MAKING A STRONG CASE.

THE COILS TIGHTENING AROUND THE ALLEGED POSTOFFICE ROBBERS.

Stroude Is Said to Have Made a Confession in Which He Told All About the Brookfield Burglary—Undergoing Preliminary Examinations.

The preliminary hearing of Harry Stroude, of Brookfield, who is under arrest here, charged with complicity in the robbery of the Brookfield, Mo., postoffice on February 4, 1894, took place yesterday afternoon before Commissioner Charles A. Peabody, in the Federal building. His two alleged confederates were put on the stand against him, and gave testimony that thoroughly convinced the officers that they have the right parties.

August Tanner, who is charged with him, is a Swiss machinist and gunsmith and expert metal worker. He has long had an established reputation in Brookfield for fine work, and it is claimed that the fine kit of tools captured in one of the "jobs" were of his make, and that he was the man who used them.

The authorities are convinced that the work done at Brookfield was by the parties who made an effort to tap the Revier postoffice later. The drill and clamps used on the Revier safe and the door of the safe at Brookfield were both in evidence yesterday, and, strangely enough, the drill fitted the hole bored in the safe at Brookfield. Tanner was nervous while giving his testimony. He frequently cast uneasy glances at the safe door, and while he denied ever having seen the drill and clamps he wore a worried look when he saw them showing up so prominently on the table.

He told about his acquaintance with the other parties, and of the work he had done for Harry Stroude, who was getting up some kind of a patent. He said the work done on the safe was the finest job he had ever seen, and was done by men who were expert workers and knew of the construction of safes. He said that he and Stroude were accused of the job as soon as it was done, and that a few weeks later Stroude told him that the work was done by him (Stroude) and a man named Frank O'Neill, and showed him some of the stamps taken from the office. He refused to buy the safe, but was told it was an easy task to dispose of them in Chicago. He said that Stroude assured him he had plenty of stuff planted, and explained how stuff could be packed in sawdust and buried in Mason fruit jars and kept for years. He said that Stroude told him that the Revier postoffice work was done by him and O'Neill, and that they had to shoot like fun to get away from the fool night watchman, who got wind of the affair. An effort was made to get some admission from him concerning a conversation he had with Engineer Garrett, but he held out, and denied any knowledge of it.

The witness allowing was Joe Peavler, who is a very badly abused man if the statements made by him are true. He says that he was with his father at Sumner, twenty-five miles away, the night the bank was robbed, and had nothing to do with it. Some days later, when he came back, and was in Tanner's shop, he got a clue as to who did the work through a statement of one John Deruche, and notified Postmaster Crandall, and said he wanted to see an inspector. Some days later he was asked to go to the office, and was introduced to Paul Williams, the inspector, who was given the name of Joe Johnson. Williams heard the story, and got him to agree to go into the gang, as they considered they were there, and then deliver its members into the hands of the officers. He was soon in the gang, and an agreement was made to rob the bank at Sumner, but something went wrong, and the affair was abandoned.

Shortly after, he says, he was made the victim of a cunning plot and got a jail sentence for robbing the gun shop of Tanner, but he declares he had nothing to do with the job. He said the gang that was to rob the Sumner bank was composed of August Tanner, Harry Stroude, John Deruche, ——— Slagleton, Peavler and his brother. He says Stroude told him he helped to do the postoffice job and that Tanner was with him and showed him the bit used in the drill that was used. He showed that one of the stamps that were kept in Tanner's tool box. Deruche told him that two men saw the men do the postoffice job and he met the men who said they were out on a lark that evening and saw the men go into the back door to crack the safe. He says Tanner showed him the drill that was to be used in the Sumner job.

The government officers are attempting to prove that Stroude and Tanner did the work at Brookfield and also made the effort to rob the Revier postoffice safe two weeks later. They introduced yesterday afternoon John Price, a coal miner from Bevier, who said he rode on top of a freight train from Brookfield to Bevier on the night of March 4, and that two men got on the train at Brookfield and rode to Bevier on the bumpers. They stood just beneath him and he saw one man, who wore a short overcoat and had a grip swung over his shoulder, and almost concealed under the coat. The men got off the train at Bevier with him. He believed that Tanner was the man who carried the grip, but did not state positively. The next morning he told the postmaster of what he knew and was shown a rough sketch coloring by Tom Surlloras saying that he knew Tanner, a gunsmith at Brookfield, who answered the description he gave.

That caused the authorities to arrest Tanner, and that matter was reported to Postoffice Inspector Williams, when he came to investigate the job that was done.

Thomas Williams, the postmaster at Bevier, told of the robbery and how he shot five times at a man who ran out of the office. The man wore a short overcoat and had a small grip swung under his coat.

Stroude was attended by an attorney, but made no defense, and did little cross-examining. He was held under $2,000 bond to the court in November and returned to the county jail, where he will stay for some time.

Inspector Paul Williams is in attendance and will testify to-day before Commissioner Nuckolls, when Peavler has his preliminary examination to-day. If he corroborates Peavler's story of the arrangement to trap the gang then the government will probably drop the case against Peavler.

Tanner's preliminary examination will be held to-morrow before Commissioner Nuckolls. Peavler and Tanner will appear against each other and they are trying to save themselves.

It is rumored that Stroude has made a full written confession of every detail of the transaction and that it is held back by the officers, but is said to involve some other parties at Brookfield. An express messenger and an engineer and fireman are said to be tangled badly in the plan to rob the Eli passenger train. It is believed Stroude's confession will clear up all the affair and fully justify the wisdom and correctness of the work done by Harry Adams, who ran the gang down and captured them.

A SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Alleged to Have Obtained Iron and Brass by False Representations.

About a week ago a man entered the office of the Missouri Valley Cut Stone works, at No. 2300 Central street, and purchased 1,000 pounds of iron and seventy pounds of brass from the company. He represented h self as an agent for the rag firm of H. Hay & Co., at Third and Oak streets, and referred the salesman, W. W. Rucker, to that firm for the payment of his purchase. Mr. Rucker thought nothing wrong of the transaction, and allowed the stranger to haul away the iron and brass. Afterwards he presented the bill to H. Hay & Co., who informed him that the man was unknown to them and was undoubtedly a swindler. The police were notified of the case and yesterday afternoon Detective O'Hare arrested a man giving his name as Henry Smith at Third and Walnut streets. Smith is suspected of being the swindler.

Sentenced to Jail.

John White worried the police quite a little Sunday because he could not give a good account of himself and kept avoiding their scrutinous glances. He persisted in hovering around the Union depot until Officer Jackson was compelled to order him away several times. Then there was trouble. The officers became convinced that White was somewhere in hiding about the depot, and as he was suspected to be bent on mischief it was thought best to look out for him. About 10 o'clock White was discovered in a boxcar full of watermelons standing on the Memphis track and taken to jail. Yesterday he was arraigned before Justice Joyce and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail for entering the car.

Real Estate Sales.

The Whipple Loan and Trust Company has sold lot 18, in block 2, Mellier place, to A. G. Kaille for C. L. Flaugh for $25, and lots 1 and 2, in block 2, to E. B. Wheeler for the same client for $25. Hush Bros. sold a twenty-five foot lot on East Seventh street near Gladstone avenue to Richard Rodie for Charles H. Holdridge for $625 yesterday.

'Tis SOZODONT the whole world tries,
'Tis SOZODONT which purifies
The breath, and mouth, and dirt defies.
'Tis SOZODONT for which we cry,
Sweet SOZODONT for which we sigh,
'Tis only SOZODONT we buy.

OLD MEN'S CLUB MEETING.

An Interesting Lecture Upon Egypt Delivered by Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, D. D.—Elected an Honorary Member.

The regular meeting of the Old Men's Club was held yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. building. Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, D. D., delivered a lecture on "Egypt." It was one of the most interesting lectures ever given in the city, and was so pronounced by all present. He first described that country from a geographical standpoint, and then from a historical standpoint. He praised the English government of Egypt, and believed that ultimately Egypt would be redeemed to civilization through the English rule. He gave many facts about the sultan of Turkey and the khedive of Egypt. He said that it was openly advocated in Egypt that the khedive was poisoned through the instigation of the Turkish sultan, who is the real ruler of Egypt.

Dr. Mitchell also said that the public sentiment and belief in Egypt is that the ex-sultan of Turkey, who is and has been for many years imprisoned in Turkey's prison tower, is not really crazy, as is the pretext of the Turkish ministry for his imprisonment, but that he is too aggressive and progressive, thereby thwarting the interests of the ministry, and therefore it was deemed advisable to keep him in prison as long as he lived, so the younger brother, the present tyrant acting as sultan, might rule as the tool of the ministry. The English of Egypt are open in the expression of the opinion that sometime in the near future the ex-sultan, the alleged crazy royal head, will be given something to put an end to his life as well.

Dr. Mitchell also gave an account of the present discoveries in Egyptology that are now being made in such great numbers. He displayed a ring on one of his fingers, the set in which he said was carved by an Egyptian when "Abraham was a mere kid." That would make the little stone, which is a very neatly carved figure of a beetle, about 4,000 years old.

After the lecture, a unanimous vote of thanks was given to Dr. Mitchell for appearing before the club, and later he was elected an honorary member of the club. Mrs. Rebecca Knod, of 1025 Charlotte street, Mr. Louis A. Jeannereh, of Kansas City, Kas., who was born in Switzerland, and Albert Jump, of Independence, were also elected honorary members. At the conclusion of the meeting, a letter was read from Mrs. L. Wheat, of Yokohama, Japan, who recently left this city to take up missionary work in that country.

EASTERN DRUGGISTS.

Passed Through the City En Route to the National Pharmaceutical Association Meeting at Denver.

Two trainloads of Eastern druggists, on their way to the National Pharmaceutical Association's annual meeting at Denver, were in the city yesterday. The first delegation consisted of sixty gentlemen and twenty ladies. They were met by a committee of local druggists and were given a ride in cable cars, especially provided by Superintendent Gallagher, to Troost park. They left about 10:20 a. m. for Denver over the Santa Fe. The second delegation consisted of an equal number and arrived in the city at 6 o'clock p. m. and were met by the same committee and entertained until 11 o'clock, when they departed westward over the Union Pacific. The Santa Fe excursionists were entertained with music by the United States Indian school band and a speech by Judge J. S. Emery at Lawrence, Kas., and Governor Morrill addressed the party at Topeka. The Kansas City committee, who so cleverly entertained the delegations while in this city, was: C. E. Corcoran, D. F. Thurston, Joseph Griffith, E. D. Hardin, J. P. Laird, J. M. Love, G. E. Kimball, A. A. Dunton, W. E. King and W. M. Federman.

BEST PLACES TO GO.

Washington and Troost Parks Present Free Shows Every Afternoon and Evening and the Idea Is Popular.

The afternoon and evening outdoor free show idea is a token of the management of Washington and Troost parks, and thereby hangs a story of human nature. There have been all sorts of elaborate shows at the parks this season, with all sorts of charges for admission and with all sorts of various success of attendance. But the free show has gone the tenor of the way and the people have gone to see it flockingly, and keep it up. This the Dunham family at Washington draw twice each day the biggest continuous audiences that have come out this season. The people go to "commune with nature" at Washington park, but always make it an incident to see the Dunhams.

SIXTY DAYS IN JAIL.

George Lee Convicted of a Crime Committed a Year Ago.

George Lee was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail yesterday by Justice Withrow, for stealing a wagonload of watermelons, wagon and horses, on August 29, 1894, from J. T. Stewart, a huckster. Officer Hobdy chanced to run across him yesterday while looking over some horses at the city market and placed him under arrest. His conviction for the crime committed a year ago followed, as stated above.

Charged With an Old Crime.

On the night of November 11, D. G. Jones, of Twenty-third and Metiee streets, was held up and robbed of $3 as he was crossing Grand avenue, on Twentieth street. While the robbers were in the act of searching Mr. Jones two officers approached and frightened them away. One robber ran west on Twentieth street and escaped. The other was captured before he had gone many yards, was tried, convicted and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary. He was Jimmy Welch, and is now in the middle of his "time." The other robber was thought to be Frank McCormick, but as he kept out of sight of the officers it was not known just what he had to do with the crime. Yesterday McCormick was brought into jail and later was arraigned before Justice Withrow, charged with highway robbery. He pleaded not guilty and was committed to jail in the absence of bail, to await trial Wednesday.

A Girl Fined for Theft.

For two years Stella Ervine has been a trusted servant in the employ of Mrs. James Reed, 501 Prospect avenue. Sunday, while the family was away from home, she appropriated a pocketbook containing $16, as well as a clock and a pistol of ancient make, which was highly prized by the Reed family. Yesterday Justice Withrow sentenced her to thirty days in the county jail, but afterwards changed the sentence to a fine of $1 and costs, which she paid and was released.

Warrant for Bradbury.

A warrant was issued in Justice Spitz' court yesterday, charging I. H. Bradbury with misusing the apartments of Mrs. Alice Buckner, of No. 1648 East Fourth street, who is Mr. Bradbury's landlady. It is charged that he did most of his cooking in his room upon a gasoline stove, much to the injury of Mrs. Buckner's lace curtains and carpets. She further says that when she upbraided him he called her bad names. He has not yet been arrested.

To Redeem Kansas City Bonds.

New York exchange amounting to $148,200 was sent East by Comptroller Shannon yesterday to redeem Kansas City bonds which will fall due on August 15. The bonds are partly of the floating debt of the city, and partly those issued to the National Water Works Company twenty years ago to reimburse it for constructing a reservoir in the southern part of the city. The city will be represented by Kountze Bros.

The Latest Sensation.

The surprisingly low rates offered by the Nickel Plate road to Boston and return, account Knights Templar conclave, and a choice of forty routes. Tickets on sale August 19 to 25 inclusive; longest return limit; service strictly first-class. Sleeping car space reserved in advance. For further information address J. Y. Calahan, general agent, 111 Adams street, Chicago.

Interstate Fair at Holden, Mo.

For this occasion, the Missouri Pacific will sell tickets to Holden, Mo., and return, August 12 to 17, inclusive, at rate of $1.55. Offices at 800 Main street and 1048 Union avenue. E. S. JEWETT, P. & T. A.

FRAKER IS LEGALLY DEAD.

THE INSURANCE COMPANIES PAY THE MONEY TO HIS HEIRS.

Trial of the Andrews Divorce Suit Resumed Before Special Judge Teasdale in the Circuit Court—Driving Park Company Objects to Paying Taxes.

According to the findings and records of the federal court here Dr. George W. Fraker is dead. The record is that he was drowned in the Missouri river on the evening of July 10, 1893. On that finding and record nearly $60,000 in insurance has been paid out to the heirs designated in his will. If he is not dead, then he has evaded one of the most relentless searches that has ever been made in this country. For six months there has been an offer of $20,000 in gold for his capture, but no one has been able to capture the tempting bait.

Yesterday the six months' stay of execution was up, and the attorneys of the insurance companies and the representatives of the plaintiff and settled the judgment in full.

It required a payment of $65,041.50 to satisfy the record in the federal court. Of that amount the Provident Savings Association paid $8,268.24; the Modern Woodmen of the World, $2,566.52; the Knights of Pythias, $2,564.60; the Kansas Mutual Life Insurance Company, $8,906.11, and the Hartford Life and Annuity, of Hartford, $12,258.13.

The representative of the companies was Mr. R. T. Herrick, of Topeka, who fought the case in the courts here. The payments were made in drafts, which were accepted by the Kansas City banks and certificates of deposit were issued to Judge J. E. Lincoln for the money, he being the executor of the estate and legal guardian of the cash. Judge Lincoln refused to receive the bank drafts as presented, for fear of protest after the records of the court were satisfied. He wanted cash, so that the matter could be settled forever.

This settlement closes the Fraker litigation over the contested policies. It was decided that the case would become as ancient as the famous Hillmon case, that has been in the Kansas courts for the past twenty years, but Fate decreed was in "jig" time, and the plaintiffs won in one of the most interesting trials that has ever taken place in the federal court of this district. When Dr. Fraker went out fishing on the 4 July evening he was carrying over $35,000 in life insurance for the benefit of his heirs. His body was never found, and on that ground largely the defense was made to the suit. The companies made a stubborn fight against the payment of the policies, and paid only when forced to do so.

His two sisters and the four children of the deceased uncle will get the cash from the policies.

Soon after the supposed death of Fraker the Equitable Life Association paid its policy of $10,000, and two other small policies were paid, and when the case was compromised a partial payment of over $6,000 was made by the other companies. The heirs will get about $10,000 each.

ANDREW'S DIVORCE SUIT.

Its Trial Resumed Before Special Judge Teasdale in the Circuit Court.

The leading attraction in legal circles is the divorce suit now being heard before Special Judge Teasdale in division No. 3 of the circuit court, where Amador Andrews, manager of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, is seeking a divorce from Marie Theresa Andrews. The case was resumed yesterday afternoon, after a rest of nearly two weeks, where it left off with the cross-examination of Mrs. Andrews by Lawyer McD. Trimble. Mrs. Andrews was neatly attired in white, with hat to match, and appeared more at ease than at the former hearings of the case, although her haggard looks gave evidence that she has been undergoing a severe mentally or physical strain. She was less hysterical than before in giving her testimony, and, with the exception of one moment, when, looking across at her husband, she exclaimed, "Oh, Am, this is awful," and burst into tears, she retained a calm outward demeanor. When the husband was mentioning would contradict some statement of hers, her lips would form the words, "Why, Mr. Andrews," although she made no audible comment.

Mrs. Andrews is very much opposed to her husband getting a divorce, and frequently said in the course of her testimony yesterday that she loved him and that they could get along if his relatives would let them.

The testimony of both Mr. and Mrs. Andrews yesterday was but a reiteration of the stories they told in the direct examination, except in a few points they failed to agree, then each contradicted the other, and let it go at that. Several well known residents of Kansas City, Mrs. Dr. Dibble, Mrs. Kupper, Mr. Cross, Mrs. O. B. Gunn, Mrs. A. G. Trumbull and E. F. Allen testified that, as far as they knew, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were on the best of kindly and considerately at all times, and were both favorites in the exclusive Montague hotel circle.

The testimony for Mrs. Andrews closed with the examination of Mr. E. F. Allen, and to-morrow Mr. Andrews will testify in rebuttal to some of the charges made by Mrs. Andrews in her testimony.

The case has been watched with more than ordinary interest. The prominence of the parties involved; the issues which go to make the estrangement of a couple apparently so devoted to each other; the nervous, hysterical disposition of the fair defendant, as contrasted with the calm, even tempered, almost sluggish, temperament of the man; the absence of sensational charges, aside from exhibitions of temper and lively threats on the part of each, all make the suit one of more than passing interest, and the outcome will be eagerly awaited.

TO ENJOIN THE CITY.

Owners of the Exposition Driving Park Object to Paying Taxes Thereon.

The Kansas City Exposition Driving Park Company brought suit in the circuit court yesterday, enjoining the city from collecting the tax levied on the park for 1893 and 1894. The suit is based on a section of the statute, which says that parks intended for the holding of agricultural fairs shall be exempt from taxation. The city contends that as the park has maintained that inasmuch as no fair had been held at Exposition park for several years, it was liable for taxes and proceeded accordingly. The decision in the case will establish a precedent. The amount of taxes involved in the case is $1,000.

Lucas and His Men Arraigned.

Dan Lucas, accompanied by six of his assistants, appeared before Judge Wofford in the criminal court yesterday morning and were arraigned on the charge of "barbering on Sunday." They each pleaded not guilty and Judge Wofford set September 17 as the day for hearing the cases. The bond in each case was placed at $200, and Mr. Lucas' personal recognizance was accepted by the court for the appearance of the men for trial. Mr. Lucas, himself, is charged with three offenses; John Lucas, John Stone, Sam Scott, Charles Ward and Ed Carr, two offenses each, and A. L. Tillman, one. Among the most prominent witnesses who will appear for the state when the cases are tried are J. L. Hanks, J. B. Keshlear, Frank Simmons, a barber on Delaware street, and J. H. Bremermann.

New Suits Filed.

24602. Alexander Kumpf and wife vs. Metropolitan Street Railway Company; damages.

24603. Alexander Kumpf vs. same; same.

24604. Frank S. King vs. John S. Tough et al; bond.

24605. William George et al vs. William H. Grant; account.

24606. Kansas City Exposition Driving park vs. Kansas City et al; injunction.

24607. Agnes Freeman vs. Kansas City, Springfield & Memphis Railroad Company; damages.

24608. David Fleming et al vs. Kansas City; damages.

24609. B. Von Unworth vs. Susan C. Grinter; attachment.

24610. Richard Hefter vs. Jessie Hefter; divorce.

Court Notes.

Alexander Kumpf has filed suit in the circuit court in behalf of his wife to recover $5,000 damages for injuries she is alleged to have sustained while alighting from a Metropolitan street car on North James street.

Yesterday the county court ended a prolonged contest by granting August Mueller a license to keep a saloon at No. 1724 East Eighteenth street. It was proven that two-thirds of the taxpayers in the block had signed the application for a license.

Mrs. Agnes Freeman yesterday filed suit against the Kansas City, Springfield & Memphis Railroad Company for $10,000 damages. She alleges she was injured by being struck by an engine belonging to the company at the Twenty-first street crossing of the road.

Ralph Meyers, an 18-year-old boy, indicted by the last grand jury on two charges of burglary in the second degree and grand larceny, was released on bail of $500 by Judge Wofford yesterday. His trial will come up in September. Meyers' bond was signed by his mother, Mrs. Sarah J. Meyers, and State Senator R. S. Lyman.

SALOON MN IN COURT.

Nine Fined for Violating the Police Board's Sunday Closing Order—Fifteen Cases Continued.

The twenty-fot saloonkeepers and bartenders arrest by the police Sunday for selling liquor contrary to the Sunday closing oer issued by the police board were in the police court yesterday morning. Only nine cases were tried, the ers being continued. In all the cases spoken of the defendants were fined. The remaining fifteen cases were continued until next Wednesday forenoon.

Two saloonkeepers pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the Sunday closing order. They were C. A. Miller, of No. 903 Baltimore avenue, and Robert Strunk, of Twenty-fourth street and Belleview avenue. They were each fined $50. The following were also fined $50 each: Carl Koenig, No. 1014 Union avenue; Enoch Pratt, No. 1000 Union avenue; John Moran, No. 240 West Fifth street; Thomas Maloney, Sixth and Huff streets; Mil Keenan, bartender, Nineteenth and Olive streets; John Houlahan, Seventh and Washington streets; J. C. Smith, No. 211 West Fifth street was fined $5.

Appeals will be taken in most of the cases.

The cases of assault against A. P. Foley, Peter Foley and Phillip McCurdy, the bartender of A. P. Foley's saloon, were continued till Wednesday. At that time they will be tried for the alleged assault on Boer Gallagher, who claims to have been beaten, kicked and cuffed in Foley's saloon Sunday afternoon while attempting to serve a warrant on A. P. Roy for breaking the Sunday closing order. Those are the cases that will be tried Wednesday: A. P. Foley, Peter Foley and Phillip McCurdy, Eighth at Walnut streets; J. A. Johnson, No. 7 West Ninth street; Charles Needham, bartender, No. 1016 Union avenue; V. F. Daly, bartender, No. 1805 West Twelfth street; David McDonald, No. 50 Union avenue; M. A. Flynn, bartender, No. 1056 Union avenue; C. J. Sheets, Twelfth and Summit streets; F. Thomas, No. 402 Main street; Daniel Lery, Sixth and Walnut streets; James Lery, charged with disturbing the peace when Officer Fleming made the arrest of his brother, Daniel Leary; Louis Durkowitz, Eighteenth street and Flora avenue; Julius Eyman, bartender, Blossom House, Union avenue.

The case against A. Louis, No. 21 West Fifth street, was continued until Thursday.

Chief of Police Irwin said yesterday after he was to the amount of the fines imposed on so nine saloonkeepers tried in the police court: "I feel perfectly satisfied that I can now keep the saloons closed on Sunday. Not many saloon men will care to disobey the Sunday closing oder issued by Commissioners Shelley and Fyke when they know that their disobedience will cause their arrest and subsequent fining in the police court. If so order of the commissioners is unrooked by next Sunday I will again causche arrest of violating saloonkeepers. I do not think there will be as many arrest next Sunday as yesterday for the reason that the saloon men will feel that the small amount of money taken in on their bars will not pay them for the danger they run of a summons to the police court."

GONE TOCOLUMBIA.

Gilbert H. Hicks, of the Government Agricultural Department, Will Visit State Experimental Station and Farm.

Mr. Gilbert H. Hiks, of the department of agriculture, who has been in the city for several days, spent yesterday interviewing the wholesale seed men of the city, and left last evening for Columbia, where he is to visit the experimental station and farm connected with the state university. From there he goes to St. Louis, and then back to Washington.

As was stated in the Journal yesterday, he is traveling in the West in the interest of the pure seed investigation, instituted by the division of botany. He visited the seed men here yesterday to examine the quality of seed on hand and see what protestations they make concerning pure seed each year, and advance the pure seed interests in any manner that might appear practical. Last evening he stated that he was delighted with the results of his visit. The seed men here had plenty of pure seed on hand, and had treated him with courtesy and kindness that indicated they were alive to everything that was calculated for the good of their trade. He said the seed offered for sale in the city by the wholesalers was of a superior quality. It was evident much more than this was offered in other places where he visited, and he made no effort to conceal his appreciation. He said the officers of the seedhouses were desirous that he remain and go out into the country and see how the grain was being put and prepared for market. This was just what he desired to do, but he was not able to do so, owing to a lack of time. He left with a high opinion of the character of the seed business in this part of the country, and will probably favorably report for his bulletins concerning the matter.

Another Fresh Air Excursion.

It is probable that the Salvation Army fresh air fund excursion which is to take place on Thursday, will include a number of mothers—mention of which appeared in the Journal—who are sisters of Adjutant Holland, of the army, has written Brigadier Sally, at Waco, Tex., relative to the matter, and he expects an immediate reply. Lieutenant J. Stanley, who was out of the city yesterday, has left a supply of distributing tickets behind. The intention is to afford a hundred West bottoms and North end children and their mothers an outing at Washington park.

Letter From Tarsney.

A letter from Congressman John C. Tarsney, from Lucerne, Switzerland, contains the information that his party will "do" Italy, Austria and Germany, and will sail for America September 1. The party made a thorough examination of the ruins of Pompeii, and Mr. Tarsney is said to have expressed his regret because of the general state of unrepair that characterized the buildings in and about that ancient city. The party consists of Congressman Tarsney, Mrs. Tarsney, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Cobb and Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

Captain Willard E. Whitaker, representing St. John's Military school, Salina, Kas., is at the Coates House to-day. He will be pleased to see any person interested in the education of boys.

Arranging for a Reunion.

Captain J. P. Harris, department commander of the Grand Army of Kansas, was in the city yesterday making arrangements for a reunion of the Second, Fifth and Sixth regiments of Kansas cavalry and the Twelfth Kansas infantry at Forest park, Ottawa, on September 3, 4 and 5. The speakers will be Powell Clayton, Colonel W. F. Cloud, of Kansas City; Bernard Kelly, J. V. Beekman and Lew Hanback, of Kansas.

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BETTER METHODS NEEDED.

KANSAS CITY MUST ADOPT A SYSTEM IN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Streets Should No Longer Be Paved in a Haphazard Manner—Judge Gibson Gives His Views on This Important Matter.

There is no man in the city who has shown a deeper interest in the welfare and progress of the city than Judge James Gibson. His is a record that extends over a period of years, and includes official acts in the different positions of honor and trust to which he has been elected by the people. He has ever been an advocate of progress and growth, but at the same time has never forgotten the rights of the individual property owner, who, after all, is expected to pay the bill. Judge Gibson believes that there are great interests of the city that demand attention, that public improvements ought to be made, but that in all of these matters there should be no violence done to the property owner or his possessions.

Yesterday, in his new office in the Keith & Perry building, he chatted for a short time with a Journal representative concerning Kansas City, its needs and its destiny. He is a loyal citizen, believes that here is destined to be the greatest city of the West, and that the city is now on the eve of a substantial business boom and development, the like of which she has never seen and which few of her citizens yet realize.

"Why, sir, we are living in a great big city now. It's time we put aside these smaller matters and grasp the situation, and realize our importance," he said. "What we do in the line of public improvements ought to be done with an eye of becoming substantial and permanent. Other cities in the land have been forced to dig their way out of many costly difficulties. Why should we go ahead and reproduce their errors and the follies they had, and finally receive the benefit they did? Why not appropriate the wisdom they secured from their costly experiences, and even go them one better? Why not, in building our city, do those things that science and far-sighted business policy would dictate, and escape the petty and costly annoyances that have been our lot in the past and the lot of other cities?

"In the matter of street improvement, the fixing of grades, the laying of paving and other improvements, we ought to define on the future, and then do that which is necessary. If a street is to be cut or filled it ought to be done properly the first time it is done. This plan saves time and much cash, and protects the interests of all.

"With the effort of the Journal to secure better methods, better results for city and citizen, I am in deep sympathy. The plan is right and proper. Improvements should now be made as becomes a great city. We are growing. There are more people in the city to-day than ever before, and they are going to stay with us, every one of them. There are plenty of others who are coming to make their homes with us, and every one of them wants the city to secure the best results for every dollar expended. We want the city to develop and become great and populous, and are ready to support every movement that has well defined promises for that end."

THE WEATHER.

The official forecast for to-day is: For Missouri and Kansas, fair, with continued high temperature. The highest and lowest temperature recorded here yesterday was 90 and 69 deg. The record of observations at other places last night was as follows:

Station.	Bar.	Temp.
New Orleans	29.88	78
Galveston	29.98	82
Cincinnati	29.84	86
Chicago	29.90	70
St. Louis	29.92	78
Springfield	29.88	78
Concordia	29.84	86
Dodge City	29.84	82
Bismarck	29.68	88
Helena	29.68	84
Denver	29.74	86
Wichita	29.81	86
St. Louis	29.94	88
Kansas City	29.88	85

Deaths and Funerals.

John Tams, aged 81 years, died Sunday night at his home, No. 1228 Penn street. The cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage. The funeral will be this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the residence. Burial will take place in Elmwood cemetery.

Augustus A. Stone, aged 61 years, died Sunday evening at his home, 1315 East Seventh street. The cause of death was diabetes. The funeral was yesterday afternoon, from the residence. He had been ill for two years so that he could not attend to his business. The remains were taken last night to Marshall, Mo., for burial. Deceased was a member of Kansas City lodge, No. 1, K. of P.

Martin Halloran, aged 26 years, died yesterday evening at his home, 1810 Summit street. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, division No. 2. The funeral will be from the Cathedral this morning at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Mount St. Mary's cemetery.

The funeral of Clarence Galbraith, aged 2 years, who died late Saturday night at the home of his parents, 1316 Locust street, from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid taken by mistake, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, from the residence. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

Miss Elizabeth Babal, aged 26 years, died yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at her home, 1[illegible] Lydia street. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning from Sts. Peter and Paul's church. Burial will be in Sts. Peter and Paul's cemetery.

The funeral of Harry Peterson, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson, who died Saturday night at the home of his parents, 60 Cheyenne avenue, took place yesterday at 2 o'clock, from the residence. Burial was in Union cemetery.

The remains of Samuel Turner, aged 77 years, who died Sunday at his home, 2903 Locust street, of pleurisy, were taken yesterday evening to Carrollton, Mo., for burial.

On a Tour of Inspection.

Alderman Morrison, Councilmen Brown and Kidwell, and Messrs. Kessler and Gillham, of the park board, went on a tour of inspection over the proposed North terrace yesterday. While making the tour they were joined by W. J. Anderson, V. H. Andrus and Peter Day, who own a block of property west of Hawthorne avenue, just north of Scarritt avenue. These gentlemen object to having their property included in the North terrace and were present yesterday to show how the park could be made just as attractive and at the same time leave their property intact. Nothing definite was done yesterday, but the park board, councilmen, aldermen and property owners will meet in the park board's quarters this morning and will discuss the matter fully.

Again in the Workhouse.

Con McCormack was committed to the city workhouse two months ago on a charge of vagrancy. He was recently pardoned on the express condition that he would go to work. This he failed to do, and he was rearrested. When arraigned in the police court yesterday on a charge of vagrancy Judge Jones fined him $50, which he was unable to pay, and he was again taken to the workhouse.

Held for Felonious Assault.

On Saturday night William Krames and Jacob Haddad, living on East Independence avenue, quarreled and fought. Yesterday Mr. Krames was before Justice Walls, charged with felonious assault. He waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the grand jury. In default of $500 bail he was committed to jail.

Wanted at Slater, Mo.

Jordan Jones was arrested at Thirteenth and Main streets yesterday by Detective O'Hare. He is wanted at Slater, Mo., to answer for a felony committed recently at that place. He was taken to the Central police station and will be held until an officer can arrive from Slater to take him back for trial.

His Jewelry Stolen.

J. E. Morton reported to the police yesterday that a thief had gained entrance to his room in the Washington block, at Twelfth and Washington streets, and stolen a gold watch, chain, charm and a silver cigar clipper. The articles were taken yesterday forenoon during his absence from the room.

Modern Woodmen Picnic.

The Modern Woodmen of Cass, Bates and Jackson counties will hold a picnic at Burdette, Mo., next Saturday. General Jo Shelby will be the master of ceremonies and John Sullivan and D. I. Thornton will be among the speakers of the day.

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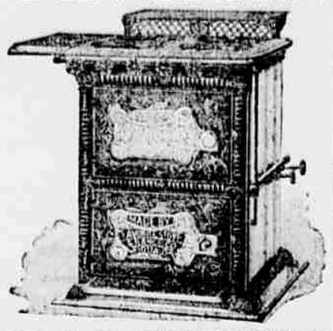

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ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

Will Be Held by the West Side Law and Order League This Evening.

The West Side Law and Order League will hold an anniversary meeting in the First Baptist church, Twelfth street and Baltimore avenue, this evening. A review of the work of the past year will be given by Thomas Jones, the president of the league. Addresses on Sunday closing will be delivered by Rev. Charles B. Mitchell and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney George A. Neal. Special music will be furnished by the Swedish church choir.

Births Reported.

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

Stewart, Edward and Maggie; girl; 106 East Third street; August 11.

Hensler, Max and Marie; boy; 1824 Tracy; August 3.

Dockett, Clarence and Mollie; girl; 1836 East Ninth street; August 7.

Monroe, Commodore and Hazel; boy; 1918 Vine street; August 10.

Rawdon, Roy and Jennie E.; girl; 1228 Penn street; July 25.

Gilbert, Ernest and Emma; boy; 2016 Jarbo; August 5.

Moriarty, Mike and Maud; girl; 519 Harrison; August 8.

Jones, H. S. and N.; boy; 398 East Thirtieth street; August 12.

Murray, Alex and Anna; boy; 901 Hickory street; August 10.

Sanghman, William and Laura; girl; 1109 Campbell street; August 5.

McReynolds, Charles and L.; girl; 1730 East Fourteenth; August 10.

Bigerstaff, [illegible] and Emma; boy; 704 West Twenty-third street; August 8.

Galvin, Edward and Anna; boy; 21 Salisbury; August 9.

Sweet, Henry and Minnie; boy; Sheffield; August 8.

Kemp, Wesley and Molly; boy; 1918 Liberty street; August 10.

Hogan, George and Edith; boy; 1206 Cliff street; August 2.

Schleicher, William and Laura; girl; 1107 McGee street; August 10.

Louis, Cam A. and C. J.; girl; 1010 East Eighteenth street; August 7.

Lindenstrand, D. and E.; girl; 614 West Fourteenth street; August 8.

Deaths Reported.

The following deaths were