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Matthew Stanley Quay Has Been "Downed" Again, but, as Usual, Is Still on Top

BUSINESS BANQUET

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DR. (LOUIS PERIN THE GUEST OF HONOR.

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Eminent Palmist Discourses on His Wonderful Science and Reads the Palms of Prominent Kansas Cityans—Pleasing Entertainment.

The first banquet and April business meeting of the Manufacturers' Association was held at the Coates House last evening. It was a most successful affair, and 150 of the men who are making "Kansas City, U. S. A.," known throughout the civilized world were present. The menu was excellent, the entertainment provided amusing and interesting, and the business transacted important.

Dr. Carl Louis Perin, the eminent scientist and palmist, was present as a guest

DR. PERIN READING VICE PRESIDENT BERKOWITZ' HAND.

of honor. Vice President Berkowitz, Secretary Winsborough and Chairman Wiles, of the entertainment committee, had extended him an invitation in the name of the association, and he had responded to the honor tendered with a cheerful assent. He was seated at the officers' table, having Vice President Berkowitz on his right and Chairman Wiles on his left. The doctor was a highly interested banqueter and spectator, and later a very instructive although mystifying actor.

It was after the regular programme had been finished and Chairman Wiles had placed the meeting in the vice president's hands that the doctor was introduced by the latter, as follows:

"Gentlemen:—It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that our meeting has been honored by the presence of Dr. Perin, the most celebrated follower of the science of palmistry in the world."

The doctor was greeted with a cordial round of applause and in response said:

Dr. Perin's Response.

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Manufacturers' Association of Kansas City, U. S. A.:—I am a foreigner and I am proud of the honor paid to me this evening. It I am unable to display any eloquence in addressing you it will not be from the lack of appreciation on my part. I am not here as a palmist, but as a guest. I feel honored because of this opportunity to meet so many estimable gentlemen, who are, I understand, doing so much for Kansas City. This is my first visit to this beautiful city, although I had, in my Austrian home, often read of it. I was very much surprised to find such a prosperous and such a great city that in progress and enterprise has not a rival in the United States. (Applause). I have been asked by my friends to read a few palms for you to-night. I assure you it is very embarrassing for me to come as a guest and speak of my vocation, which I have followed for the past fifteen years.

"To those who read my name is familiar. I have been connected with the leading papers of the United States during the past thirteen years and have traveled extensively and it is not necessary for me to advertise myself this evening. Every evening I have to turn from fifty to sixty people away, but I could not resist the kind invitation of your chairman, your vice president and your capable secretary. So I am here. I am glad that I came. Here I am not the palmist, but Perin the man. There is nothing supernatural, nothing phenomenal about me. We are all gifted with certain intuitions, but some are more developed than others. I was the first man to utter the word 'Klondike' in the United States. Nobody knew at that time (it was in Seattle, Wash.) what it meant. Perhaps I did not. Intuition prompted me to speak it. You have no doubt read of other predictions I have made. I have some in my pocket. I shall read them and then hand them to your secretary. I hope to God that I shall not be mistaken in the predictions. I feel—I know that they will all come true. I want the secretary to put them away and when all are fulfilled I want him to read them again and then simply say: 'Perin predicted truly.' Here they are:

Perin's Deductions.

"I predict that your association will soon have 300 firms as members and 1,000 individual members.

"I predict that the association will soon have a home of its own—a permanent exhibition place—a continuous home product show—a commercial library and a meeting place for the members.

"I predict that the association's motto, 'Made In Kansas City, U. S. A.,' will soon be as well known in the Orient as it now is in the Occident.

"I further predict that because of the efforts of the manufacturers and of the press Kansas City will soon the the largest city between the Mississippi and the Pacific ocean.

"I predict that the next president of the United States will be nominated in Kansas City."

A hearty round of applause greeted the conclusion of the predictions.

Dr. Perin then continued his remarks by saying: "I know very well that perhaps 75 per cent of the gentlemen before me are skeptical as to the merits of the science of palmistry. I do not blame you. I like skentics best, and I always try to convince them. Such eminent Americans as McKinley and Cleveland, the governors of many states and city officials in great numbers have had their palms read by me. At first many declared they would not submit to what they deemed nonsense, but they were in the end convinced.

"Nothing Is Impossible."

"But let me tell you, my friends, there is nothing impossible. Everything is possible. If you had lived sixty years ago and were told that you could stand before a little box and talk to people hundreds of miles distant, you would have scoffed at the relator. It is the same with the science of palmistry as with the telephone. There is nothing mysterious about it—just natural laws, laws as true as the daylight. I firmly believe in what I preach, and, for the benefit of doubters, will read a few palms. I am sorry I am not provided with all my magnifying glasses. Without them I will not attempt to give a thorough reading, but I can tell you how long you will live and—and how long you will be dead." (Laughter.)

Calls for Chairman Wiles to act as the first "victim" were made, but Dr. Perin objected. He said:

"I have met Mr. Wiles. I desire to have a perfect stranger so that no charge of collusion can be made."

W. J. Berkowitz was finally chosen. Mr. Berkowitz is the well known printer and vice president of the Manufacturers' Association. At one time he studied law. Dr. Perin examined the palm of his left hand with a magnifying glass and then said:

What Berkowitz' Palm Disclosed.

"You will live to be 89 years old. You will die of old age and in the full possession of all your faculties. You have passed by a great vocation. You would have made an eminent attorney, an eminent orator or an able minister. Your physical organization is good, but at the same time you have no vitality to waste. You must be careful in what you eat. You must avoid intoxicating liquors, spices and condiments. Frequent drinking will cut your life short twenty years. You are an honest man. What you possess you have acquired by your own hands. You are benevolent and kind hearted, but your heart is too big for your purse. You have a devilish temper. You get angry quickly and are soon over it.

"Between the years 1900 and 1906 you will acquire considerable money, also valuable property. You will never be immensely wealthy, but will die in comfortable circumstances. You will travel. You will never meet with a serious accident. Your best day is Friday. If you wish to undertake something new always do it on Friday. You will not regret it."

Bob Neilson's Future Foretold.

Robert T. Neilson was the next subject. Mr. Neilson is vice president of the Cutler & Neilson Paint and Color Company.

"You will live to be 93 years old," said the doctor after a momentary study of Mr. Neilson's left palm. "You come of a long-lived family."

"I do," responded Mr. Neilson.

"You are not often sick," continued the doctor, "but you will be seriously ill in your fifty-sixth year and again in your seventy-second year. You have chosen your vocation well and will make a success of it. You are destined to be immensely wealthy. Your greatest success will date from your fiftieth year. Until then you will get along very nicely. You will never suffer want and will always have a dollar to place your hand on. You are a wide-awake business man. You borrow considerable trouble. You should be cheerful, because you have everything before you.

"You are very imaginative. You will also possess considerable property, which, however, you will lose in some speculation at the age of 55. But you will make it up. You will travel a great deal. You will go abroad. You will meet with an accident. You will fracture your right shoulder blade. You possess good judgment. You are not easily imposed upon. You will make considerable money this summer. You will meet with very few disasters in your life. Your lucky day is Tuesday."

This ended the palm reading. Vice President Berkowitz then thanked Dr. Perin, in the name of the association, for his instructive talk and reading, after which the business session was called to order.

HOME PRODUCTS SHOW.

Manufacturers' Association Will Go Ahead at Once With Arrangements for a Permanent Exhibit.

But it was not alone in the fine dinner and the remarkable exhibition of Dr. Perin that the work of the entertainment committee, headed by John H. Wiles, was so acceptable that it was given a hearty vote of thanks at the close of the meeting. It had also arranged for other forms of amusement. First came some piano "rag" selections by Kansas City's composer, Charles L. Johnson, which were highly applauded. Then three vocal solos by James Hingston. The first was given for the first time in public and was a "Made-in-Kansas-City" song. It was entitled "By the Winding Tennessee," and is the latest song by Mr. Johnson, who played the accompaniment. Mr. Hingston also sang "Asthore" and another Kansas City song, "Down by the Old Missouri Shores."

Following the music came a most wonderful exhibition by the celebrated magician, Houdini, and his wife. All the acts by Houdini mystified and delighted the audience, including the handcuff act, but the climax was reached when in two seconds' time Houdini, with hands tied, in a sealed sack and inclosed in a tightly bound trunk, released himself and Madam Houdini was found securely bound in his place with all the knots, seals and fastenings unbroken.

After the exhibition of palmistry by Dr. Perin, Vice President Berkowitz took charge of the business meeting, reminding the audience that the May meeting will be the first meeting in the second year of the association's work, when five directors will be elected for a term of three years, reports will be heard from all the officers and amendments to the by-laws will be reported for action. He expressed the hope that one of Dr. Perin's predictions would be fulfilled by the time of that meeting—the increase of membership to 300. The association now has 244 members, three having been added yesterday.

It was voted to appoint a committee of five to assist in the reception to Dan Godfrey and his band, the action being taken upon request from British Vice Consul Burrough.

In the absence from the city of Chairman C. E. Finney, of the special committee upon permanent exhibit and building, Secretary Winsborough read the report which made recommendation as follows:

"The undersigned committee of your honorable body respectfully begs leave to report as follows:

"First—We recommend that arrangements be at once made by the association for the establishment of a permanent exhibit for the products of its members in suitable premises to be temporarily rented for that purpose, and that the committee be authorized to proceed with the work.

"Second—The committee asks further time to investigate and report on the subject of a permanent home for the association, having in mind the possibility of uniting the numerous trade organizations of the city into one grand league with its various sections and divisions and, if possible, under one roof, the building to belong to the consolidated association."

After considerable discussion of the report a motion carried that the committee be instructed to co-operate with the board of directors and proceed to rent a building and establish a home product show in accordance with the first portion of the above report. During the discussion Secretary Winsborough told of several locations which could be secured. The most promising one he had seen so far was the four-story building and basement at 1217 Main street, which could be secured at about $250 per month. Of this the top floor could be used as a hall and the lower floor for the secretary's office and general information bureau for strangers. With only the second and third floors used for exhibits there could be 109 exhibition spaces, each 10x5½ feet in size, and at the nominal rental of $5 per month to each exhibitor funds sufficient to carry on the permanent show could easily be provided. R. W. Hilliker reported that all the large concerns, like the packing houses, heartily favored the permanent exhibit idea if not on too elaborate a scale and would support it generously. The proposition to go ahead with the permanent home product show carried unanimously.

LARGE VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

A Rush All Along the Line in Kansas City During the Past Week.

J. W. Swain, local manager for Bradstreet's Kansas City branch, reports for the week: Both the jobbing and retail trade report a large volume of business the past week with collections fairly good.

Building material is in good demand, both in city and country. The packing houses are having large domestic and export orders and sales are being made at good values. The lateness of the season has had quite an effect on country shipments, hence business is a little quiet in the produce and commission district. Clearings for the week, $12,186,581.

NEAR DANGER LINE

MISSOURI RIVER IS WITHIN A FEW INCHES OF IT.

BOTTOMS ALMOST FLOODED

RAILROAD TRACKS UNDER WATER—PACKING PLANTS THREATENED.

Great, Turbulent, Swirling Volume of Water, Filled With Driftwood, Rolling Beneath the Hannibal Bridge—Rise Will Continue.

Cities.	Rise in 24 hours.	Stage of water.	Danger line.
Kansas City	2.1	19.9	21.0
St. Joseph	0.5	10.0	10.0
Omaha	0.9	16.9	18.0
Plattsmouth	0.5	11.6	16.6
Sioux City	0.3	18.2	19.0

By noon yesterday the river had approached so near the danger line that officials of packing houses, warehouses and manufacturing plants in the bottoms were taking precautions to keep the water from overflowing into cellars and underground storerooms. A gang of laborers went to work piling dirt into a dike to protect the stock pens and the packing houses began dumping earth along the railroad embankments in the rear of their plants. Floodgates have been attached to the sewers of the packing plants so that the overflow, if it comes, can be run off as fast as it runs in.

At 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the last measurement taken, the gauge showed 20.7 feet, or only 3.6 inches below danger line. This was a rise of 9.6 inches from 7 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., an average of 91-100 of an inch per hour.

Tenants of huts and shanties along the river banks are in danger and are getting their belongings together, so as to be ready to move out at a moment's warning. The pesthouse has been moved, on account of the rise, to Second street and Virginia avenue.

Railroads Submerged.

Several railroads will be partly under water before night. Between Kansas City and East Atchison the Burlington tracks will be submerged for miles before noon to-day. It is probable this stretch of track will be temporarily abandoned and that the Burlington trains will run over the Missouri Pacific tracks. The water in the Kaw, which is also rising, is within four feet of the Union Pacific bridge.

Dispatches from Omaha report the floodings of the bottoms near there and the stoppage of trains on the east side of the river. At St. Joseph the danger line has already been passed. Much bottom land in Iowa is under water, and dispatches state that the river is higher there than it has been for eighteen years.

Local Rise to Continue.

Weather Observer Connor says the rise will continue at Kansas City until Monday, when the water will stand at 22 to 23 feet.

Although there is no diminution in the rate of increase in the volume of water, the river is not rising so fast as it was yesterday, because the higher it gets the more ground it covers.

From the draw span of the Hannibal bridge the river presents a startling appearance. Turbulent volumes of water go swirling and swishing beneath the big structure, carrying tons of driftwood and debris down the current. Occasionally a large log goes rolling beneath the bridge and disappears in a few minutes down the river.

"See that white mark on the draw," said the keeper of the bridge. "It is about two feet above where the river is now. That is the highest mark of previous floods. At that time they rescued people from a house in Harlem in boats, and if this keeps on we may have to do the same thing again."

The ferryboat Annie Cade has a hard time pushing across, but makes her trips just the same, although the landing is frequently washed away before she can get back. All the smaller craft in the river are tied up in safe spots.

In Kansas City, Kas., occupants of the boathouses near the Ohio avenue bridge have to use skiffs to reach the shore.

BUYING SPRING STOCKS.

Representatives of Many Missouri and Kansas Firms Were in the City Yesterday.

Among the firms of Missouri and Kansas represented by buyers in the uptown wholesale house were Kraus & Thompson, Seneca, Kas.; Evans & Bro., Sterling, Kas.; Ketchum & Wood, Mankato, Kas.; Brohard & Hannah, Little River, Kas.; Boynton & Co., Sarden, Mo., and Pryor & Son, Sibley, Mo.

J. L. Hall, of Marceline, Mo., was in the city yesterday buying summer goods for his dry goods emporium.

W. E. Gentry, a prominent citizen of Idana, Kas., and a leading merchant of that place, was in the wholesale district yesterday.

J. T. Strickler bought a bill of goods Thursday for his dry goods store at Solomon City, Kas. He returned home yesterday.

E. W. Moreland, a merchant of Creighton, Mo., was in the city Thursday and yesterday buying spring and summer goods.

N. H. Bear, of Plymouth, Mo., was in the market yesterday for summer goods. He is proprietor of one of the largest dry goods stores in Plymouth.

L. R. Keiffer, of Chanute, Kas., was in the city yesterday. He is one of the leading merchants of Neosho county, and was here to patronize Kansas City wholesalers.

F. P. Hollenback, of Zarah, Kas., purchased a bill of dry goods yesterday for his store.

GEORGE S. MYERS BUYS.

Attorney James H. Cravens Carries Through a Deal for Lot at Tenth and Grand Avenue.

James H. Cravens, the attorney, who has an office in the Heist building, has for some time been quietly buying Kansas City property for George S. Myers, of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, of St. Louis. Yesterday he closed up what is understood to be the last investment which this capitalist will make for some time.

It was the purchase of ninety-six feet at the northeast corner of Tenth and Grand avenue for $79,200 cash. The purchase was made from the Amigo Realty and Investment Company, which purchased the same property less than two months ago for $60,000, an increase in that time of $200 a front foot. Mr. Cravens thinks it very probable that Mr. Myers will erect a large building upon his new property, but he has bought considerable Kansas City property lately, principally because he realizes it is a great investment at present prices.

Mrs. Tabor May Be Postmistress.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—It is said that Senator Wolcott has decided to recommend Mrs. H. W. Tabor as postmistress at Denver, Col., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of ex-Senator Tabor, her husband.

Rabbi Mayer Comes May 1.

Arrangements were made yesterday by the official board of the congregation B'nai Jehudah whereby Rabbi H. H. Mayer, of Little Rock, recently called to the pastorate, will begin his official year May 1.

DUEL WITH PITCHFORKS.

Two Chicago Teamsters Fight Until One Is Stabbed to the Heart.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Armed with pitchforks, Horace Scott, colored, and Edward Zikmond, a young white man, fought a duel to death in the alley at the rear of 1830 Indiana avenue this afternoon. Scott was stabbed in the breast and died after a few minutes. Zikmond surrendered to the police three hours later.

There had been ill feeling between the men for some time and this afternoon, when Zikmond attempted to drive through the alley and was unable to do so because a wagon in Scott's charge blocked the passage, the old quarrel was renewed. Zikmond threatened to kill Scott, and the latter ran at him with a pitchfork. Zikmond drove a short distance up the alley. Borrowing a small three-pronged pitchfork, he ran back to where Scott was working.

Scott's weapon was a four-pronged affair and was much longer than that carried by Zikmond. When the two men met, they plunged and struck at each other viciously with their forks. The fight lasted fully five minutes when Zikmond struck Scott's pitchfork aside and then plunged the prongs of his own fork into the negro's breast. Scott staggered into a barn nearby and fell to the floor. Zikmond followed and stood over the dying man, threatening him with the fork if he attempted to rise. He stood over Scott until the latter died, and then ran from the stable. Later he gave himself up. The prongs of Zikmond's fork entered Scott's heart.

TIME FOR A WESTERN MAN.

There Has Never Been a Speaker Who Came From West of Ohio.

DES MOINES, IA., April 21.—Congressman Hull, chairman of the committee on military affairs, said to-day that the Iowa delegation had not yet made up its mind whom it would support for the speakership of the house of representatives. He said:

"I understand Representative Hopkins, of Illinois, will be a candidate. I regard his chances as very bright. I believe the West is entitled to the speakership of the next congress. There has never been a speaker who lived west of Ohio, and the time is opportune for the election of an active and able Western candidate."

CHICAGO, April 21.—Congressman Joseph G. Cannon, who came to Chicago from Danville, to-day, told a few of his friends he was an avowed candidate for the speakership of the house of representatives, and then took a train for Washington.

At a result of the growing rivalry between the supporters of Congressmen Hopkins and Cannon for Mr. Reed's place, there is talk of a conference, probably in Chicago, of Illinois Republican congressmen to decide which of the two they will support. They feel a divided delegation from Illinois might jeopardize chances of success, and hope to focus their energies in favor of one man.

It is expected James R. Mann, Henry Sherman Boutell, George E. Hoss, Walter Reeves and one or two others will move for a conference, perhaps next week.

AFTER BOGUS REVENUE STAMPS

Cincinnati Revenue Officers Seize Half a Million Cigars and Have Only Begun.

CINCINNATI, O., April 21.—At the close of office hours to-day Internal Revenue Collector Bettman and his entire force went on a raid for counterfeit revenue stamps. To-night they have confiscated over 500,000 cigars, and expect to secure 1,000,000 more to-morrow. The large force had been organizing all day secretly for this work and all were surprised at finding so many. They state now that they cannot estimate the extent of these counterfeit cigar stamps in the Ohio valley. They will continue the work to-morrow and even on Sunday.

GERMAN TRAITOR ESCAPES.

Was Accused of Treason for Selling Army Secrets to Russian Agents.

BERLIN, April 21.—Sergeant Major Albrecht, of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth regiment, who was arrested at Bromberg, Prussia, and was taken in chains to Spandau, nine miles from here, where the state prison is situated, has escaped from his guards and has not yet been recaptured. He is charged with high treason in disclosing to Russian agents the detailed plans of German fortifications and plans for mobilizing the army of Germany.

BULBS WERE FROZEN.

Severe Cold Cost Chicago Florists and Gardeners Upward of $1,000,000.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Florists and gardeners in the vicinity of Chicago who have been waiting for weeks for some sign of growth from the bulbs from which they expected to supply early blossoms have awakened to a realization of the fact that the severe cold weather of last winter destroyed a large share of the bulbs. It is estimated the loss from the freezing of bulbs will be over $1,000,000 within a radius of forty miles of Chicago.

Condition of St. Joseph Bank.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(Special.) The abstract of the condition of the National Bank of St. Joseph, Mo., at the close of business on April 5, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve to have been 41.34 per cent against 50.58 per cent on February 4. Loans and discounts increased from $2,012,764 to $2,314,694; stocks and securities decreased from $14,900 to $13,900; gold coin increased from $83,375 to $122,177; total specie from $217,428 to $285,864; lawful money reserve from $413,498 to $456,733; individual deposits from $2,177,294 to $2,275,980.

Big Advance in Window Glass.

PITTSBURG, PA., April 21.—J. G. Sayre, president of the American Glass Company, said to-night that the company decided today to advance prices 20 per cent on double and 12 per cent on single strength. Mr. Sayre says the announcement yesterday of a general advance of 10 per cent was premature.

Barney Sheridan in Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(Special.) Barney Sheridan, of Paola, Kas., receiver of the Wellington bank, is in the city, and had a conference to-day relative to the old accounts of the bank under the former receiver. The visit was simply one of ordinary business routine.

New Elevator for Coffeyville.

COFFEYVILLE, KAS., April 21.—(Special.) The Phoenix Mill and Elevator Company has just been organized here with a capital stock of $30,000. The new company will begin at once the erection of a 100,000-bushel elevator. This will make five big elevators for Coffeyville.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

The postoffice at Snyder, Ford county, Kas., has been discontinued; mail to Dodge City.

Two new cases of yellow fever developed in Havana yesterday, making five officially reported.

Since January 1, 20,000 Spanish citizens have left Cuba for Spain, the Alfonso XIII. taking 600 yesterday.

William P. Lynch, of Cedarvale, Kas., has been admitted to practice before the interior department at Washington.

The postoffice department has ordered the postoffice at Pleasanton, Kas., moved to the building owned by J. M. Moore.

The Indian Territory has been deluged with heavy rains for the past two days, three inches having fallen during the past twenty-four hours.

The contract for fuel for the public building at Atchison, Kas., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, has been awarded to Vandoren Fuel Company, at $495.

Mr. Isaac Butler was run over by a Missouri, Kansas & Texas freight train and instantly killed at Checotah, I. T., Thursday. Mr. Butler was a stockman and well known throughout the Indian Territory.

PARTISANISM OUT

CARDWELL JUSTICE COURT BILL RADICALLY AMENDED.

IS SENT TO ENGROSSMENT

PROVIDES NEW JUSTICE COURT SYSTEM FOR KANSAS CITY.

To Be No Fewer Than Four Courts, but One Clerk and One Constable Are to Serve for All—Civil Jurisdiction Greatly Increased.

JEFFERSON CITY, April 21.—(Special.) With the partisan features eliminated by amendments prepared by Representatives Hawthorne and Mann, the Cardwell justice court bill for Kansas City was sent to engrossment in the house to-day without opposition. The bill, as at first introduced, provided for the appointment by the county court of the clerk, the constable and their deputies, and permitted the county court to gerrymander the justice districts. These provisions were extremely objectionable to the Republicans, and they refused to support the bill until changes were made. Since there are as many different opinions in the Jackson county Democratic delegation on matters political as there are members, Cardwell feared to chance his bill with the Democrats, preferring to placate the Republicans. He called up the bill today and himself offered the amendments which clear the bill of the taint of partisanship and make it a purely economic measure. Cardwell more than half expects that Cleary will oppose the changes in the bill, although no reason is given beyond the fact that Cardwell favors them.

Under the bill, as amended and engrossed, the county court is empowered to redistrict Kansas City into justice districts, not less than four in number, but in so doing ward lines must be followed. All four courts are to meet at the court house. There shall be one constable and one clerk for all of the courts, they to be elected by the people of Kansas City and to appoint their own deputies to the number allowed them by the country court. The present justices are permitted to serve out their respective terms. In civil cases, the jurisdiction is increased to those involving $500 instead of $300, as at present. One justice court is to be designated for the criminal cases, unless a change of venue be taken.

Mr. Cardwell read a letter from Judge Chrisman advocating the bill. He claimed that at present the justice courts sometimes run behind as much as $25,000 a year. The vote for engrossment was unanimous.

WAR ON THE BEER BILL.

Prospect Now Is That the Contest Against It Will Begin Next Week.

JEFFERSON CITY, April 21.—(Special.) It seems probable now that the legal contest over the Farris beer inspection bill will be begun next week by the brewers, when a formal notice will be served on Speaker Ward warning him not to sign the bill. Several reasons will be assigned in the notice, but chief among them the fact that Mr. McClaren, of Ripley, voted, and Mr. Whitecotton, of Monroe, changed his vote after the verification of the roll. It is claimed that Speaker Ward has heretofore ruled that changes could not be made after a verification. It will also be set forth in the notice that the title does not properly express the purpose of the act. It is not presumed that Speaker Ward will heed the notice, but a basis will have been established for proceedings in the courts.

KANSAS CITY POLICE BILL.

Representative Cleary and Senator Young Are Preparing a Wholly New Measure.

JEFFERSON CITY, April 21.—(Special.) The committee on municipal corporations reported the Kansas City police bill today with an amendment striking out the excise feature. This is not the bill that will be finally considered, however. Mr. Cleary and Senator Young are preparing a substitute which will be offered when the bill comes up for engrossment. It is the intention to further increase the number and the pay of patrolmen and to make them state officers. Whether or not the excise feature will be reincorporated has as yet been undecided.

For a Gift for the Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, April 21.—(Special.) Representative Mann's bill appropriating $10,000 for an appropriate gift to the battleship Missouri was sent to engrossment by the house to-day. There was some opposition to the bill, and a number of amendments tending to vitiate it were killed. Mann and Johnston, of St. Louis county, spoke for the bill in a patriotic vein.

Legislators on a Junket.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., April 21.—(Special.) About forty members of the state legislature, consisting of twenty from each house, arrived in this city by special train this evening. They were met at the depot by citizens in carriages and escorted to the Metropolitan hotel. They were entertained by the Elks at their clubrooms after supper, where refreshments and speeches were the principal features. The delegation leaves at 4:15 in the morning for Joplin, where they will spend the day.

Kansas Letter Carriers to Organize.

WICHITA, KAS., April 21.—(Special.) The letter carriers of Kansas will hold a meeting in this city on Decoration day for the purpose of forming a state organization. There are seventeen cities in the state having the free delivery and it is expected that about fifty delegates will be present. Topeka carriers have written that they will send three delegates; Kansas City, Kas., five; Emporia, two, and Fort Scott, three.

Agent James Has Resigned.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(Special.) The commissioner of Indian affairs has been notified that George W. James, agent of the Pottawatomie and Great Nemaha reservations in Kansas, has forwarded his resignation. A new appointment will be made as soon as Senator Baker and Representative Curtis can be heard from as to their choice of men.

Hoo Hoo Concatenation at Joplin.

JOPLIN, MO., April 21.—(Special.) A concatenation of Hoo Hoos was held at Odd Fellows' hall this evening. W. M. Johns, of Sedalia, vicegerent snark for Missouri, conducted the ceremonies and initiated twenty-five candidates. After the initiation a grand banquet was served to the Hoo Hoos and their guests at the Keystone hotel.

Died While at Prayer.

TESCOTT, KAS., April 21.—(Special.) Mrs. Weeper, a widow with no relatives here, was found dead yesterday in her home, where she lived alone, kneeling by a chair. She had evidently knelt for prayer before retiring and had been stricken suddenly with death.

MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY.

REPUBLICANS DON'T LIKE IT.

Object to Having Vest and Cockrell Consulted in Regard to Census Patronage.

JEFFERSON CITY, April 21.—(Special.) The disclosure of the plan of Director Merriam, of the census bureau at Washington, to consult with Senators Vest and Cockrell in the distribution of patronage when the census supervisors for Missouri are appointed, has brought forth a vigorous protest from the members of the Republican legislative steering committee. They hold that Missouri cannot properly be classed as a Southern state, since, at the last election, it stood sixth among the states in the number of Republican votes cast. The Republicans think that prospects are bright for carrying Missouri in 1900, and claim that every encouragement in the way of the customary patronage should be furnished by the national administration. They hold that Missouri at best is a doubtful state, and could be made safely Republican by vigorous campaign methods.

BURLINGTON FLYER WRECKED.

Went Into the Ditch in Illinois While Running Fifty Miles an Hour.

AURORA, ILL., April 21.—The St. Paul flyer of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road went into the ditch seven miles west of here last night, killing one man and injuring several others, and wrecking the train. The accident occurred while the train was going fifty miles an hour. The engine left the track, followed by the train, which turned over. The dining car and one coach were burned.

Charles Flock, Chicago, fireman, was crushed under the engine and killed.

The injured are: William Clinton, Chicago, engineer, badly bruised and injured internally; C. A. Wolf, Chicago, baggageman, bruised about back; G. O. Elmer, Chicago, conductor, cut and injured internally; A. B. Plough, St. Paul, vice president and general manager St. Paul & Duluth railway, thrown through the window and badly cut and bruised about head.

TO FIGHT TOBACCO TRUST.

Large Anti-Trust Factory to Be Established in St. Louis, It Is Said.

ST. LOUIS, April 21.—A large anti-trust tobacco factory is to be started in St. Louis as soon as arrangements can be made. The proposed factory promises to be one of the largest in the country. Every precaution is being taken to keep the matter quiet until the plans are fully developed and those whose names are mentioned in connection with the new enterprise refuse to discuss the matter.

According to the reports which are circulating in financial circles, M. C. Wetmore will be president and general manager of the new company.

Colonel Wetmore said to-night that he did not know of the company. He would not deny that there was such a proposition afoot.

WRECK OF PLUTON FOUND.

Riddled With Six-Pounders, Which Shows the Gloucester Did Her Work Well.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 21.—The wreck of the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Pluton, which was sunk in the great battle that resulted in the destruction of Admiral Cervera's squadron, was discovered yesterday about three miles west of Morro castle, in eight fathoms of water. It was found by divers from the Yankton, who made a thorough inspection, finding the hull lying on the port side and with no indications of having been struck by a heavy shell, as was originally reported. The vessel, however, is badly stoved and literally riddled by six-pounders. Evidently the Gloucester did her work well that day, for the Pluton is utterly ruined, and no attempt will be made to raise her.

Accidentally Shot Himself.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., April 21.—(Special.) Dr. William H. Geiger, ex-city physician, was accidentally killed in handling a shotgun to-day. He was about to start for a day's sport at Lake Contrary. He had his left foot in the buggy and the right foot on the step when, in pulling the gun after him, the hammer of one barrel struck the buggy and the gun was discharged. The contents of one shell penetrated the doctor's body.

Carlists Active in Cuba.

HAVANA, April 21.—The Carlists are moving throughout the island and their agents are trying to secure men. They prefer the Cuban soldiers around Havana. Yesterday one agent was openly offering $15 a month and a free passage to Spain as inducements to join the army of Don Carlos.

QUAY NOT GUILTY

ACQUITTED YESTERDAY ON THE CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

APPOINTED SENATOR AT ONCE

GOVERNOR STONE ACTED AS SOON AS VERDICT WAS IN.

News of Quay's Acquittal Was the Signal for a Great Demonstration—Three Indictments Still Pending Against the Senator.

PHILADELPHIA, April 21.—Matthew Stanley Quay was to-day declared, by a jury of his peers, to be not guilty of the charge of conspiring to use for his own unlawful gain and profit the funds of the state of Pennsylvania deposited in the People's bank, of this city. This verdict was announced by the foreman of the jury just as the hands of the courtroom timepiece pointed to 11 o'clock. At the time the jurymen came filing into their places there were comparatively few people in the courtroom. The rule regarding admission that has prevailed since the trial began was strictly adhered to, and nobody got by the line of watchmen guarding the corridor who was not provided with a ticket. As a result of this arrangement, only about half the seats were occupied when the verdict was rendered.

There was an attempt at a demonstration, but this was sternly repressed by the court officers, whose loud shouts of "order," "silence," were effective in silencing those jubilant spirits who wished to give vent to their satisfaction by cheering. The officers were unable, however, to keep back those who struggled to get to Senator Quay and congratulate him. Chairs were upset, tables were brushed aside and hats were smashed by the onrushing crowd. Senator Quay, with a broad smile on his face, responded pleasantly to the greetings and congratulations of those who crowded around. A few of his political friends were there and these men were loud and sincere in their expressions.

Although the court officers prevented the cheering in the courtroom, their jurisdiction did not extend to the corridors of the city hall, and the first group of men who left the courtroom sent up a mighty shout which was taken up and repeated by the crowds gathered just outside the "dead line" drawn by the watchmen, beyond which only possessors of tickets were allowed to pass.

As soon as Senator Quay could get away from those anxious to shake his hand and congratulate him, he made his way, accompanied by his counsel, to the elevator to descend to the street from the sixth floor of the municipal building. Here the scenes in the courtroom were repeated. Everybody wanted to say something pleasant to him, and crowds gathered near the elevator shaft on each floor to watch the car carrying the distinguished party as it descended to the street. The avenue surrounding the city hall is wide and smooth and the neighborhood is the stamping ground for the politicians of the town. Here the enthusiasm was immense as the senator emerged from the door of the building. A group of enthusiasts rushed forward and attempted to hoist him onto their shoulders, but the senator waved them back, saying: "Oh, no; oh, no. I'm too old a man for that."

Senator Quay walked with his friends one block down Broad street to the office of his counsel, where he made his escape from the surging crowd. It is understood that he will at once join his family in Washington and will probably go away for a long rest.

Previous to the announcement of the verdict, the accused man sat in his accustomed seat in the courtroom and chatted with his counsel and a group of newspaper reporters. He was in good spirits, probably owing to the prevalent rumor