DIED WHILE ALONE.

SUDDEN DEATH OF W. H. HARRIS, A MAN WITH A VARIED CAREER.

FOUND IN A ROOM AT A HOTEL.

CORONER BEDFORD THINKS IT CLEARLY A CASE OF SUICIDE.

Post Mortem Examination Shows That Poison Was Probably Taken Either by Accident or Design—Deceased Once Prominent in Politics.

W. H. Harris, a man with a varied career as banker, stockman, editor and orator, and finally a plunger on horse races with a business consisting of placing commissions for New Orleans horsemen, was found dead in a room in the Midland hotel yesterday afternoon. He was dressed and lying on a bed, the spread of which had not been disturbed, with a newspaper of Tuesday's date lying by his side. There was nothing in or about the room or in his possession or appearance to indicate the cause of his death. He appeared to be asleep.

The coroner, after a post mortem examination, was of the opinion that the cause of death was poison administered by Harris' own hand. The contents of the stomach will be analyzed to-day and an inquest will probably be held to-morrow.

Harris had been living at the Clifton house, on Walnut street, for the past nine months. His wife came to this city and joined him about two months ago. They had formerly lived in Fort Worth, Tex., prior to that being residents of Kansas.

W. H. HARRIS.

Harris was 49 years of age. He was a native of Pennsylvania and served in the Fifth, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth and One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania regiments of infantry during the war. In 1867 he was one of Clarence King's United States surveying party, which was engaged in work on the fortieth parallel. At one time he was vice president of the First National bank of Dodge City, Kas., and afterwards a stock raiser, campaign orator and editor of the Star of Reciprocity, published at one time in this city. According to newspaper clippings found in his possession, Harris made speeches from the same platform with McKinley in various parts of Ohio in the campaign of 1892. But Harris turned his attention to horse racing and large amounts of money slipped through his fingers and he was finally driven close to the wall, financially. Only four copper pennies were found in his possession in the way of money yesterday. He had paid for the room in advance.

Coroner Bedford and Assistant Dean visited the room where the dead man lay and made a careful search for any article that might explain his death, but nothing was found. There were a few letters newspaper clippings and minor articles of value in the dead man's clothing. On the bureau were his gloves, cane, pipe and tobacco pouch. Fragments of tobacco were scattered about on the marble and it was apparent that Harris had smoked for a time before lying down on the bed with the newspaper that was found, where it had fallen out of his hand.

Mrs. Harris was not at the Clifton house when the body of her husband was discovered. She had been at the Midland hotel the night previous and again in the morning searching for her husband, as he frequently passed his leisure moments in the evening about the hotel corridors. She did not look on the register or she would have seen the name of W. H. Harris scrawled across the register in a bold hand. In the morning when she called to inquire about him she expressed a fear that some harm had befallen him. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harris also made search for the missing man Tuesday night, as he had never before passed the night away from the Clifton house during his stay in the city. His wife was greatly alarmed during his absence and when she learned from friends, who met her still searching for her husband, that he was dead, she was overcome with grief.

When the body was removed from the Midland it was taken to Stewart & Carroll's undertaking place and there a post mortem examination was held by Coroner Bedford. He found the principal organs of the dead man in sound condition and could only account for his death by the theory that he had committed suicide. "I believe the cause of death was poison," he said, after the examination, "and in order to make sure and also to determine the nature of the drug used, I will have the stomach's contents analyzed. I will probably hold an inquest on Friday, as the death is in several respects a singular one."

Among the letters found in the dead man's possession was one from ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, which was dated April 24, 1894, and read as follows:

"Dear Harris—I was glad to receive your letter with enclosed clipping and regret to hear that you are not fortunate this year. But who is, except the sharks and shylocks and brigands who prey on mankind and thrive by the calamities, misfortunes and sufferings of the rest of the human race? Poor Luke Short! I remember him well, and liked him well. But he paid the penalty which destiny always exacts from those who violate the inexorable laws of human conduct. Quite likely he is better off than here. Thanks for your good wishes, and the same to you and yours.

"JOHN J. INGALLS."

The reference to Harris' misfortune of some kind in this letter is believed to have been called forth by Harris' loss in cattle, which was due to Cleveland's edict relative to the feeding of cattle in the Cherokee Strip. This made a great hole in Harris' fortune and it was later dissipated by bad luck.

At all times Harris loved to place money on horse races and a few years ago, when he made frequent stays in this city, he would bet as much on a horse race as any of the local pool-room men would take and sometimes he made big winnings. A letter found in his possession, and which was written from St. Louis last November, suggested a scheme by which the races could be tapped at Kansas City and St. Louis the day before Christmas and several thousands won on the operation. The scheme evidently fell through, as none of the pool rooms was "worked" on the date mentioned in the letter, which was unsigned. Possibly Harris did not wish to engage in dealings of that kind. Recently Harris has been placing money for horsemen on commission.

Harris was of a quiet and retired disposition and of late appeared to be brooding over his financial troubles. The closing of the state line pool room took from him one of his sources of revenue. At the Midland hotel he was supposed to be a secret government agent. He was a man of good appearance and always dressed well and in the best of taste.

Blitz Not Prosecuted.

Morris, alias Pinky Blitz, who stabbed Ernest Mahone in the neck in a Main street saloon at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning, as told in yesterday's Journal, was released by the police yesterday without even being arraigned on a charge of disorderly conduct or disturbing the peace. It was stated that Mahone, who was once before stabbed by Blitz, had refused to prosecute him. As Blitz left the police station yesterday he said: "Well, I'm on cert' again, even if I did get a nice piece printed about me and the cuttin' scrap in the paper."

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Hood's Pills cure nausea and biliousness.

RECOUNT OF BALLOTS.

Attorney for DeBord Will To-day Ask Judge Slover to Order the Opening of the Ballot Boxes.

The supreme court of Missouri having denied the application of J. W. McCurdy, gang candidate for county collector, for a writ of prohibition to prevent Judge Slover issuing an order upon application of F. M. DeBord, who was elected to the office, for a recount of the ballots in the possession of the county clerk and the recorder of voters, Judge Slover will be asked this morning to issue the order.

Mr. I. N. Watson, attorney for Mr. DeBord, said yesterday: "I shall go into the circuit court before Judge Slover in the morning and ask him to issue an order to the county clerk and recorder of voters directing them to open the ballot boxes and count the ballots cast at the last election. Judge Slover has not ordered the ballot boxes opened. He decided that they could be opened and the attorneys for McCurdy applied to the supreme court for a writ of prohibition. Judge Slover withheld the order to the county clerk and recorder of voters pending the decision of the supreme court upon the application for the writ, upon motion of Mr. McCurdy's attorneys. The first thing I shall do will be to move to have the motion staying the issuance of the order set aside. I will then ask that the order be issued."

Mr. Watson was asked if the testimony taken in the DeBord-McCurdy contest by Commissioner O. G. Long would be submitted to Judge Slover at the same time the order for a recount is asked for. He said: "No, because it is not ready to be submitted. We had hoped to have all the evidence aside from what will be brought out at the recount ready to be submitted before this time. If we had all the evidence taken and written out we would submit it, but we are not half way through with it yet. We will be taking testimony for three or four weeks, and perhaps longer. It is our intention to make our case as strong as possible. We can go into court at any time and submit the evidence, but will probably not do so until after the recount is finished.

"One of the most interesting bits of testimony was given the other day by a young man who voted in the Fifth precinct, Second ward. He said that when he went into the polling place he was given a ticket on which all the names of candidates except those upon the straight Democratic ticket were scratched. The names of the Democratic nominees for justice of the peace and constable were also scratched and the names of Krueger and Brennan, Republican candidates for those offices, were written over them. The judges and clerks at the polling place had hundreds of such tickets and passed them to everyone who came there to vote."

It was contended by the attorneys for McCurdy that Judge Slover could order the county clerk to recount the ballots but could not order the recorder of voters to recount them, because the sections of the state election laws providing for recounts says the county clerk shall open the ballot boxes and recount the ballots when ordered by the circuit clerk to do so. Judge Slover held that in cities having recorders of voters those officials shall perform the duties of the county clerks.

Section 4722 provides that the writ commanding the opening of the ballot boxes and the recount of the ballots of the ballots therein shall be served by the sheriff without delay, and that upon receipt of the writ the official to whom it is directed shall at once fix a day, not more than thirty days after the day of the receipt of the writ, on which he will proceed to open the ballot boxes and begin the recount. It also provides that he shall cause notice of such recount to be served in writing upon the contestant and contestee or their attorneys at least five days before the date set for beginning the recount. Section 4723 provides that only the contestant and the contestee and their attorneys and the officials engaged in making the recount shall be present, and the contestant and the contestee and their attorneys must be sworn not to disclose any facts discovered from the examination of the ballots except such as may be contained in the certificate given by the official who conducts the recount.

MYSTERIOUS SAFE ROBBERY.

It Was Perpetrated by Some One Who Knew the Combination—Detectives Working Without a Clue.

The safe of the Parke-Davis Medicine Company on Broadway was robbed in an extremely mysterious manner last Friday night. When the lady cashier finished her day's work on Friday she placed $50 in the cash drawer in the safe and turned the combination on the drawer. No one else was there at the time except the bookkeeper, who put some books in the safe after the cashier had put the money in the drawer, and closed and locked the safe with a combination lock. Saturday morning the $50 was gone, but the safe and money drawer were found locked as usual, and, to all outward appearances, the safe had not been entered.

Another strange fact connected with the robbery was that the bookkeeper found some private papers that had been in the safe when locked, but which, in his table drawer on the morning following, Detectives worked on the mysterious case, and decided that the safe was robbed during the night, but failed to find any clue to the thief. No suspicion whatever attaches to the bookkeeper or cashier, both of whom are known to be possessed of sterling honesty.

SCALES AND LUNG TESTER.

They Are Being Used in the High School to Get Valuable Statistics.

Dr. John Punton, assisted by Frank L. Riley, the director of the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium, has already obtained the height, weight and lung capacity of about fifty of the high school boys. He has placed scales and a lung tester in the office and proposes to visit the school three days out of every week to continue his measurements. He expects to obtain measurements of most of the pupils in the school, if not all of them. He has obtained permission from the board of education for this work. He said last night that his object was to secure a large amount of data and then make deductions from them regarding the body weight of the pupils. He says that the weight of a boy or girl is a far better index of his or her powers than age. He expects to strike a standard between the height and weight measurements obtained and thus determine the rate of development, physical and mental. The neurotic nature of the school children will be carefully noted also.

Dr. Punton is the first physician in this city to undertake this kind of work. The same kind of statistics is being gathered all over the world, in Paris, London, New York and other large cities. Two years ago Dr. Punton read a paper on this subject and his work is simply a continuation of the ideas he advanced then. Besides Mr. Riley, he has as assistants several medical students.

The Persian Shah has blotted out
All staring signs his realms about,
Save one, whose mission 'tis to bless
With beauty, health and happiness.
He paints on every mountain's front
The simple sign, "Use SOZODONT."

Not Given a Hearing.

Prior to the calling of the case against John Mullins, the Fifty-second precinct election clerk, charged with substituting 100 fraudulent ballots for legal ones, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Joseph Brooks notified Justice Withrow that he had business in the criminal court that would prevent him from appearing against Mullins. When the case was called, and the prosecuting attorney's office was not represented, the case was continued till February 13.

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NOT BORNE OUT BY FACTS.

CITY COUNSELOR ROZZELLE MAKES A MISLEADING STATEMENT.

His Declaration as to the Price of Gas in Kansas City, Kas., Lacks Truth—What the Consumers Pay.

City Counselor Rozzelle, possibly through ignorance of the facts in the matter, made an erroneous and misleading statement to the lower house the night it passed the ordinance fixing the price of gas at $1 per 1,000 cubic feet after March 1. One of the arguments advanced by the friends of the ordinance has been that gas is made and sold in other cities, even neighboring cities, within a radius of 150 miles, at $1. But the Kansas City Gas Light and Coke Company, which is of course the object of attack by the ordinance, has shown that the price of gas in other cities is no possible just criterion of what constitutes a reasonable or profitable price of gas in this city. The company has shown that it pays twice and three times as much for coal as is paid in other cities, where inferior gas is sold at a less price.

There were several members of the house inclined to regard this argument as convincing and who were not in favor of involving the city in litigation through an attempt to make the company sell gas at a price which the courts would probably hold unreasonable, when the company showed that it could not sell gas at $1 and make a reasonable profit.

But the city counselor was called on at the meeting of the lower house Monday night and made the statement that gas was sold by the Kansas City Gas Light and Coke Company in Kansas City, Kas., at $1. This statement was misleading. The facts are that gas is not sold to private consumers in Kansas City, Kas., for $1. In the ordinance passed by the Kansas City, Kas., city council in 1890 and approved November 8 by Mayor Coy, permitting the Wyandotte Gas Company to buy gas from the Kansas City Gas Light and Coke Company, there appears this provision:

"Provided, that within thirty days after the commencement of such purchase of gas the Wyandotte Gas Company shall allow a discount of 20 per cent from its present rate of $2 per 1,000 feet of gas, or shall not charge consumers a net rate to exceed $1.60.

"Provided, further, that within thirty days after the commencement of said purchse of gas as aforesaid, the Wyandotte Gas Company shall allow a discount of 50 per cent from its present rate, or shall not charge the city of Kansas City, Kas., for all gas used in the city hall or other public buildings, a net rate to exceed $1 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas."

Mr. Rozzelle thus misled the council. So far from private consumers getting their gas for $1, they pay $1.60 for that commodity, the same price paid in this city. The company buying the gas from the Kansas City Gas Light and Coke Company, as compensation for its franchise, agreed to a provision that all gas used in the city hall or other public buildings in Kansas City, Kas., shall be sold for $1. Without taking into consideration the emphatic statement of the Kansas City Gas Light and Coke Company that it cannot sell gas for $1 at a profit, there is nothing in the provision referred to which shows that the Kansas City, Kas., company is not selling gas to the city at a loss in consideration of a franchise which enables it to do business at a profit in the city. Other kinds of companies in all cities give outright service for which the city pays nothing.

President Tiernan, when he championed his ordinance in the upper house, said that Kansas City, Kas., was getting its streets lighted for $15 per lamp per year. So far from this being correct, there are fifty-two street lamps in Kansas City, Kas., on fifty of which the city pays $20 per year each, and only two of them are paid for at the rate of $15 per year. It was such misleading statements as these that induced several of the more conservative members, who did not favor legislation certain to involve the city in litigation in which the city stood a fair chance to be badly worsted, to vote for the ordinance.

The Company Will Fight.

Mayor Davis yesterday signed the ordinance which passed the lower house of the council at the last meeting, fixing the price of gas at $1 after March 1. The ordinance passed the upper house several weeks ago.

Charles E. Small, attorney for the Kansas City Gas Light and Coke Company, said yesterday regarding the ordinance:

"The company cannot sell gas at $1 and make a reasonable profit. It will therefore resist the ordinance as unreasonable. We cannot be made to sell our goods at a loss any more than a merchant can be forced to sell his goods at a loss. If circumstances arise which induce him to sell below cost that is his business, but any legislation which seeks to force him to do so is unreasonable. We told the council that we could not sell gas at a profit at $1 per 1,000 feet and we meant what we said when we told the council that we would resist the proposed legislation."

Deaths and Funerals.

The funeral services over the remains of the late William Galleher, superintendent of the land department of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis road, were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. The Rev. Dr. S. M. Neel officiated. The pallbearers were all officials of the Memphis road. The remains were placed in the vault in Union cemetery for removal to the East.

Florence Watson, an infant, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 825 East Fourteenth street. The funeral services over the remains will be held at 10 o'clock this morning and the burial will be in Mount St. Mary's cemetery.

Mary Welsh, a 3-year-old child, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 2314 Highland avenue. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and the burial will be in Mount St. Mary's cemetery.

An infant child of Homer Howard, of 1219 Reservoir avenue, died yesterday. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

The funeral services over the remains of Charles Brown, who died at the Hotel Glenmore on Tuesday, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of his son, A. J. Browne, 2527 Olive street. The burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

The funeral services over the remains of Frederick Jameson will be held at his late residence, 514 West Twenty-fifth street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. Dr. J. E. Roberts will officiate. The remains will be placed in the vault in Forest Hill cemetery.

Cement and Plaster Dealers.

A meeting of the wholesale men engaged in the handling of cement and high grade plaster material was held last evening at the Coates House. Representatives of the firms located at Omaha, St. Joseph, Topeka, Fort Scott, St. Louis and Kansas City were present and took part in the meeting. The same dealers held a meeting in this city three weeks ago, but at that time refused to give any information as to the purposes of the convention. Last evening they made the same refusal and declared there was no organization and that their meetings here were purely accidental and had no significance whatever.

He Yelled and Fought.

James McDonell, a stranger in the city, became crazed with drink yesterday and wandered into the Midland hotel corridor with ear-splitting whoops. When Officer Grace tried to quiet him McDonell resisted and a fierce encounter ensued. McDonell was a powerful man and difficult to handle without doing him injury and this Grace did not want to do. A message was sent to police headquarters for policemen and the patrol wagon. It required three men to handle McDonell and hold him in the wagon while being taken to the Central police station. He was locked up.

DETECTIVES MET HIM.

C. Kuss, Charged With Being Head of a Gang of Stock Thieves, Arrested in an Express Office.

C. Kuss, alias Frank Smeck, alleged head of a gang of Nebraska stock thieves, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Baldwin and Halpin on a charge of stealing hogs from John Udric, of Tobias, Neb. The arrest was made in the Adams Express Company's office, on Delaware street, it being known by the detectives and Constable Joseph Ankeny, of Saline county, Neb., who is in the city, that Kuss would call at the office during the day for a valise.

The valise was expressed to Kuss by his wife, who gave Ankeny the information by which the alleged stock thief was located in this city. Kuss was also expecting a trunk, yesterday, but it did not arrive. He was taken to the Central police station and locked up. Kuss was clad in a rough ranchman's suit of clothing and had all the appearance of a typical Western cowboy. He said that he had come to Kansas City to live. Constable Ankeny says that the gang of which Kuss was the alleged leader has stolen hundreds of cattle, hogs and sheep during the past two or three years.

OF INTEREST TO STOCKMEN.

LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING TO-DAY.

Nominations for Officers for the Ensuing Year Will Be Made—Many Cattle Purchased Yesterday for Export—Fine Lot of Shorthorn Steers.

The annual meeting of the Live Stock exchange will be held to-day, when the secretary's annual report will be read and the nominations of the officers for the ensuing year will be made. The offices of president, vice president, the committee on arbitration and the committee on appeals are to be filled.

The export cattle buyers purchased freely yesterday. Eastman got 558 head, which he sent East alive, and the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Company got 1,048 for slaughter.

Henry Braymeyer, of Wabaunsee county, Kas., was here with seventeen Shorthorn steers that averaged 1,457 pounds and sold at $4.80. They were wheat chop and alfalfa fed and were a fine lot of beeves.

J. J. Dunn, of Waseca, Minn., was in yesterday with stockers. He reports the supply of hogs good, but not many cattle. He says farmers in his section will feed hogs, but do not like to feed cattle.

The Chicago Live Stock exchange has appropriated $2,000 for the destitute people of Nebraska and South Dakota.

D. S. Romine, Vinita, I. T., marketed here yesterday some more of his corn-fed Texas cattle. They averaged 1,542 pounds and sold at $4.50.

J. W. Griffith, of Peculiar, Mo., had in some Arkansas steers yesterday. They were very good beeves. He bought them in Arkansas three months ago at $2 per cwt. They averaged yesterday 1,236 pounds and sold at $4.05, making a handsome profit.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal says it is rumored that John B. Lennon, the head cattle buyer for the Armours, would probably be called to Chicago to take the place of John J. Healey, who has been the Chicago cattle buyer for the past fourteen years, but resigned the 1st of the month.

A. R. Allison, of Paola, Kas., had some choice lambs here yesterday that averaged 122 pounds and sold at $4.40, the highest price of the season.

John Davis, Havensville, Kas., came in yesterday with cattle and hogs.

B. H. Kerns, Jasper, Mo., was here yesterday with cattle.

J. D. Patterson, Everton, Mo., was at the yards yesterday with cattle and hogs.

M. F. Bradley, Ottawa, Kas., came in yesterday with hogs.

W. K. Mullins, Fulkerson, Mo., was at the yards yesterday with cattle and hogs.

Franken & Belt, Norborne, Mo., were in yesterday with sheep.

R. H. Wright, Mount Leonard, Mo., got feeders here yesterday.

S. M. Newton, Lexingtonsburg, Kas., had in sheep yesterday.

W. C. Tuttle, Salina, Kas., was at the yards yesterday with cattle and hogs.

James Daniels, Rich Hill, Mo., came in with hogs yesterday.

W. C. Smith, Republic, Kas., was on the yards yesterday with hogs.

William Cousins, Williamsburg, Kas., was at the yards yesterday with cattle and hogs.

Russell, Bowman & Co., Lawrence, Kas., had in hogs yesterday.

David Fox, Kingman, Kas., came in yesterday with cattle.

Peter Anderson, Jamestown, Kas., was in yesterday with cattle and hogs.

Weddle & Sallings, Stark, Kas., were here yesterday with cattle and hogs.

James Windisch and P. and F. M. Livingston, Lisle, Mo., were at the yards yesterday with cattle and hogs.

Hale & Evans, Breckinridge, Mo., had in hogs yesterday.

James Mullin, Osawatomie, Kas., came in with cattle yesterday and took back feeders.

Isaac Horner, Atchison, Kas., was here yesterday with hogs.

Walter Korb, Stockton, Kas., was in yesterday with cattle.

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DEATH OF JOHN H. THOMPSON.

A Member of a Firm of Hatters Passes Away at an Advanced Age.

John H. Thompson, the father-in-law of John S. Clark, the Main street hatter, and senior member of the firm of John S. Clark & Co., died early yesterday morning at Mr. Clarke's residence, 714 Harrison street. His death was caused by la grippe. He had been ailing for some time, but a short time ago it was thought he was growing better. On Tuesday he became very ill and sank rapidly. He was 72 years of age. Mr. Thompson had lived in Kansas City a number of years. He spent most of his life in Aurora, Ill., whither the remains were taken last night for burial. Mr. Thompson was a Knights Templar.

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WE TELL OF THIS SALE TOMORROW.

SPECIAL NOTE—Owing to the immense amount of work necessary to re-mark our entire stock for the Great Spot Sale, and to give our force of salesmen an opportunity to do it without interruption from purchasers, we will close our store all day to-day (Thursday), reopening Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

300 PRESENTS.

HOW WE GIVE THEM.

We have had printed 30,000 circulars, numbered consecutively from 1 to 30,000. These will be delivered by special messengers to every house in Kansas City, Mo.; Kansas City, Kas.; Westport, Armourdale, Argentine and Rosedale. Our messengers will make known their presence by a whistle, and it is our object to have one circular left with some one person in each house. 300 different numbers, picked haphazard from 30,000, and known only to the managers of the New Golden Eagle, are now sealed and in our safe. After all the circulars are distributed these 300 numbers will be taken out Friday and one each put upon the 300 presents in our large display windows. Then to find out if you are one of the lucky 300 bring down your circular, compare the number on it with those on the presents, and if it corresponds with any one, the article it is on is yours, *absolutely free*, without incurring any obligation whatever, so don't be afraid to come in and ask for your present.

What's Your Number? It may get you one of those 300 Presents. Bring it down and see!

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The People's Store. 1100-1102 MAIN STREET. The People's Store.

SINKING FUND IS TOO LOW.

CONDITION OF THE ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES.

Result of an Inquiry Set on Foot by the County Court—A Reminder of an Extension That Was Knocked Out.

The board of school directors of the Ashland district of Jackson county is in trouble. This is the district which has a fine school house at the corner of Hardesty avenue and East Eighteenth street.

The district was formerly the old Fourteenth ward under the consolidation which Attorney Tichenor got knocked out in the supreme court. The district some years ago issued $50,000 worth of bonds, and under the act by which the bonds were issued should have a sinking fund of $12,500. This sinking fund, or at least a part of it, is not to be found. The new county court has been casting about since it entered upon the duties of its office to locate the funds of the county and to "see the color of the money" in the cash piles. In the course of its inquiries the fact developed that this particular sinking fund was not up to the legal point in amount. The court yesterday ascertained from County Treasurer Capelle and County Superintendent Caldwell, that all the money there was of the sinking fund was $6,600. Of the balance the figures to account for it were somewhat mixed and uncertain, but, so far as could be learned, some of the deficiency had not been collected in taxes in years, and the treasurer under the board has probably used for paying teachers' salaries. The matter will be investigated further. Judge Slover said last night that he thought it was merely a case of getting accounts mixed, and that probably the money had been used for paying teachers.

GIVEN A HEAVY SENTENCE.

August Young Must Serve Twelve Years for a Small Robbery.

August Young got a heavy sentence in the criminal court yesterday for burglary in the first degree and grand larceny. He was given the minimum sentence, ten years, for the burglary, and two years for the grand larceny. Young, in company with Edward Hoffman, broke into the house of Mrs. Sarah Frame at Sheffield on the night of November 9, and stole canned fruit and jam to the value of $6.50. Twelve years for stealing articles of such value looks like a heavy sentence, but it is the lowest sentence fixed by the law. Hoffman's case was set for trial February 12.

Joseph Fulton, charged with grand larceny, applied for and was granted a change of venue to Independence.

The trial of W. H. Mitchell, charged with criminal assault, was set for February 12, and his bond was fixed at $1,500, which he furnished, with B. L. Woodson and J. M. Cole as sureties.

C. J. Barnes, under indictment for embezzlement, filed a motion for a bill of particulars, and the state was given until Saturday to file it.

Irma Regan, charged with robbery in the first degree for taking an overcoat and other clothing from Emil J. Albers, at Eighteenth street and Kansas avenue, was tried, and the jury gave him five years in the penitentiary. This sentence, however, was suspended by Judge Wofford to six months in the county jail. George Meeks, who is under indictment for participating in the crime with Regan, asked for a change of venue to Independence, which was granted.

Indorsed by Everybody.

George W. Shaw, whose postoffice is Courtney, Jackson county, has been for a number of years road overseer for his, the Fifteenth road district of Jackson county. But the new county court is a Republican body, and a large number of the old road overseers are making preparations to be "succeeded." But not with Overseer Shaw. He walked into the county court yesterday and presented his credentials to the court in the form of a petition asking for his reappointment signed by every voter and taxpayer in his district. Republicans, Democrats and Populists alike having indorsed him. Although the court was not making appointments yesterday it did not file Shaw's petition away with the others but inasmuch as it was unanimous, they had County Clerk Crittenden make his commission right out and gave it to him, so that he could take it home last night.

Special Grand Jury Adjourned.

The special grand jury yesterday finished consideration of the criminal cases before it, and, in accordance with his stated intention, Judge Wofford at once adjourned the body over until this morning, when it is expected that Prosecuting Attorney Jamison and his assistants will be ready to take up the work of presenting the evidence against the election thieves.

The grand jury yesterday returned indictments against William Sanford for burglary and grand larceny and Tony Rossi for attempt to rob.

Willing to Plead Guilty.

Deputy United States Marshal Sam Shelby yesterday afternoon arrested Nuzzo Burrosco, a saloonkeeper on East Fifteenth street, on the charge of selling whisky without a government license. When he was arraigned before United States Commissioner Wofford he pleaded guilty and was released on his own recognizance to appear at the coming term of court. He was very badly scared when arrested, and expressed himself as quite willing to pay a fine for the privilege of getting discharged.

Circuit Court Record

Division No. 1—Scarritt, Judge.

21257. Catherine Regan vs. Kansas City Suburban Belt Railway Company; damages; verdict for defendant.

21355. Henry Moore vs. Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Railroad Company; account; execution stayed till February 11.

Division No. 2—Slover, Judge.

19821. Wheeler Savings bank vs. John H. Tracy; damages; original reply refiled as reply to amended answer.

19878. E. W. Brown vs. Fred Heller; certiorari; verdict; damages for complainant, $17.75, and the value of the monthly rent is $7.50.

21908. Medora V. Chapman vs. Lionel Chapman; divorce; default and decree.

Division No. 3—Karnes, Special Judge.

2589. Thomas Kennedy, trustee for Lucinda Hand, J. F. Regan, vs. Kansas City & Southeastern Railroad Company; damages; verdict, damages at the sum of $2,000.

Division No. 3—Dobson, Judge.

18897. R. E. Anthony et al vs. Chicago Great Western Railway Company; damages; plaintiff dismisses.

21793. Robert Keith Furniture and Carpet Company vs. T. O. Robertson; appeal; on trial.

21797. G. S. Randall vs. Amos B. Clark; damages; continued.

Division No. 4—Henry, Judge.

21490. Western Sash and Door Company vs. T. J. Morrow; appeal; judgment for plaintiff for $5 and amount from date of justice judgment.

22118. J. L. Lombard vs. C. C. Gilbert et al; note; judgment for plaintiff for $515.90 at 8 per cent.

21986. Thomas Shelby vs. Tony Zito; appeal; judgment for defendant.

21350. Citizens' National bank vs. L. C. Alexander et al; note; judgment for $1,639 at 8 per cent.

21496. Stephen McEwen vs. Mary McEwen; divorce; reply.

21308. M. H. Terrill vs. A. H. Sammons; appeal; verdict; judgment for $70.

19558. John Johnts et al vs. W. A. Slaughter et al; replevin; verdict for $2,500 and $1 damages.

Court Notes.

Judge Slover yesterday granted a divorce to Mrs. Medora V. Chapman from Lionel Chapman, a former who is now living in Wisconsin.

Judge Dobson returned night before last from Vernon county, where he had been holding court and resumed his place on the bench in the third division of the circuit court yesterday afternoon.

Judge Slover yesterday held court all day with his overcoat on in the Second division court room in the new oak finished county court house, which has cost the people of Jackson county between $80,000 and $90,000, without as yet being finished. The snow blew into the court rooms and drifted on the floors.

Mrs. Catherine Regan will get no damages for her husband's death at the foot of Holmes street, two years ago. She sued the Kansas City Suburban Belt Railway Company, on the tracks of which he was killed, for $5,000. The trial of the case at the last term of court resulted in a hung jury. The jury yesterday found for the defendant company.

The bond of the contestant, Charles M. Crandall, in his contest for the office of sheriff of Jackson county against John P. O'Neill was made an record in Judge Slover's court yesterday. The bond was approved by the court as "good and sufficient" to cover all costs in the case. The sureties are Andrew J. Fletcher, Joseph McCoy, Schuyler Lowe, J. R. Martin, L. W. Baldwin and A. A. Baldwin, all of Independence.

Coal Prices Cut.

Standard, Cherokee, Pittsburg and Weir City lump, $2.75; egg, $2.75; nut, $2.50 per ton; Rich Hill shaft lump, $2.25. These are standard grades of coal and are being sold for less than the cheapest grades by Central Coal and Coke Company, Keith & Perry building.

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Marriages Licenses Issued.

Yesterday the following couples were licensed to wed:

Name.	Age.
H. M. Polly, Kansas City	30
Edith Knox, Kansas City	21
L. E. Rohenkohl, Kansas City	23
Carry P. Shanley, Kansas City	21
John H. Hummel, Jackson county	27
Mary E. Shouse, Jackson county	23
William V. Gilmore, Jackson county	28
Laura Jane Mack, Jackson county	26
Robert S. Summerwell, Jackson county	41
Mary A. Thomas, Jackson county	25
Henry Larkin, Kansas City	24
Rhuda Larson, Jackson county	21

Births Reported.

The following births were reported to the board of health yesterday:

Smith, William and J.; boy; 924½ Garfield; February 4.

Schulz, William and Katie; boy; 1110 West Ninth; February 5.

Hurd, Sidney and Edith; girl; 3120 Dunham; February 5.

Barson, James and Alice; girl; 1613 West Fourteenth; February 4.

Hyre, Edward and Vivian; girl; 1929 Highland; February 5.

Dewey, G. O. L. and Minnie L.; girl; 641 Stone; February 5.

Caldwell, William and Mary C.; girl; 1317 St. Louis; February 4.

Deaths Reported.

The following deaths were reported to the board of health yesterday:

Mills, infant; February 4; 805 Gladstone; burial in Union cemetery.

Thompson, John H.; aged 72; February 6; 714 Harrison; la grippe; burial in Aurora, Ill.

Jamison, Fred; aged 34