LICENSE ORDINANCE PASSED.

UPPER HOUSE TAKES FINAL ACTION ON THE MEASURE.

No Opposition Anticipated in the Lower Body—A Special Council Meeting for This Week Probable—Lights Located.

With the amendments, as reported from the joint conference committee, the license ordinance was passed last night by the upper house of the common council. It was supposed that the lower house would take similar action, but it adjourned before the measure had passed the upper body. A special council meeting will probably be called for Friday evening of this week, when the ordinance will be finally disposed of.

All points of difference between the two houses have been removed by the compromise tactics of the joint conference committee. The disputed items are now as follows: Grain elevators, $50 per year; concerts, $10 per day; fish and oyster houses, except such as are located in the city market, $25 a year; call hacks, $2 per year; solicitors for fire insurance companies, $10 per year; solicitors for hotels and restaurants, and for hacks or other vehicles, $500 per year; all vehicles, except pleasure vehicles and those not otherwise assessed, $1 per year.

The supplementary report submitted by the committee was not acted upon. It provides for the licensing of football games and glove contests at $50 per day, and for the taxing of poster and billboard space at 1 cent per square foot per year. These amendments will probably be added to the ordinance later.

A number of ordinances declaring to be necessary the laying of sidewalks and requiring railway companies to hang electric lights at several crossings in the city were passed.

An amendment to the West Side street railway franchise ordinance, under which the company may put up a bond for $25,000 to guarantee the payment for the grading of Summit street, from Twenty-ninth to Thirtieth street, instead of making a cash deposit for that purpose, was referred to the public improvements committee.

In the Lower House.

The lower house held a very short session. The confirmation of the contract with the Parker-Washington Company for the paving of Lawton place was again laid over. A resolution requesting the superintendent of water works to report the names of all employes whose duties required them to work more than eight hours a day was adopted.

Electric lights were ordered to be put in at the expense of the railroad companies at First and Gillis and Second and Holmes streets. An ordinance to pave Fourth street from Walnut to Grand avenue with brick was referred to the public improvements committee.

AT THE CITY HALL.

Miscellaneous Matters of Interest to Taxpayers and the Municipal Officials.

Very few owners and operators of steam plants met with the public improvements committee of the upper house yesterday afternoon to confer in regard to suppressing the smoke nuisance, and as at previous meetings no action was taken and no conclusion reached. J. Martin Jones, manager, and D. Roberts, superintendent of the Dold Packing Company, were present. Each testified to a belief that up to the present time no device had been invented that would consume smoke, and that could be maintained as a practicable appliance to a steam boiler or furnace. Manager George T. Stockham, of the Midland hotel, thought otherwise, as did Alderman Brown, chairman of the committee. William McKittrick, engineer of the city hall, testified to having used a device in the city hall furnace that cost the taxpayers $1,000, but which failed to do its work and had to be discarded. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that boilers can be built so that smoke consumers can be applied to advantage, but that it would work a hardship upon those who have already built their plants to be compelled to reconstruct them. Another meeting will be held next week.

Like his predecessor, Mayor Jones is receiving letters from children asking for all sorts of gifts, though none of them has as yet expressed a desire of a parrot or a "boy pug dog." Since the inauguration of his Christmas fund movement the children seem to imagine he is a sort of junior partner in the firm of Santa Claus & Co. One little girl has written asking for a "sled and some snow to slide it on," and another would be satisfied with a piano. The mayor says he is sorry he can't grant these requests, but expects the funds he will receive will not warrant his going further than to furnish the necessaries of life to a few worthy families.

Superintendent of Streets Davis and Alf Brant, of the workhouse, met with Mayor Jones in his private office yesterday to confer in regard to the cleaning up of about seventy-five vacant lots in various parts of the city which have been reported by the police as in an unsanitary condition. It was decided that the street department should furnish two teams and wagons and that the workhouse gang should furnish the labor necessary to purifying these localities.

The board of public works yesterday decided that it is the duty of the owners of abutting property and not of the city to clear sidewalks of obstructions. The question was raised in connection with the sidewalk on the east side of Grand avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets. Here the walk is covered with a thick bed of clay that has washed down from the bluff. The property owners will be notified to clear it off.

The brick building on the northwest corner of Missouri avenue and Main street was yesterday condemned by the city building inspector as "dangerous and unsafe." He says the posts and girders in the basement are badly decayed and have allowed the structure to settle beyond the safety point. He says also that there is a quantity of debris in the basement which is liable to combustion. William Long is the owner.

The Parker-Washington Paving Company was yesterday granted its usual extension of time by the board of public works. It now has eight days in which to lay asphalt on Washington street, between Tenth and Thirteenth streets. The concrete base has already been laid. The board yesterday visited the company's new plant at Twenty-third street and Belt line.

During the past few weeks the gallery of portraits of ex-mayors in Mayor Jones' private office has been steadily growing. A few days ago a picture of Hon. Webster Davis was hung and yesterday a portrait of Hon. W. S. Gregory, done in oil, was added. Mr. Gregory was Kansas City's first chief executive, serving from 1853 to 1854.

Alderman Beroth yesterday called the attention of the board of public works to the fact that cinders, presumably from the Turkey creek pumping station, had been dumped into the mouth of O. K. creek sewer, with the result that the sewer is badly clogged. Superintendent Longwell, of the water works department, was instructed to investigate the matter.

The board of public works yesterday received a communication from Comptroller Land, complimenting it upon the business-like and economical manner in which it has conducted its affairs during the past year.

Are unlike all other pills. No purging or pain. Act specially on the liver and bile. Carter's Little Liver Pills. One pill a dose.

Hard to Tell.

From the Chicago Post.

"That's a bachelor on that wheel," she asserted.

He followed the fleeting figure with his eye.

"Bachelor maid or man?" he asked.

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

No One Can Remain Well, No Chronic Disease Can Be Cured Unless the Stomach Is First Made Strong and Vigorous.

This is plain because every organ in the body depends on the stomach for its nourishment. Nerve, bone, sinew, blood are made from the food which the stomach converts to our use.

How useless to treat disease with this, that and the other remedy and neglect the most important of all, the stomach.

The earliest symptoms of indigestion are sour risings, bad taste in the mouth, gas in stomach and bowels, palpitation, all-gone feeling, faintness, headaches, constipation; later comes loss of flesh, consumption, liver and heart troubles, kidney diseases, nervous prostration, all of which are the indirect result of poor nutrition.

Any person suffering from indigestion should make it a practice to take after each meal one of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, allowing it to dissolve in the mouth and thus mingle with the saliva and enter the stomach in the most natural way. These Tablets are highly recommended by Dr. Jennison because they are composed of the natural digestive acids and fruit essences which assist the stomach in digesting all wholesome food before it has time to ferment and sour.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold by druggists, full sized packages at 50 cents. They are also excellent for invalids and children. A book on stomach diseases and thousands of testimonials of genuine cures sent free by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS TO-NIGHT.

Great Play to Be Presented at the Auditorium—The Mayor's Christmas Fund Growing.

The presentation of "Damon and Pythias" in the Auditorium, by players picked from the membership of the seventeen Knights of Pythias lodges in Kansas City, the proceeds to go to Mayor Jones' Christmas fund, will take place to-night. The last rehearsal was held last night. The training of the players has been under direction of St. Clair Hurd, well known in theatrical circles. A large number of tickets has been sold, and the indications now are that the theater will be packed, and that the mayor's fund will receive a very substantial addition.

Alderman Wolf is talking of getting up another entertainment for the benefit of this charity movement, to consist of a promenade concert, to be held in the city council chambers next Tuesday night. The plan is to secure the attendance of the Third Regiment band, with vocalists, a pianist and mandolin club, and charge a small admission fee.

Cash subscriptions to the Christmas fund are now coming in briskly. The fund now aggregates $383, of which $193 was received yesterday. Up to 5 o'clock last night the following subscriptions had been received at the mayor's office:

G. Kirn	$ 5 00
Woodward, Faxon & Co.	5 00
Great Western Manufacturing Co.	5 00
Ridenour-Baker Grocery Co.	15 00
H. B. Hunt Manufacturing Co.	5 00
V. K. Sammons	5 00
Darby Bros.	5 00
J. G. Peppard	5 00
F. G. McNish	2 00
J. J. Davenport	5 00
Cash	1 00
Bonniwell, Newman & Calvin	5 00
U. S. Water & S. S. Co.	20 00
Crane & Co.	10 00
DeHoney & Bayless	10 00
Sewall Paint and Glass Co.	10 00
Creamery Pkg. Manufacturing Co.	10 00
Union Bank Note Co.	2 00
W. F. Weber	1 00
J. H. Frame	1 00
D. Swanson	1 00
Cash	1 00
G. N. Gresham	1 00
Cash	1 00
Goodyear Rubber Co.	2 00
Kansas City Stock Yards Co.	25 00
Heim brewery	25 00
George W. Yeomans	10 00

Merchandise is also being donated with commendable generosity. The mayor requests everyone who can spare anything, from an overcoat to a bottle of catsup to notify him and he will send a wagon out to receive it.

THE CASE OF JOHN D. KNOX.

Kansas Preacher-Banker on Trial Again Before a Church Court at Topeka, Kas.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 15.—(Special.) The Kansas conference of the M. E. church has again tackled the celebrated John D. Knox case. A court consisting of nine ministers, presided over by Dr. L. K. Billingsley, elder of the Topeka district, took up the trial of the case against Mr. Knox at the First M. E. church in this city to-day. The proceedings are behind closed doors. The preachers for the prosecution are Rev. J. A. Motter, of Baldwin, and Rev. Richard Wake and Rev. G. S. Dearborn, of this city. Rev. H. D. Fisher is defending Knox. The forenoon was devoted to a discussion of the question as to who was eligible to membership in the court. Objection was made to the two stenographers because they were not church members, but after a heated discussion they were permitted to remain and take testimony. The trial will last several days.

Mr. Knox was a Methodist preacher for over forty years, and at one time he was considered one of the wealthiest men in Kansas. He still resides in an elegant home in a suburb. About six years ago the John D. Knox Banking Company, of which the defendant was president, was forced to make an assignment. A great many of his creditors were Methodist ministers or ministers' widows. Soon after the failure Mr. Knox was accused of dishonesty, and some of his creditors went so far as to institute a suit against him in the criminal court on the charge of embezzlement, but they failed to secure a conviction.

A committee from the Kansas conference was then appointed to investigate his management of affairs and as a result of its deliberations he was ordered to surrender his license to preach. This Mr. Knox, who claimed he had not received fair treatment, from the committee, refused to do. At the last general conference of the church, held at Cleveland, O., last May, Mr. Knox had his case presented, and after investigation this body reversed the decision of the committee appointed by the lower conference and restored to Mr. Knox the privileges of ministry. Up to that date no regular trial had been held, as no formal charges were brought. Now, however, charges, as given above, have been instituted, and the committee of the conference has resolved itself into a regular court of justice.

In all his troubles Mr. Knox has been defended by Rev. H. D. Fisher, who represents him in this case. In case of a conviction at this trial Mr. Knox will likely take another appeal to the state conference, and, if defeated there, to the general conference four years hence. Mr. Fisher lost the position of chaplain of congress on account of his defense of Mr. Knox. He was a candidate for the place two years ago, but lost it by one vote. That vote was cast by Congressman O. L. Miller, of the Second Kansas district, and it was said that he voted against Fisher on account of the great pressure brought by the Kansas Methodist preachers, who became Fisher's enemies because of his connection with the Knox case.

A woman who is weak, nervous and sleepless, and who has cold hands and feet, cannot feel and act like a well person. Carter's Iron Pills equalize the circulation, remove nervousness and give strength and rest.

"The American Conflict."

Judge John L. McAtee, of the Oklahoma supreme bench, will deliver a lecture at the Academy of Music Saturday night, under the auspices of the ex-Confederate Association. The subject of the lecture will be "The American Conflict."

An interesting musical and literary programme will be rendered and Mr. Hunt C. Moore will deliver his oration on "The New South."

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pains, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle

Dr. Wherrell's Lecture.

Dr. Wherrell will lecture before the Psychic Society, in the Ridge building, tomorrow night, on the subject, "The Soul, Mind and Consciousness, According to Psychic Science." This is the third lecture in the series of six being delivered by Dr. Wherrell.

HIS ATTEMPT SUCCEEDED.

JOHN FORSYTH DIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT CITY HOSPITAL.

He and a Young Girl Took Morphine and Inhaled Gas—Girl Survived—Has Been Given a Home by Farmer Weston.

John Forsyth, the old coachman, who, with Miss Emma Beal, a young girl, attempted suicide by taking morphine and inhaling illuminating gas in a room at 320 West Thirteenth street, early Monday morning, died at the city hospital yesterday at 1:30 o'clock. He was unconscious from the time he was found Monday. Forsyth had no relatives in America. He was 46 years of age.

Miss Beal's sisters, Alice Beal and Mrs. J. H. Walker, who she claimed had turned against her, which drove her to take the fatal step with Forsyth, spent most of the day yesterday at Police Matron Lee's office at the city hall. The sisters talked together and a reconciliation was effected. Later in the day Paul Weston, a farmer living near Westport, called for her and she went to live in his family for the present.

Mrs. Forsyth called at Stewart's undertaking rooms last night and viewed the remains of her recreant husband. After calmly remarking that he looked natural, she said that she would take the night to think the matter over and would decide this morning if she would bury the remains.

GAMBLING DENS RAIDED.

A Large Quantity of Fixtures Confiscated and Six Men Arrested.

A gambling den over McDonald's saloon at 1625 Genesee street was raided yesterday by a detachment of detectives from Central police station, and six players arrested. A quantity of fixtures was confiscated. The men arrested gave the names of George Kelly, John Henry, E. A. Sherwood and Frank Robinson, all cattlemen; James Brown, a salesman, and James Simpson, a bookkeeper. They were arraigned at the St. Louis avenue police station, where they gave A. G. Sparks as security for their appearance to-day in police court.

The detectives went into Parker's place at 1631 Genesee street, but some one saw them coming and gave the alarm. All the players got away before there were any arrests made. A quantity of fixtures was taken.

After these raids Detectives Bryant, Ennis, Johnson, Shelby and Booher visited a number of houses uptown, including Christie's, at Twelfth and Walnut streets; Sandy Edwards', at Twelfth and Charlotte streets; Collins & McGuire's, on Eighth street between Main and Walnut streets; Robert Holmes', at Twelfth and Walnut streets, and Quigley's, at Twelfth and Main streets, but made no arrests. They claimed they found all the places closed.

THEFTS AND ROBBERIES.

Many Cases Reported to the Police and Several Arrests Have Been Made.

Franklin B. Cabiness, of 1401 East Twenty-second street, reported to the police yesterday that he lost $85 by robbers Monday night. Mr. Cabiness lives with his family over his store. During the night burglars placed a ladder against the rear of his store and opened a window in his bedroom. By means of a long pole they secured his trousers, which were on a chair near his bed, and took a purse containing the money from them. Yesterday morning Mr. Cabiness saw a colored man pass by his store and throw something in the yard. Upon going out to see what it was, he found his purse, but it was empty.

W. D. Majors, 2226 Forest avenue, reported the loss of watch and clothing. This is the second time Mr. Majors has been robbed within two weeks.

The following robberies were also reported: A. D. Leech, 2222 Forest avenue; house entered, but nothing missed. George E. Knapp, 2224 Forest avenue, house entered and ladies' shoes, a coat, a razor and 45 cents taken.

Taken Back to Other States.

Ed Smith, under arrest here on a charge of assault with intent to kill, preferred in Fort Worth, Tex., was taken back to Fort Worth last night by Deputy United States Marshal Sam Shelby.

William McClintock, arrested here on the charge of forgery, preferred against him by Creston, Ia., people, was taken to Creston yesterday by Sheriff W. J. Davenport.

Arrested for Swindling.

Moses Baum, alias Moses Iralson, was locked up by the police yesterday morning on the charge of swindling Harry McCrary, a ticket broker, out of $50 by means of a forged telegram purporting to come from Black & Wolf, ticket brokers at Dallas, Tex. He used a Postal receiving blank. He will be arraigned before Justice Joyce for prosecution.

Ross Will Arrive To-day.

Captain W. J. Mahady, of the Pinkerton force here, and a special officer of the Pacific Express Company will arrive in Kansas City with George E. Ross, on the Memphis train this morning. Ross is under arrest for embezzling $1,500 of the funds of the company.

Sold Adulterated Milk.

W. J. Baum, L. J. Madden, J. Rieger, M. Klein and C. A. McGee, grocerymen and dairymen, were fined $10 each in police court yesterday on charges of selling adulterated milk. Baum and Madden paid their fines. The others appealed their cases to the criminal court.

Hoarseness, from whatever cause, is soonest dispelled with Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant.

For the Liver use Jayne's Painless Sanative Pills.

NURSERYMEN MEET.

Think the Outlook for Business in Their Line for 1897 Is Encouraging.

The semi-annual meeting of the Western Wholesale Nurserymen was held yesterday at the Centropolis hotel, with about twenty-five of the members present. The usual routine business was transacted and the members reported the business outlook for the year as encouraging. The firms are at no place overstocked and indications point to an active trade for the spring. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, A. L. Brooke, of Topeka, Kas.; vice president, R. H. Blair, of Kansas City; secretary and treasurer, N. B. Pearsoll, of Fort Scott, Kas.; directors, A. Willis, Ottawa, Kas., P. Younger, Geneva, Neb., and F. Stannard, Ottawa, Kas.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

MINOR MENTION.

C. A. Wicks, of Davis City, Ia., editor of the Advance, is visiting in the city for a few days.

Twelve cases of household goods from Amsterdam were received at the custom house yesterday for a well known young business man.

Kansas City chapter No. 28, Royal Arch Masons, will meet Thursday evening, at which time the new officers will be installed by Most Excellent High Priest I. M. Abraham, of Harrisonville.

UNION AND EMPLOYERS.

The Printers Will Open Their Office at 7 o'clock This Morning—Deserted by the Pressmen.

The threatened co-operative printing establishment under the control of Typographical Union No. 80 is now a reality. For the first time in the history of Kansas City a union will go into business for itself and will endeavor through competition to bring the men who were employers of its members to its terms. At 9 o'clock last night a deal was closed with the Hays Printing and Binding Company, whereby the union will assume full control of the company's plant at Sixth and Delaware streets, this morning at 7 o'clock. The name of the firm will be continued as it is, and the officers of the new company will be Dave L. Guyette, president; Henry A. Fratcher, vice president; R. C. Adams, treasurer, and A. C. Emerick, secretary, which are the same official positions that the men occupy in the union.

The directors say that the new establishment will be run strictly as a union office and that the union scale of wages will be paid for the union hours. They say that prices will not be cut in printing material unless the Typothetae leads in this movement. In that event they say they will be able to conduct a rate war with success, as they are backed up by the International Typographical Union and only intend to make running expenses. A remarkable feature of the purchase of the new plant is that the union bought it from one of the active members of the Typothetae, which it is striving to bring to an agreement.

President Berkowitz, of the Typothetae, said last night that immediately on the starting of the union plant he would call a meeting of the Typothetae to discuss the situation. At this meeting, according to the threats of the individual members of the organization, every union man now in the employ of the different firms will be requested to vacate his place.

A meeting of the job pressmen was held last night, and it was decided to no longer give the Typographical Union the support of their union. At the regular meeting of the Allied Printing Trades Council at labor headquarters last night, the Pressmen's Union was not represented. Although no formal resignation was sent to the council, it is understood that the Pressmen's Union has withdrawn. This action on the part of the pressmen is said to be the result of the refusal of the Typographical Union to assist the union when a non-union pressman was employed at the Lechtman Printing Company's office a few days ago. The president of the Pressmen's Union asked the Typographical Union to go out of the office with the pressmen, as the latter had done in the strike on Berkowitz & Co., when a non-union printer was employed, but the union refused.

More Labor Troubles.

The different labor organizations of this city seem to have an unusual amount of trouble confronting them at this time. Last evening the executive board of Retail Clerks' Union, No. 13, was called together to hear the complaint of members of the union that four of the leading clothing houses in this city have violated their contracts with the union. These firms are allowed to open their houses after 6 o'clock in the evening only during the one week preceding the holidays. The firms were promptly boycotted by the executive board and a special meeting of the Industrial Council has been called for to-night to indorse the boycott and inaugurate a fight on these firms immediately.

"UNCLE BILLY" RICKETTS DEAD

Was One of the Pioneer Residents of Kansas City and Well Known to All Old-Timers.

William C. Ricketts, known to all the old settlers and their families in this city as "Uncle Billy," died yesterday morning at his residence, 917 Locust street, at the age of 85 years. He was one of the landmarks of Kansas City, as it were, having settled here with his family in 1850. About a year ago he had a sudden stroke of apoplexy, and for a time his attending physicians gave up all hopes of his recovery, but after an illness of six week his remarkable vitality reasserted itself, and he was soon again enjoying good health. A similar attack came on him about a month ago. Since that time he was confined to his bed, gradually growing weaker, until he became unconscious before his death. The funeral services will be held from the late residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Madeira, of Independence, will officiate. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery with Masonic ceremonies.

W. C. Ricketts was born in Washington county, Md., April 14, 1811. He moved to Clay's Ferry, Ky., when a young man, and at that place built a big flour mill for Henry Clay in 1836. He married Miss Catherine Bush, of Clark county, Ky., and emigrated with a number of his relatives to Clay county, Mo., in 1840. He was a millwright by trade, and many mills still remain scattered over the western part of Missouri which he built. He removed his family to near Westport in 1850, and purchased 160 acres of land for less than some of the single lots could be purchased now. In 1856 he built a log house at what is now the corner of Missouri avenue and Main street, where he removed his family. Thirty years ago he bought the site of his late residence, 917 Locust, and was the first to settle "out on the hill." He was a Mason before coming West, and was one of the first members of Golden Square lodge, Westport. He was a charter member of Kansas City chapter, and was one of seven candidates who were the first in Kansas City to take the Knight Templar degree. During the early days of Kansas City he operated a flour and sawmill on O. K. creek, near where the government's bonded warehouse now stands, at Twentieth and Grand avenue. Of late years he has been retired from business. His wife and four children survive him. A son, Robert J., and two daughters, Misses Emma and Anna, reside in this city. Edward P. Ricketts is a miner in Northern Montana.

Other Deaths and Funerals.

Mrs. Annie Berkowitz, aged 23 years, wife of Max Berkowitz, died at the family residence, 801 Pacific street, yesterday afternoon, after an illness of two years of consumption. Mrs. Berkowitz returned from the South, where she had been for her health, a few weeks ago, and has failed rapidly since that time. The funeral services will be held from the family home to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rabbi Schulman will officiate.

A. L. Williamson, aged 58 years, died at his residence, 1522 East Twelfth street, yesterday, of Bright's disease. The deceased was an uncle of J. F. Pelletier, of the insurance patrol, and leaves a wife and two grown sons. The funeral services will be held from the family residence to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and burial will be in Union cemetery.

Thomas Hegderson, aged 57 years, died at the city hospital last night.

Big Crowds at the Union Depot.

Yesterday the Union depot was the scene of great activity. All of the roads having made special excursion rates, many people thronged the building and platform from early morning until late at night. The depot officials had some trouble getting the people on their right trains, but no serious delays occurred. Among the passengers who left the depot were a pair of small colored boys, Ray and Harry Davis, aged respectively 5 and 7 years. They were tagged to Lake City, Col., where their parents live.

The Triumph of Festus Orastus Butt.

From the Eureka Springs Times-Echo.

Two years ago Festus Orastus Butt had a bill before the Arkansas legislature to remove his disability of being under age so he could be licensed to practice law. The bill passed the lower house, but was killed in the senate by some senator offering an amendment to the effect that Mr. Butt should first change his name. This year Mr. Butt is the representative of Carroll county, having been elected by a large majority over the most popular Republican in the county, and this, too, without changing his name. At the last term of the circuit court at Berryville he obtained his "sheepskin" to practice law, and was complimented by the bar as having passed the best examination ever heard in the circuit. He will be heard from at Little Rock in January, and his name will still be Festus Orastus Butt.

The Episode Closed.

He is a young lawyer, and She lives in the West end. They were to have been married in the spring. The other day they fell to quarreling over the telephone. She was petulant. He was angry. Finally she called him a b—b—brute, and said that he could consider the engagement off.

"All right," said he, and then he "rang off," as they say in telephone parlance.

And She—well, She returned the ring.—Albany Journal.

LONG AT THE LEVER

Breaks Down the Nervous System of a Well-Known Railroad Engineer. What Built Him Up Again.

From the Gazette, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Mr. Elbridge Waterman is a well known railroad engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railway, who has been a great sufferer from nervous debility of an aggravated kind for the past ten years. The strain was telling on his nerves terribly, and steady work was impossible. The following is his story:

"For the past ten years," he said, "I have suffered as few men have, with nervousness, heart trouble and rheumatism. I was forced to quit work, and there seemed to be little prospect of my going back to the throttle again. My heart troubled me very much, and I was totally unable to sleep for days and weeks at a time. When I would drop off into a doze, my heart would beat itself almost out of my bosom, and would wake me up as though I had been struck by a trip hammer. I had twitchings in my arms and legs, and was altogether in such a condition that my wife and friends began to consider me beyond reach of medical assistance.

"I was almost of the same opinion myself, when I happened to see in the paper last June a letter from an old soldier in the West who had been cured of rheumatism by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The testimonial was written in such a way that I knew it was not a faked up one, and I determined to give this medicine a fair trial. I was unable to work at the time, and almost in despair. So I went to the drug store and bought six boxes of them, in order to give them a thorough test, and in a few days I began to feel the improvement they were working in my system. In two weeks I was able to go to work, and I have worked ever since without a lay-off, which is something I have not done for years.

"The first improvement I noticed was in my heart, which grew more and more normal in its action, until at last it did not trouble me at all, and I was able to sleep as I had not been able for ten years. The heart trouble has never returned, and my sleep for the past two months has been healthy and deep. Last night I went to bed early and slept soundly until 8 o'clock this morning. And now, when I wake up, I feel invigorated and ready for the day's work, just as I used to feel when I was a boy.

"The nervous twitchings were also cured in a short time, and have never returned or bothered me in the least since. This has also been a great relief to me, as the twitchings were very annoying, as well as an indication to everyone of the terrible condition in which my state of health was. And the greatest wonder of all is that the rheumatism seems to be cured also, and does not bother me in the least any more, except when I expose myself unduly, and even then only for a short time. I consider myself a well man now, and hope to continue so. I am still taking Pink Pills, for I want the cure to be a complete and permanent one. I only wish I had known them years ago, for I would have saved myself large sums of money as well as suffering for which no money could repay."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

STATUE FOR THOMAS BENTON.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TAKES THE MATTER IN HAND.

Appoints a Committee and Starts a Fund for the Purpose—Paper on Commercial Day Read—Opening of Indian Territory.

The Commercial Club at its meeting last evening took hold of the proposition to erect a statue to the memory of Thomas H. Benton in a business-like manner and appointed a committee composed of M. V. Watson, Walter J. Bales, J. M. Lowe, J. V. C. Karnes, J. C. James, M. E. Lawrance, J. F. Richards, C. J. Schmelzer, Walter S. Dickey and George T. Stockham to take charge of raising funds and push the matter along as rapidly as possible. At the meeting, every member of the club present signed the roll and paid the dollar contribution, giving the Benton Monument Association a cash supply to start with. Efforts will be made to expedite the matter and the committee will spare no pains to secure the monument as soon as possible. Speeches in favor of the plan were made by J. M. Lowe, Judge J. McD. Trimble, Hugh C. Ward, F. A. Faxon, J. F. Richards, J. M. Nave, Mr. Howe, J. C. James, Mr. Barton and Colonel Richard Gentry. The latter said he had many reasons for remembering Mr. Benton. He had seen him when a boy and Mr. Benton had solicited his grandfather to raise a company of Missouri soldiers to go to Florida and fight the Seminoles, which he did and was killed in service. In recognition of his service his widow, who was Mr. Gentry's grandmother, was appointed postmistress at Columbia and continued in office thirty-five years, being the first woman who was ever appointed to take charge of a postoffice. He was ready, he said, to give more than one dollar to the fund.

Thomas L. James read a paper on Commercial day, in which he discussed the conditions that prevailed at the time of the Jay treaty and the difficulties that were found in the way at that time. He thought it a wise plan indeed to observe the day and commemorate the services of the great American who secured the treaty, although he declared it was possessed of little merit.

The club declined to send delegates to the charity conference at St. Louis the 21st as the charter provides it with no power to handle the problem of charity. Mr. Barton read a resolution favoring opening the Indian Territory for settlement, which was adopted.

RESUMES ITS MEETINGS.

Commonwealth Club Revived After a Suspension of a Year—"Trusts" Discussed.

A meeting of the Commonwealth Club, which was organized in this city three years ago, but which has been dormant for the past year, was held in the parlors of the First Congregational church, corner of Eleventh and McGee streets, last night. The revival of the club's meetings was caused by the paper of Judge Scarritt on the subject of "Trusts," which was read at the church last Sunday night. Clarence S. Palmer presided at the meeting, which was devoted to a discussion of Judge Scarritt's paper, Alfred Gregory making the principal address. The discussions were all in sympathy with the address made Sunday night.

Commercial Day Banquet.

Frank Faxon will be toastmaster at the Commercial day banquet Friday evening at the Midland and the follwing toasts will be proposed: "John Joy," response by J. McD. Trimble; "Commercial Organizations," response by Hon. Cyrus P. Walbridge, mayor of St. Louis; "Good Citizenship," response by Gardiner Lathrop; "Kansas and Kansas City," response by Governor E. N. Morrill, of Kansas; "Our Country," response by W. S. Cowherd, congressman-elect. A number of prominent railroad men will be the guests of the club.

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A WOMAN WOUNDED.

Mrs. W. L. Weirman Shot by a Boy Practicing a Target Rifle.

Mrs. W. L. Weldman, of 1319 Michigan avenue, was walking near the corner of Fifteenth and Park yesterday afternoon, when she was struck under the left eye by a bullet from a Flobert rifle with which several small boys were practicing. Otto Ballard, one of the boys, was arrested, but denied doing the shooting. He will not be prosecuted. Mrs. Weldman is not seriously hurt. Dr. W. L. Wheeler attended her and will probe for the bullet to-day.

Fell Between Cars.

Thomas Logan, colored, who resides at 1725 Olive street, was severely injured on the Brooklyn avenue cable line last night. Logan attempted to step from the front to the rear car at Tenth and Charlotte streets, and missing his footing fell between the two cars. He was dragged a distance of about fifteen feet, and his back was painfully hurt. He was taken to the police station, where his injuries were examined and found to not be serious. He was then sent home.

TALK OF TOWN AND COUNTRY.

The secretary of a certain cemetery in Kansas City, Kas., was in the office of a prominent undertaker of this city yesterday. Both were rabid free silver agitators before the election, and, after transacting their business yesterday, they spent considerable time consoling each other over the disastrous results of the recent national election to their respective businesses. They were both positive that had free silver won they would now be doing a thriving business instead of practically nothing.

"For the past four years," said the cemetery official, "we have buried in our cemetery an average of thirty bodies a month. Since the election of McKinley and the victory of the goldbugs I haven't had twenty graves dug in the cemetery. I tell you nothing will ever save this country but free silver."

While this calamity howl was being emitted, a third party had entered the office.

"Business has never been so dull since I have been in the undertaking business, and I am realizing even more fully than before the election that the gold standard is ruining this country," said the dealer in coffins, as his face lengthened. "People will have more sense next time and vote to help their own pockets and not listen to the money sharks."

At this juncture the third party in the room broke out with a roaring laugh. The keeper of the cemetery books and the dealer in coffins were astonished, and immediately demanded to know the cause of all this merriment in the face of their troubles.

"I guess people are not dying as fast as they did before the election, because life now seems to be worth living. You fellows had better keep your troubles to yourselves or free silver never will win," was the exasperating reply.

It is amusing to read the letters that pour in from all portions of the country in response to the circulars sent out in search of some man who has mysteriously disappeared. This is especially true if the man who has disappeared is supposed to be guilty of some crime. This was shown particularly in the case of George Ross, the express embezzler, who left three weeks ago. Circulars sent out in search of him brought a large pile of replies from all parts of the West and Southwest, and in quantity there were about enough to fill the ample waste basket that occupies a prominent position near the desk of Superintendent George E. Moore, of the Pacific Express Company. Possibly a score of the replies were from towns in Missouri and Kansas. The letters did not state that the mysterious stranger resembled Ross, but there was something about their appearance or their actions that excited comment and to some thoughtful mind awakened suspicion. In one bright and popular Missouri town there was a stranger who read all the papers each day, but kept his room in the hotel nearly all the time. In another was a man who appeared to be in great trouble, and so it went down the list until finally it looked as though a whole regiment of people were in hiding. Possibly some of the people are criminals in hiding who may yet be delivered up to justice by some one who sees them volunteering a knowledge of their whereabouts.

Walter L. Plattenburg, who has been superintendent of the mails in the Kansas City postoffice for two and one-half years, has been transferred at his own request from that position to clerk in charge of a postal car between Kansas City and Denver, and will go out on his run this evening. He will be succeeded by Henry E. Schaumloeffel, who has been assistant superintendent of the mails for twenty years, and has now been promoted to the next position. The position of assistant superintendent will be filled by the appointment of D. C. Smith, who leaves the position that will be taken by Mr. Plattenburg. Mr. Plattenburg has been an efficient and painstaking superintendent, but finds the old time work in the mail car more congenial to him. Mr. Schaumloeffel has been employed in the postoffice for twenty-six years, and is one of the most competent and painstaking men employed there. Until recently the custom had been to appoint superintendents from postal clerks, but under a recent ruling of the department clerks may now be advanced to that position.

John T. Howe, chief clerk in the pension office at Topeka, was in the city yesterday on business. He has been connected with the pension department from the time it was an office located at Macon City, Mo., thirty years ago, and was managed by Clark H. Green. He went with the office to Hannibal when it was transferred there, and later went to Topeka, where he has remained ever since. He is one of the best posted men on pensions and pensioners in the country, and knows every detail of the workings of the big office. He is one of the most popular public officials in the service.

Cyrus Leland, Jr., of Troy; Chairman Jim Simpson, of McPherson; Lit Crum, of Oswego; Frank Brown, of Garnet, and Newt Ury, of Fort Scott, Kas., were in the city last evening. They met by "accident" at the Union depot and enjoyed each other's society for an hour, but denied there was anything of significance in their consultation. Some of the party went to Topeka on late trains.

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