missouri from 1873 to 1877.

AN ATTACK ON LEE.

Madrid Imparcial Says No Ambassador Would Have the Liberty He Has Had.

Madrid, March 16.—The Imparcial devotes its leading article to the United States consul general in Cuba, General Fitzhugh Lee. It remarks that he is "a factor in the Cuban problem to which sufficient attention has not been paid," adding: "In no capital of Europe would a full blown ambassador be allowed to do what this consular agent indulges in with impunity in Cuba. This gentleman lets no chance go by of showing in what quarter lie his sympathies and good will. Does any difficulty arise between his country and Spain, he increases it; does friction arise between the two countries, he does his best to add to it; his reports are always hostile to our country and very often full of falsehood. The insurgents look upon him as a protector, the Spaniards as an enemy.

"A paper of his own country has hinted, many European papers have stated, that he belongs to the syndicate which wishes to buy up Cuba, and every indication indicates the truth of this statement. His malevolence against our country is so marked that it has been noted even by the New York papers, which are in no way predisposed in our favor.

"It is, therefore, not surprising that English, French and German papers have frequently asked: 'Why does not Spain request the United States to replace an official, who, far from being the bond of union between the two countries, is an open element of discord and strife?'

"That is the question we, too, ask. Is our government so frightened that it dare not present a petition to a government with which it assures it is on friendly terms? If that friendship really existed the United States would find no difficulty in relieving an official, who, far from improving that friendship, does his level best daily to interrupt it. Furthermore, as Lee was sent to Havana by Cleveland, and it is usual to have a clean sweep of functionaries with a new president, McKinley must have plenty of adherents who would admirably suit the post."

A NEW ORACLE FOUND.

"There Will Be No War," Says Fourth Auditor of the Treasury Morris.

Cleveland, O., March 16.—Mr. Frank H. Morris, fourth auditor of the treasury, and a personal friend of President McKinley, who is at present in Cleveland, speaking of the Cuban question, said:

"There will be no war. I find that the reports have been greatly exaggerated all over the country.

"The war preparations are just what the country needed, and has needed for twenty years. In a short time we will be comfortably fortified against any invasion from a foreign country.

"Whatever the agency was, the officials at Washington are positive that the Spanish government had nothing at all to do with the blowing up of the Maine. The president, when the time arrives, will demand an indemnity and it will be paid. There will be no war."

Mr. Morris' department has charge of settling the claims of the heirs of those lost by the Maine disaster.

"We have found on investigation that out of 358 men who were on the boat, sixty-three were foreigners," said Mr. Morris, "and had given, when they enlisted, foreigners as their nearest of kin. Thirty-nine of those on the ship gave no next of kin when they answered the questions put to them on enlistment. Of the 253 who were killed we have succeeded in getting into correspondence with 127 claimants."

LIKELY TO REMAIN AT OMAHA.

It Is Understood That Department of Missouri Headquarters Will Not Be Moved.

Washington, March 16.—(Special.) Considerable indignation has been aroused among the people of Kansas by the recent order abolishing the old department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Chicago, and the establishment of a new department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Omaha. Under pressure from the people of their state, Senators Baker and Harris and Congressmen Broderick and Curtis are working to have the headquarters of the new department moved to some point in Kansas, either Kansas City or Leavenworth. Leavenworth is preferred because it is already a military post, and the statement is made that being more centrally located within the bounds of the department just established, it would be of easier access to the different points in the department. Representative Curtis to-day visited the war department in reference to the removal and had a talk with some of the officials, but what transpired he refused to say. A visit to the department will be made by Representatives Broderick to-morrow and he will agree in a word for the removal.

On the other side, Congressman Mercer is working just as hard to prevent the headquarters from being removed. He had a talk with several officials of the war department and represented that, as Omaha has been headquarters of the department of the Platte, the bounds of which were included in the new department of the Missouri, he saw no reason why the headquarters should be moved just because a few states had been added and the name changed. Omaha had been occupied for years and every facility for convenience was at hand. The city was a terminal for several railroads and troops could be moved either east or west quicker than from any other point.

It is understood that the order establishing the new department will stand and that no amount of persuasion can induce the war department to change the headquarters.

LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD.

Unknown Steamer Collides With a Bark and Immediately Goes Down.

Lowestoft, March 16.—The bark, British Princess, from Leith for Liverpool, was towed in here to-day with her bows stove, having been in collision at 3 o'clock this morning off Gibbard lightship, with an unknown steamer.

The steamer which collided with the British Princess sank within three minutes with all on board.

Captain Scott, when interviewed by an Associated Press reporter to-night, said:

"The steamer simply dropped out of our vision within the briefest space of time."

A member of the crew of the bark said that the force of the collision was so great that the steamer was cut in two, and as the steamer's crew tumbled out of the forecastle they simply stepped into the sea and dropped out of sight without uttering a word.

There was no time to discover the name of the luckless steamer.

Boy Killed in a Runaway.

Leavenworth, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) Edward Kane, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Same Kane, near Kickapoo, was driving his father's team on the highway when it ran away. The boy was thrown out, his foot caught between the spokes of a wheel and he was dragged a long distance. When released he gasped twice and died.

Lawrence Man Fatally Hurt.

Lawrence, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) J. H. Glahart, a prominent merchant of this city, was thrown from a horse this morning while riding on one of the principal streets, breaking all his ribs on one side and part of those on the other, besides sustaining internal injuries from which it is thought he cannot recover.

Iowa Savings Bank Fails.

Sioux City, Ia., March 16.—The Home Savings bank, a small institution, closed its doors this afternoon, and is now in the hands of a receiver, appointed on application of the bank officials. No other institution or bank is in any way affected. Assets are placed at $100,000, with liabilities of $60,000, of which $50,000 are school funds.

Multi-Millionaire Dead.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 16.—Thomas McKean, one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of this city, died to-night. A few days ago Mr. McKean suffered a stroke of paralysis. His wealth is estimated between $10,000,000 and $20,000,000.

THE SAN JOSE SCALE.

Interesting Government Bulletin on Insect Which Has Shut German Ports Against Our Fruits.

Washington, March 16.—The agricultural department has just issued a bulletin on the San Jose scale in 1896-97, prepared by Entomologist L. O. Howard. It is of much interest at this time because of the recent edict of the German government prohibiting the importation of living plants, fruits, etc., because of the alleged discovery of the scale on peas shipped from California. The present bullentin is supplemental to one on the same subject published in January, 1896, which contained a history of the Eastern occurrences of the insect down to December, 1895. Never, it is said, in the history of economic entomology in the United States has a single species of insect excited so much interest as the San Jose scale. In the light of what we now know, the bulletin says, our actual knowledge of the distribution of the scale in the East in the fall of 1895 was comparatively slight. It was then reported as occurring in twenty states, but in comparatively few localities in each, with the single exception of New Jersey. In 1896-1897 actual field inspection in Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia and several others showed that in these states the insect was nearly as widespread as in New Jersey, while twelve states and in the District of Columbia have been added to the number containing infested points.

In New Jersey, in his last bulletin Professor Smith states that all efforts to exterminate the insect must be abandoned. In 1895 the scale was widespread and since that time the situation has not perceptibly bettered.

The pest was found in Lower Ontario in 1897 and the Dominion government is considering the question of legislation on the subject. A list of fifty-five fruit and shade trees and ornamental shrubs affected by the pest is given. Considerable space is devoted to a discussion of the remedies suggested to kill the pest.

Ottawa, Ont., March 16.—The minister of agriculture introduced in the house of commons to-day a bill to protect Canada from the ravages of the San Jose scale. The bill absolutely prohibits the importation of all kinds of nursery stock from countries where the insect prevails, and will apply at once to the United States, Japan and Hawaii. By general consent the bill was put through all its stages at one sitting and will become a law to-morrow.

POOR PEARL EYTINGE.

The Unfortunate Actress Taken to a Hospital Again Suffering From Morphine Poisoning.

Washington, March 16.—Pearl Eytinge, 38 years old, was taken to the New York hospital to-day from 46 West Twenty-sixth street suffering from morphine poisoning. She caused considerable excitement among the boarders in the house. She is a victim of the morphine habit and has caused the police a great deal of trouble in the last few years.

"I have attained the uttermost heights of heaven; I have sounded the profoundest depths of hell. I have concluded that a happy medium and an evenly balanced mental condition is about the best plan of life, after all."

Thus spoke Pearl Eytinge in August of 1896. A few months before her declaration she had been taken from her house suffering with delirium tremens as a result of her indulgence in the maddening drug. She had been sent to the sanitarium at White Plains, and when she came away she was cured—she said.

And so Miss Eytinge started in to tell the world of her regeneration and to shame the flesh and the devil. She announced in September of that same year that she had renounced the stage for the lecture platform. Her talk was called "The Devil's Right Hand." She recently decided to return to stage work. Pearl Eytinge has had a varied career. She is the author of a play entitled "Two Women" and a novel called "Velvet Vice." She has been engaged in literary work for many years. She was a member of Wallack's company, and has played in most of the important theaters of the United States. She was the original "Libby Dear" in "Billy" Florence's success, "The Mighty Dollar." She was also the first to assume the role of Iza in "The Clemenceau Case."

S.W. KANSAS M. E. CONFERENCE

Annual Meeting Begun at Lyons Yesterday, With Bishop Cranston Presiding.

Lyons, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) The Southwest Kansas M. E. conference convened in the M. E. church at Lyons this morning at 9 o'clock, Bishop Cranston presiding. Last evening was the annual Epworth League anniversary for the conference. Rev. Mr. E. C. Beach, of Wichita, presided, and Rev. Dr. J. F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, delivered a very fine lecture to a very enthusiastic and large audience. His subject was, "The League That Wins."

Nearly all of the pastors have arrived. After a talk by the bishop, the presiding elders assisted him in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. After this the business session was called: Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton, one of the general secretaries of the Freemen's Aid and Southern Education Society, addressed the conference this evening.

MISSOURI M. E. CONFERENCE.

Bishop McCabe Presiding Over the Annual Meeting Which Began at Moberly Yesterday.

Hannibal, Mo., March 16.—At the Missouri conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to-day the election of officers was as follows: O. S. Middleton, Tarkio, as secretary, with J. L. Gillies, of Winston, and W. F. Burris, Milan, assistants; C. O. Mills, St. Joseph, statistical secretary with C. A. Field, Chula; B. F. Wilson, Wakenda; L. E. Lewis, Laplata, and E. L. Robinson, St. Joseph, assistants, and W. M. Sapp, treasurer with S. R. Reno, C. E. Wood, Maitland; J. J. Hicks, Glenwood; L. Howard, St. Joseph, and I. Chatten, Shelbyville, as assistants. Bishop McCabe responded in behalf of the conference to an address of welcome.

STATUE TO SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Lew Wallace Lectures to Raise Nucleus of Fund to Honor Grant's Vice President.

South Bend, Ind., March 16.—General Lew Wallace spoke here last night, under the auspices of the Commercial Athletic Club, inaugurating a movement to erect a statue in South Bend, to Schuyler Colfax, vice president with Grant. Colfax was an ardent Odd Fellow and the founder of the Daughters of Rebekah. It is expected those orders will lend assistance, each lodge in the country contributing such sums as the members see fit. The entertainment last night, at which General Lew Walace paid a high tribute to the worth of Colfax, brought in considerable money with which to form the nucleus of a fund of $10,000 which it is hoped to raise.

HER CARGO IS SWELLING.

Rice and Tapioca Threaten to Tear Asunder the Wrecked Ship New York.

Half Moon Bay, Cal., March 16.—The wrecked ship New York is rapidly sinking in her bed of sand, and in a few days more she will probably be entirely covered. The swelling rice and tapioca in her hold have pushed up the deck, and bid fair to tear the ship asunder. It is now believed that no freight can be saved.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

It is officially announced that the April coupon on Spanish government 4 per cents will be paid.

W. H. Maxwell, at one time managing editor of the Brooklyn Times, has been chosen superintendent of the New York schools.

A coroner's jury at Kahoka, Mo., has found Fred Brownstein guilty of murdering his wife, who had left him and refused to return.

A Missouri horse thief named Henry Turner, in jail at Harlville, was killed while waiting to be taken to the penitentiary by Green Barnes, a fellow prisoner.

The appointment of Mrs. Joseph P. Smith, widow of the late director of the bureau of American republics, as postmistress of Urbana, O., is expected.

HOW LEEDY EXPLAINS IT.

The Kansas Governor Tells Why the Supreme Court Decided for Kansas Farmers.

Topeka, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) Since the United States supreme court handed down a decision against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad in the Texas cattle fever case taken up by the state, Governor Leedy has received a number of letters chaffing him about his charge that that tribunal was the tool of the corporations and money power. He did not like the roasts a bit, but he remained silent until Ed Little returned to his post of duty. Then he had Ed write up a brief interview with him concerning the matter, and it was given out to-day. The interview reads:

"The decision was simply a stroke of policy. The United States supreme court goes right in cases of comparatively small importance to the people in order that it can go wrong with ease in cases of great importance.

"The United States supreme court works its affairs just as Carnegie and Rockefeller work their business.

"Carnegie reaches out and steals the whole loaf, and then returns a few crumbs to the people by building a library or some other public act. Rockefeller raises the price of oil and makes a few millions at a sweep, and then distributes a small handful by endowing a university or making a contribution. The supreme court sits down on every measure of great importance to the people that is brought before it, but in cases of a less important nature, it once in a while decides to treat justly simply to save its own neck from the wrath of the people."

CUBBISON ACCEPTS DEFEAT.

He Will Not Contest Victory of Buchan, Despite Solicitation of His Supporters.

J. K. Cubbison, who, according to the face of the returns of the Wyandotte Republican primaries, was defeated for the congressional delegation by W. J. Buchan, will not contest the latter's victory. This is authentic. Mr. Cubbison, at a caucus of his friends yesterday afternoon, positively refused to go into a contest under any conditions. His friends insisted, but in vain. Mr. Buchan will select his own delegation and go to the Ottawa convention armed for the Second district congressional nomination.

Some of Mr. Cubbison's supporters are rather indignant over his decision, but the defeated candidate will under no circumstances listen to contest talk. Some of the more radical Cubbison men declare they will fight Mr. Buchan for the nomination, but if he lands the nomination they will doubtless support him at the polls.

Ever since the primaries there has been more or less contest talk. The Republicans of Wyandotte county, however, have been taught the folly of fighting among themselves, and will roll up an old-time Republican majority next November, no matter who the successful men are at the congressional and state conventions. Now that the contest agitation has been smothered, the friends of Mr. Buchan are feeling highly jubilant, as they are confident of victory.

ANOTHER M'NALL VICTORY.

Hamburg-Bremen Company Begs, and Agrees to Patronize No Rating Bureau.

Topeka, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) The Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company has agreed to drop its patronage of the rate bureau, and it will be permitted to come back into Kansas. This morning Mr. Witkowsky, of Chicago, general Western agent of the company, called upon McNall and filed a statement disclaiming any intention of violating the rules of the department or the anti-trust laws of the state, and promising the superintendent that, if he would rescind the declaration he had made in reference to licensing the company, it would not employ any agents for the purpose of giving its information in reference to fixing rates, or attempting to, in this state, without first submitting the matter to the superintendent of insurance for him to pass upon. This was satisfactory to McNall, and the result is that the Hamburg-Bremen will be licensed to transact business in Kansas for the ensuing year.

GLENN'S BOOM LAUNCHED.

Greeley County Republicans Issue a Manifesto in Behalf of Their Favorite.

Topeka, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) The Republicans of Greeley county have formally launched the boom of W. M. Glenn, of Tribune, for lieutenant governor. They have started out in a way that counts, too. They do not declare that he has become a candidate upon "the earnest solicitation of many friends," but say he is a candidate because he wants the office and deserves it. The Republican county committee of Greeley has issued a manifesto to the Republicans of Kansas setting forth the political pedigree of their candidate, and all of his good qualities. It has been printed in pamphlet form, and will be scattered broadcast.

A FIREMAN FIRED.

It Cost a Laboring Man His Job to Protest Against a Violation of Law.

Topeka, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) M. E. Yonkin, a fireman at the state house until recently, heard somewhere that the Pops were the friends of the laboring man, and that they believed in the strict enforcement of all laws tending to better his condition. He was working eleven hours a day shoveling coal to keep the nabobs upstairs warm. It finally dawned upon him that probably if their attention was called to the eight hour law the members of the Pop executive council would apply it to the state house employes. He acted on the inspiration and was fired.

VEATCH MAKING A CANVASS.

He Finds Calderhead Very Popular, However, and Expects Him to Be Nominated.

Abilene, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) J. J. Veatch, of Washington county, spent the day here canvassing the town for support for the Republican nomination for congress. He says he will have the support of his own county, and that even the opposition to him there will support him if nominated. He says he has found that Calderhead is very popular, and he rather expects to see him nominated.

Webb City Fusion.

Webb City, Mo., March 16.—(Special.) The silver Republicans, Democrats and Populists of this city held separate conventions here to-night and nominated what they call a "triple alliance" ticket for city officers as follows: Mayor, John Linsba, Democrat; marshal, John Brewer, Democrat; attorney, A. M. Whitworth, Democrat; treasurer, Harry Hulett, Democrat; collector, W. E. Reed, silver Republican; assessor, P. S. Martin, Populist; police judge, James Roney.

Receiver for Garfield Park.

Topeka, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) Judge Hazen, of the district court, to-day appointed John Sargent receiver of Garfield park. This action was taken as a result of a family quarrel between Marshall's band and A. J. Paramore, joint owner of the park. The band will add some improvements to the park this summer and make it a pleasure resort.

To Dispose of the Silk Station.

Topeka, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) Secretary of State Bush and Treasurer Heflebower have gone to Peabody to enter into some arrangement with the commissioners of Marion county so that the state's experimental silk station can be disposed of in accordance with a law passed at the last session of the legislature.

Court Reporter Resigns.

Olathe, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) John C. Carpenter, court reporter for this district for the last eight years, tendered his resignation to-day because of the Populist law which cut the salary to $750 per year.

Home Candidates Indorsed.

Fort Scott, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) Bourbon county Republicans, in convention to-day, indorsed the home candidates—E. C. Gates, for congress, and W. A. Cormany, for lieutenant governor.

BURGLAR KILLS AN OFFICER.

City Marshal of Cameron, Mo., Shot With His Own Revolver—Murderer Escapes.

Cameron, Mo., March 16.—(Special.) City Marshal Leonard was shot and killed with his own revolver in the Union depot at this place, at 3:22 o'clock this morning. The murderer is thought to have been a negro burglar whom the marshal had just arrested and was searching. Mr. Leonard died almost instantly, without uttering a word, and his slayer made good his escape.

At about 2 this morning Captain H. S. Berry, who lives on North Main street, discovered that burglars had entered his house, and later it was found that three other houses in the vicinity had been broken into about the same time, the stolen goods in each case having been piled at some convenient place for carrying away. Mr. Berry attempted at once to notify the officers, and, finding his telephone wire cut, dispatched his son to the central station.

When Marshal Leonard received the message he went first to the depot, where it is supposed he encountered the burglar. Witnesses of the tragedy say that the officer came into the waiting room with a male mulatto, whom he began searching. Mr. Leonard paused in this to question two other negroes who had just entered, and his prisoner tried to escape. In the scuffle which followed three shots were fired, the officer was dragged out of the room by the escaping prisoner and died before any one reached him. The marshal's revolver was gone, the empty scabbard remaining in his overcoat pocket, and a flattened bullet found on the depot floor was of the caliber used in the officer's gun. That the murderer is the man who had committed the burglaries is believed from the fact that a bottle of brandy found in searching him has been identified by Captain Berry as one taken fom his house.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock a horse, saddle and bridle were stolen from the barn of L. E. Burr, two miles south of Cameron, by the murderer, it is believed, who fled in that direction. The horse is a roan black, with a shoe on one front foot. A large posse is out in pursuit and a reward of $450 has been offered by the mayor.

FOR RECEIVING BRIBES.

Mayor of Lincoln, Neb., and a Former Exciseman Arrested Last Evening.

Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—Mayor Frank A. Graham and Former Exciseman Harvey B. Vaill were this evening arrested on indictments charging them with receiving bribes. The indictments are the result of evidence given before the councilmanic investigating committee, city employes testifying that they were obliged to pay for positions. Both men were released on bail.

Attempted Assassination.

Osborne, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) An attempt was made Monday night to murder Jacob Klein, a German farmer, living sixteen miles south of this city. The would-be assassin aroused Klein and, as he was lighting a lamp, shot through the window with a shotgun. Three BB shot struck Klein's left hand, and one struck his side. His injuries are not considered dangerous. There is no clue.

The Way of the Jointist Is Hard.

McPherson, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) William Myers, arrested last week for bootlegging in this city, was tried by jury in the circuit court last week. The first jury hung. A new jury was impaneled at once and found him guilty. To-day Judge Simpson sentenced him to ninety days in jail and the county attorney commenced proceedings against him for perjury.

Michigan Bank Robbed.

Mount Pleasant, Mich., March 16.—The People's Savings bank safety vault was robbed of $3,000 last night. Duplicate keys were used. The bank is in the hands of a receiver. The People's bank gained a wide notoriety in connection with the Farmers' bank at Shepard, Mich., the cashier of which was supposed to have been murdered in August last.

A $1,000 Mail Package Stolen.

Bismarck, N. D., March 16.—A package containing $1,000, consigned by County Treasurer Allen, of Emmons county, to the First National bank of Bismarck, was stolen from the mail on the Star route from Williamsport to Bismarck. Mail Carrier Boutillier has been arrested, charged with stealing the package.

Fell Eighty Feet to His Death.

Webb City, Mo., March 16.—(Special.) This afternoon, at his mine in North Carterville, James Westfall, of this city, an old mining operator and well known in mining circles, missed his footing and fell eighty feet, causing instant death. He was 60 years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

Dr. Cleaveland Indicted.

New York, March 16.—Dr. Trumbull W. Cleaveland, who is accused of having caused the death of an infant child of James L. Carhart, by administering too much of a certain drug, was indicted to-day for manslaughter in the second degree.

Requisition for a Horse Thief.

Topeka, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) A requisition was made on the governor of Texas to-day for Dan Good, who is wanted in Greenwood county for stealing three horses from F. H. Harris. Good is now in jail at Fort Worth.

Canty Held for Murder.

Washington, March 16.—The coroner's jury investigating the killing of George M. Rye by Dennis J. Canty in this city has found Canty criminally responsible for the death, and he will be held for the action of the grand jury.

Shot His Daughter and Himself.

Afton, Ark., March 16.—Jefferson Taylor, a well-to-do farmer, who has for some time been mentally unbalanced, shot his grown daughter, killing her instantly, and then killed himself.

PENSIONS.

Washington, March 16.—The following pensions have been granted:

KANSAS

Original—Ernst Yoas, Lowell, $6; Benjamin P. Addleman, Piqua, $6; William H. Wright, Paradise, $6; Norman A. Smith, Iola, $8.

Supplemental—Martin Ridennoure, Havana, $4.

Restoration and reissue—Theodore Bammer, dead, Leavenworth, $12.

Increase—Abraham W. Rutland, dead, Melvern, $10 to $12; Thomas Mathews, National Military home, Leavenworth, $6 to $10; David D. Beck, Scott, $6 to $8.

Original, widows, etc.—Sarah Bammer, Leavenworth, $8; Susannah Rutledge, Melvern, $8.

Original—Franklin Brown, Atchison, $6; Julius C. Smith, Topeka, $12; Albert Riggin, Auburn, $6.

Additional—Thomas J. Hickman, Atlanta, $6 to $8.

Increase—Francis M. Jenkins, Twin Mound, $4 to $14; Emery W. Smith, Altoona, $6 to $8; Denis Tehan, National Military home, Leavenworth, $6 to $10; Thomas E. Rose, Louisville, $6 to $8; Cornelius Winters, McCune, $6 to $12.

Reissue—Jeremiah D. Conner, Eldorado, $6.

Original, widows, etc.—Rose Fouts, Atchison, $8; reissue, Mary J. Tucker, Derby, $17.

MISSOURI.

Original—Preston Isaacks, Warrensburg, $8; Thomas M. Mills, Urich, $6.

Original, widows, etc.—Elisabetha Kratz, Boonville, $8; special, March 7, Maria Bruns, Gordonville, $8.

Original—John Biehler, St. Louis, $6; Jacob Shook, Willard, $6; Henry C. Hieronymus, Kaping, $6; Tobias B. Sherer, Bethany, $12; Isaac N. Straw, Deepwater, $8; James Wright, Southwest City, $6.

Additional—Frederick Herbst, St. Louis, $10 to $12.

Increase—John Ford Smith, St. Louis, $14 to $17.

Reissue—Special, March 3, Gibhart Kurtz, Weston, $36.

Original, widows, etc.—Cordelia E. Brown, Warrensburg, $8; minors of Wesley H. Green, Polo, $18; minors of Elijah Graham, Elvins, $14; Kate Taylor, Hannibal, $8.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

Original—Isaac Taylor, Greyhorse, $8.

Increase—Lewis Hess, Okarche, $6 to $8.

Original, widows, etc.—Mary E. Reddick, Oklahoma City, $8.

Original—Henry Garvis, Guthrie, $6; William Stonehocker, Guthrie, $6.

Original, widows, etc.—Minors of Samuel Elerick, Downs, $12.

Mme. Dreyfus' Petition Refused.

Paris, March 16.—The minister for the colonies, M. Leben, has refused the petition of Mme. Dreyfus, wife of the former Captain Dreyfus, to share the latter's imprisonment on Devil's island.

Unknown Man Found Dead.

Paola, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) The body of an unknown man was found in Bucyrus, Miami county, to-day. The body was well dressed. Nothing definite as yet, but foul play is suspected.

AUBREY BEARDSLEY DEAD.

Father of the Poster Craze and Prince of Freakism in Art Passes Away.

London, March 16.—Aubrey Beardsley, the artist and draughtsman, died to-day at Mentone.

He was noted for the peculiarity of his treatment of familiar subjects. One of his "hits," and perhaps the best known of his works in this country, was "A Lady in a Rose Garden," which was exhibited in New York. His work called forth many criticisms, both favorable and unfavorable. One writer said that it was the "ravings of an unsound mind." But, in spite of adverse criticism, he was copied very generally and became more or less of a cult.

Last summer there came from London the report that he was dangerously ill. This was followed soon afterward by the news that he had been taken by friends to the South of France in the hopes that the genial air and climate of the Riviere would prove beneficial to him. A few months ago all hope of his recovery was abandoned and his death has been expected for some time.

ELECTION LAW A SUCCESS.

Chicago's New Law Brings Much Better Vote at Primaries Than Heretofore.

Chicago, March 16.—The new primary election law has been tested by the Democrats and found a success, all those who wished to vote being able to do so without interference. In a large majority of the wards the primary election passed without disturbances, but in the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Seventeenth, the police were called on to preserve the peace. The total number of ballots cast, the city over, is estimated to have been between 30 and 40 per cent of the total Democratic vote. In some wards, like the Twenty-second, where the fighting was warm, it ran as high as 60 per cent, all of which is regarded by the friends of the new law as a great improvement over the nomination of candidates by less than 1 per cent of the total vote. Ward primaries have been held heretofore in which not above twenty votes were cast of a total party vote of 3,000.

TEN HOURS IN LINE.

Remarkable Scenes Attend the Opening of the Seat Sale for a London Performance.

London, March 17.—Shortly after midnight people began to assemble in front of the doors of the Drury Lane theater, armed with camp stools and provisions, ready to wait for seats at the Nellie Farren benefit to-day.

At 4 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, several hundred are waiting and the scene is quite unprecedented. The doors will be opened at 10 o'clock.

Essay on Shakespeare.

From the Atlanta Journal.

At a recent meeting of the Pumpkinville Literary Society the author of the evening was Shakespeare, and the following essay on the poet and his works was read by one of the society's most gifted members:

"William Shakespeare was a powerfully successful man. This was partly due to the fact that he was pushed with work all the time. When he first started out to writing poetry he would hunt around for rhymes, and as he could not find any he just wrote on without them. He soon found out that poetry was just as good without rhymes as with them, and then he went out of the rhyme business entirely.

"He wrote more poetry and fewer rhymes than anybody in Stratford county, and they offered him the nomination for bailiff on the strength of it, but Bill knew the ring was against him and he wisely decided to remain in the poet line, and in this he became wonderfully proficient. He could outpoet anybody that ever lived.

"For a long time he kept his poet shop on Broad street, Stratford, and thought about opening a branch factory in London. He was bothered a great deal by building and loan and insurance agents and people who wanted to sell controlling interests in mines, railways and steamship lines. They were constantly calling on him and worrying him so he could not poet. Then he had the street number scratched off his house and went into retirement.

"Shakespeare's principal claim to notoriety was that he wore whiskers like the Prince of Wales and was a considerably better looking man."

Colonel Hopkins' Bookings.

Chicago, March 16.—Colonel John D. Hopkins, the theatrical manager, interested with Henry Greenwall, the Southern manager, in the management of New Orleans theaters formerly controlled by Klaw & Erlanger and the so-called theatrical syndicate, announced to-day that arrangements have been perfected for booking the best attractions on the road next season. The circuit will embrace the following properties:

Grand opera house and Academy of Music, New Orleans; Lyceum, Atlanta, Ga.; Vendome and Grand opera house, Nashville; Lyceum theater, Memphis; Greenwall's opera house, Fort Worth, Tex.; Hancock's opera house, Austin; Grand opera house, San Antonio; Dallas opera house, Dallas; Sweeny & Coombs' opera house, Houston; Grand opera house, Galveston, and other established and important theaters in the principal cities of the South.

Home Rule Bill Defeated.

Washington, March 16.—The territorial home rule bill was defeated by the house committee on territories to-day by a vote of 6 to 4 on party lines. The bill was introduced by Delegate Smith, of Arizona, to allow the citizens of the territories to elect their own governor, secretary, auditor and treasurer, instead of having those officers federal appointees.

Ontario Sunday Observance Bill.

Ottawa, Ontario, March 16.—In the house of commons to-day, Mr. Charlton's Sunday observance bill was up for consideration. Mr. Fisher moved an amendment to the clause prohibiting the publication or sale of Sunday newspapers, providing that all foreign Sunday newspapers be prohibited from entering Canada. The house adjourned without taking action on the bill.

Crop Crisis in California.

San Francisco, March 16.—Reports from all sections of California show that the crop conditions throughout the state are critical. A heavy rain within the next few days would save the grain on thousands of acres of wheat and barley and insure good crops in many places, where otherwise there will be scant harvests.

Wants Damages for a Beating.

Topeka, Kas., March 16.—(Special.) John C. Frey has filed suit in the federal court against Edward and Bernard O'Mally to recover $2,500 damages. The plaintiff claims that the two defendants jumped on him on the Fort Riley reservation on February 18 and pounded him up so that his wife didn't know him when he got home.

Opera House to Rebuild.