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CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

What a "Business Man" Who Knows Whereof He Speaks Has to Say.

EN. TRANSCRIPT.—The objects set forth in the resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce as regards the City Charter, would seem to commend themselves to all good and law-abiding citizens. The changes in the Charter do not increase the burdens of taxation one dollar per year. In fact, it may be safely predicted it will lessen the expenditures of the city. It does not propose to interfere with the ambition of any of the gentlemen now candidates who are willing to sacrifice their own time and energy for the good of the city. It has been hinted that perhaps these self-sacrificing individuals may (by an amendment to the Charter) be asked to serve without any compensation, thereby giving them an opportunity to show to the citizens how magnanimous they are.

Why the Council should kick so at being released of the very disagreeable duty of managing the police force is a mystery to the average voter.

By a Police Board having the power to appoint the police and remove them for good and sufficient reasons only, (and just here we will suggest that it would not be a bad move to give this same board supervision over the employees of the Fire Department,) it is claimed, and with a good deal of justice, that our police would be a very efficient body under a Police Board.

Our Fire Department is an efficient body and have done good work, but we think the same good results would follow were they placed under the Police Board as will result to the police force.

Two Boards of Council are desirous for many reasons; it will effectively prevent hasty legislation which in many instances does not accomplish the desired or intended good. It would, in a great degree, if attempted, prevent an undue exercise of influence of the Mayor, as he would not be the presiding officer of either body. Now is the time our city needs all the wise legislation she can get, as we are growing and progressing as she has not done for years. We want the wisest and best citizens in the Council, men with broad views and economical in the expenditure of the revenues of the city. The revenue of the city is large and if judiciously and economically handled it is susceptible of doing the city a vast amount of good, and when so used and the citizens see the good effects there will be a cheerful acquiescence in it, but if not so used there will be, and justly so, long and loud complaints.

BUSINESS MAN.

A Plea for a Veteran.
The Nashville American is requested to give place to the following letter:
LEXINGTON, KY., Jan. 25, 1886.—
Capt. Stone, Louisville, Ky.—Sir: You are one of the vice presidents of the National Association of Mexican Veterans, an organization that has done much good work for the surviving soldiers who fought in the war with Mexico. Through you I wish to make to it the following true statement: Jas. R. Collins, member of Col. John W. Tibbatt's regiment in the Mexican war, is now an inmate of the Montgomery county, Ohio, poor house. He is old, sick and absolutely penniless. He is a Kentuckian, and for him I earnestly appeal to that military order of which you are a representative officer to lend him a helping hand in having him admitted to the Soldier's Home, in sight of which he is eking out a miserable existence.
Your comrade,
BEN F. EGAN.

A conspicuous instance of advertising on a grand scale is the price recently paid in Boston for a single insertion in one paper,—\$2,000.—S. R. Niles acting as agent in the transaction. The good judgment of Mr. Niles in such matters is recognized not only in Boston, but also in New York, London and Paris. We understand that in the instance of which we speak the results justified the expenditure.

Willing to Work.
A paragraph excerpt into the TRANSCRIPT a few days ago, in which it was stated that the Odd Fellows had great difficulty to get men to work in cleaning up the debris of the old Opera House. The gentlemen who had the cleaning in hand say that this was an error as they found plenty of men willing to work, and in fact were annoyed by the frequent applications to stop work. Our ex-

perience is that there are about a dozen men on hand and ready to do any kind of work that is needed where there is only work for one. When we have coal thrown off at the office the applications to have the job of putting it in are so numerous as to be annoying. We employ about twenty-five people in and about the TRANSCRIPT office, including carriers, and if there is a rumor that some one is to quit there are numerous applications for the place. The working men of Lexington are anxious to work at anything they can lay their hands to, the only trouble being that there is not enough work for them all.

WOODARD & HARBISON'S SALE.

Woodard & Harbison's great sale of fine horses commenced yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, and will continue five days. A large crowd of buyers are in attendance from all over the country, and the hotels are all crowded. Col. Edmondson and Col. Jack Stuart are crying the sales, and Tom Forman is doing the equestrian part of the programme. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the sales were transferred from the street to the inside of Treacy & Wilson's stable. Following is a list of the principal prices obtained yesterday:
Harkaway, b, s, 4 y o, by Indianapolis, dam Abdallah Belle, W. J. Nogle, Altoona, Pa., \$525; Stratford, b, s, 3 y o, by Strathmore, dam Young Winnie by Woodford Mambrino, John Splat, Cleveland, Ohio, \$630; Boston Wilkes, b, s, 4 y o, by George Wilkes, dam Jennie Anderson by American Clay, George Smith, Shelbyville, Ky., \$2,600; Dispatch, b, s, 4 y o, by Onward, dam Lucille, Alex. Hill, Owensboro, Ky., \$975; Flaco, br, s, 9 y o, by Trolan, dam by Vindex, L. D. Butler, Memphis, Missouri, \$1,500; Monroe Wilkes, c, s, 2 y o, by Red Wilkes, dam by Monroe Chief, Jud Evans, Indiana, \$610; Clara R., b, f, 4 y o, by Strathmore, dam Mattie Norman, Alex. Hill, Owensboro, Ky., \$925; Diamond King, c, s, 7 y o, by Mara Diamond dam by Conscript, W. T. Soper, Carlisle, Ky., \$810.

CENTRAL MILLS—JERSEY FLOUR.

I have been proprietor of two flour mills. I have devoted considerable attention to physiology and hygiene and think I can speak intelligently about flour.

If the grain of wheat, merely crushed and eaten in the shape of what we now call unbolthead flour, had not been originally the best form of it, it would have become so before this because the human system has become adapted to it in that form from long use. "Two women were grinding at the mill," and making unbolthead flour for themselves for thousands of years before Jerusalem cratic primaries, as improved.

The "new process" but probably appearance of the flour of its food quality it at the expense of part of the ties. Much of the out into "ship flour is now thrown away. It makes stuff" and fed to the cowgirls will get fat cows, but our pretty kine" if they as lean as "Pharaoh's" fashioned don't eat some of the oil mill in the mill stone flour. Every process which has adopted the new which Mr. T. J. Grubbs is the proprietor of the old orthodox mill—ad the finest brands of "new process" for those who prefer it. Wheat contains 72 per cent of starch, 7 of gluten, 5 of sugar, 3 of gum and 12 of water. The "new process" retains but little more than the starch. It is not only the privilege of every lady, but her moral duty, to be just as pretty as she can be, and the gluten for her hair and finger nails, and the sugar in Central Mill's flour will make her as sweet as pie, and the gum in that kind of flour will double discount Colgan's Tola. It's bad enough to have to "gum it" when you are old and lost, have your teeth, young ladies. Don't do it while you are young.

Mr. Gribb's flour is called the "Jersey" brand because of its richness and fattening qualities.

Coal Gas at Fifty Cents.

The Chesapeake Gas Company, of Baltimore, has reduced the price of its coal gas to fifty cents per 1,000 feet, which leads the New York Journal of Commerce into a retrospective at home. The New York gas companies a few years ago reduced the price of gas to large consumers to seventy cents, which rate, being operated a considerable period, made dividends to the stockholders. This suggests the inference that, while fifty cents is a war rate in Baltimore yet the Chesapeake Company apparently selected that particular price, because while entailing heavy losses upon its rivals, would in the meanwhile pay all the expenses of its own campaign. The Louisville Gas Company advises its patrons that so long as they believe themselves they will be served with gas at not more than \$1.50, which also means not less than \$1.50.

Trying to Bridge the Chasm.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 2.—The conference committee that was appointed to settle the differences between the factions of the Ohio Senate will formulate their report to the Senate tomorrow. It is understood to refer more especially to the manner in which the investigation of the Hamilton county contest cases shall be conducted, and will provide that any legal points which may arise during the contest and on which the committee cannot agree shall be referred to Judge Thurman and R. A. Harrison, of this city, for a decision

MORTALLY WOUNDED.

Ex-Policeman Mike Gormley Shot by John Walsh, the Grocerman.

GORMLEY EXONERATES HIS SLAYER.

A bloody tragedy occurred about 8 o'clock last night at the grocery of John Walsh, on West Main street, near the Ice Factory, in which Mike Gormley, ex-policeman, was mortally wounded by Walsh. As soon as the shooting occurred Mr. Dick Garland hurried down town for a physician, and as a TRANSCRIPT reporter was leaving the postoffice, Mr. Garland came by. He spoke to officers Donnellon, Bundy, and Henry, who were at the postoffice corner, and told them of the occurrence. They hurried away, followed by the reporter. Walsh was in his grocery, and the officers took him in charge and conveyed him to the station-house. They also secured his pistol, a 44-caliber Navy Remington. The reporter then went up stairs to see Gormley, who lived over Walsh's grocery. The wounded man was lying on a bed, and Drs. Patterson and Brown were examining the wound, which was about an inch to the left of the navel, the ball passing through the bowels but not emerging on the back. The wounded man was very pale and suffering a great deal. Looking up into the faces of the reporter and others by his bed he said: "Don't blame that man, he was not to blame." A number of people called to see the wounded man, but it was found necessary to exclude them to prevent annoyances. Father Brossart came to see the sufferer, and they were alone together a few moments. In a short time Gormley spoke again to those about him and said: "Boys, I want you to clear that man; he is not to blame; there is no one to blame but the wife of mine." Mr. Wm. Gormley, father of Mike, hearing of his son's wounding, came into the room and was greatly excited. The opinion of the physicians was that the wound was probably mortal.

After Walsh was lodged in the station-house he was interviewed by a TRANSCRIPT reporter, and gave the following account of the affair: "My name is John Walsh. I am fifty years of age. I came to Lexington three years ago from Cincinnati. I served during the war in Totten's Battery, 2d U. S. Artillery. I opened my grocery about a year ago. I never had a word with him in my life until to-day. About 3 o'clock I locked up and went down town to transact some business. I returned about half-past four o'clock. As I crossed Merino street I noticed Gormley standing in front of my grocery. He followed at me and said, 'Come over here, I want to talk to you.' I walked up to him and he said, 'Who have you got in there?' pointing to my grocery. I said, 'No body; the door is locked; I have been down town.' He grabbed me by the collar with one hand, drew his revolver with the other, and commenced beating me over the head with it. The first lick my hat fell off. He struck me three or four times. I tried to ward off the blows with my arms and called for the police. He then pointed his pistol at me, and said, 'You d—m son of a b—b, I am a notion to shoot you.' A policeman was up on Jefferson street, and hearing my call, ran to where we were. He got between us, and, turning Gormley around, told Gormley to go up stairs and behave himself. The officer then went away. Gormley going up stairs. A brother of Mike's took him up stairs and pacified him. A short time afterward I went outside to my grocery to lock at some groceries to Curry, Howard & Murray's wagon. While doing so, Gormley came out again after me and I went in the grocery. He again had out his revolver. I went down town to Judge Royalty's office and swore out a warrant against Gormley, for assault and battery. (Officers Lister, O'Brien and Hall served the warrant on Gormley, who came down town about 6 o'clock and gave bail in the sum of \$50. Mr. Elkin going on the bond. He went home and arrived there about half-past 8 o'clock. Gormley went up stairs, when he returned, and seeing me in the room as he passed up the steps, cursed me. In a short time he came in the door and called for something—I think a cigar. I said: 'Mike, I would rather not sell you anything. You had better go over to Garland's, as you deal there.' He then cursed me and said: 'I have a notion to kill you,' and pointed his pistol at me, holding it up with both hands. I had my revolver lying alongside of me at the time. He pointed his revolver at me again and threatened to kill me. I called Mr. Barrett, my neighbor. He told me I called again he would shoot me. I did so and he blazed away. I seized my pistol and fired at him twice. One of the shots hit him. He then ran out the door, and in a short time a negro put his head in the door and told me to come out, as a man was shot out there. I told him I would not do so, and for him to call a policeman."

After being shot, Gormley ran across the street toward Garland's grocery, and fell just after crossing the street railway. He was picked up and carried back to his home. The exact nature of the trouble between him and his wife is not known, though there are various rumors. It is said they have separated several times, the last time about two weeks ago. It is supposed by some

CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS.

Causes a Fatal Accident on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

STANTON, Va., Feb. 2.—A disastrous collision occurred on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad here at one o'clock this morning. The night express ran into the freight train on a siding and completely wrecked both engines. Fireman Giffens, of Richmond, was killed; G. W. Bringer, master mechanic, of Richmond, had his right arm and leg badly broken and a bad scalp wound; Z. Lowry, of Richmond, engineer, had his throat cut and arm scalded; his condition is dangerous; Charles Smith, of Stanton, engineer of the freight train, had his back badly sprained and bruised. The only passenger hurt was Dr. Lafferty, of Richmond, but not seriously. The accident was caused by criminal negligence. The brakeman was aroused by the passing freight train, changed the switch just as the express came in sight. The train rushed on to the siding and the engines were locked.

A Church Racket.

WABASH, Ind., Feb. 2.—On Sunday night in the church in the village of Dora twelve miles southeast of here, Will Oates was shot by Clayton Pavey. Two years ago Oates eloped with Clayton's sister. Pavey swore vengeance upon Oates. Nothing more was heard of the matter, however, until recently, when the old quarrel was renewed. Mr. and Mrs. Oates were sitting in the front pew and Clayton Pavey stepped up and remarked that he had come to settle the matter and at the same time striking Oates. The latter essayed to defend himself and Pavey drew a revolver and fired at Oates, who grasped the weapon and received a very serious wound. The congregation fled in wild disorder. Mrs. Oates dropped her baby who was trampled upon and perhaps fatally injured.

The Headless Man Mystery.

NASHVILLE, Feb. 2.—The headless man mystery was solved to-day by the confession of one of the parties charged with the murder. Subsequent to the discovery of the head in Ben Brown's yard, and the complete identification of the remains as those of Frank Arnold, three other persons implicated were arrested and jailed. Ben Brown has not yet been caught.

By Goods.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The exports of domestic cotton for the past week has been 4,955 packages, and since January 1, 21,066 packages, against 18,163 packages for same time last year and 9,433 packages for 1884. The tone of the market shows a tendency of hardening for all styles of staple cottons, while in all departments a good trade is in movement on account of Spring wants.

Annuling a Lease.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 2.—Chancellor Runyon to-day read an opinion in the case of Vail vs. New Jersey Central and Philadelphia and Reading R. R. Companies, in which he declares that the lease made by the former to the latter company is null and void. The Chancellor has ordered all the property of the Central road to be transferred back to that corporation.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Winchester Has Her Charter Amended.

The Rights of Parsons Criminally Accused.

FRANKFORD, Feb. 2.—Leave was granted to bring in the following bills: A bill to repeal Chap. 1,335, of the Session Act, 1883-84, being an act to provide for and regulate the ventilation of coal mines in this State, and for the better protection of miners. Courts of Justice. A bill to prohibit the working of coal mines in the coal mines of this Commonwealth. Courts of Justice. Mr. Clay, Committee on Propositions and Grievances: House Bill 283. A bill to amend the charter of the city of Winchester. Passed. An act to amend c. 234 of the Criminal Code of Practice, relating to rights of persons criminally accused to testify in their own behalf was taken up.

Mr. Gilt offered to amend by requiring the accused to testify before any other witness are examined in behalf of the accused. Adopted.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend by striking out in lines five and six of Sec. 1 "penal or criminal cause and proceeding" and inserting "prosecution under an indictment for a felony." Adopted.

The bill, as amended, was put upon its passage, and the yeas and nays demanded. Passed. Yeas, 19; nays, 10. The Senate then adjourned.

MR. CLARENDON YOUNG.

Suicides By Shooting Himself With a Shot-gun.

Another horrible affair occurred Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock. Mr. Clarendon Young, killing himself with a shot-gun. Mr. Young was a farmer in good circumstances, aged about 25 years, and has a wife and four or five children. His home is about 5 miles from Lexington, on the T. & C. track road. On Monday he was in town, apparently in good spirits, and while here went to the courthouse and signed a replevin bond for a negro man. He returned home in the afternoon and retired at night, apparently in good spirits. At 4 o'clock yesterday morning, his wife says, he arose as usual and went into another room, where there was a shot-gun loaded with bird shot. In a short time she heard the gun fire, and going into the room found him lying on the floor nearly dead. The charge had taken effect in the middle of the breast, and the trigger had been pulled by his foot. No sense is known for the deed, but temporary insanity is surmised. He was a son of Mr. Matt Young, deceased, who left all his children in good circumstances when he died.

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