

THE ABUSES

In the Indiana Township Trustee Offices to Be Aired.

One Hundred Dollars the Price Paid for a Box of Pencils.

Twenty Dollars for a Five Dollar Water Can—Extravagant Sum Paid for Other School Supplies—The Matter to Be Corrected by the Legislature.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—Attention of county superintendents and other school officers meeting here has been called to abuses in the township trustee offices. School supply "sharks" are preying upon the trustees, and are working frauds equal to those represented in the Pollard warrant corruption of former days. Trustees in some counties have banded together, and have compiled a black list of agents, from whom they will make no purchases. Trustees have sole authority to spend the public money which comes to their hands. They are in no restraint except from their conscience. Dishonest men in this office have opportunities for money-making, limited only by the size of the township's "pile."

"Shark" agents of certain foreign school supply houses sell these dishonest trustees a box of pencils for \$100, take a warrant in pay, and return \$5 to the trustee, after cashing the warrant, leaving no trace of the crime. The warrant under the new law has to be published in the list of expenses but the purchase is concealed under the term "supplies" or "books."

The purchase of water cans has become a fad with some trustees. Careful trustees get them for \$5, while others pay \$20 each. The cans are made in this city at a cost of \$3.

Another source of profit is the sale of pencil furnaces. The health boards recommend the heating of pencils to destroy disease germs. Little furnaces costing \$3 are purchased by some trustees for \$15, though they can be had for \$4 or \$5 of the same agents if the trustee will insist on a fair price. The attention of the legislature is to be called to the practices. Many trustees and the legitimate dealers in school supplies are demanding protection against the sharks who are making the business obnoxious.

Receiver for a Farmers' Trust Co. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—On application of W. T. Honsinger, vice-president and a large shareholder in the Farmers' Trust company, of this place, G. H. Hollister was Tuesday appointed receiver for the institution. Tightness of the money market rendered it impossible for the company to meet its debentures when the makers of notes on which they were secured, defaulted payments. Receiver Hollister estimates assets at \$238,000 and liabilities \$135,000.

A DEFENDANT

In a Divorce Suit Attempts to Kill His Wife, Her Uncle and Himself in the Courtroom.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—During the progress of his wife's suit for divorce in circuit courtroom No. 6, at 11 o'clock Wednesday forenoon, Jacob Fischel, of No. 5857 Manchester road, attempted to kill his wife, her uncle, Julius Schreiber, and himself. Mrs. Fischel was in court attended by a number of friends and by her attorney, Walter McIntyre. During the proceedings Fischel arose with a motion to have Judge Wood set aside a decree for alimony which he was ordered to pay until the settlement of the case.

While he was talking Attorney McIntyre motioned Mrs. Fischel to leave the courtroom with him. They started out, followed by Julius Schreiber, and had just reached the door when Fischel drew a revolver and began shooting. One bullet passed through Attorney McIntyre's overcoat and struck Mrs. Fischel in the back of the left shoulder. Her uncle ran to her assistance, and as he was bending over the prostrate woman, Fischel fired a bullet into Schreiber's breast. He then turned the weapon upon himself, but Attorney McIntyre struck his arm and the bullet lodged in the floor. The wildest confusion reigned in the crowded courtroom. Spectators rushed screaming from their seats, lawyers jumped behind benches and Judge Wood ran from the bench and sought safety behind a cabinet. The courtroom doors were barred before Fischel could escape, and he was finally taken to the police station by a squad of policemen. Dr. Wm. F. Kier attended Mrs. Fischel and Mr. Schreiber, and says their wounds, although serious, are not necessarily fatal.

Gov. Elect Tanner Married.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 30.—Springfield was Wednesday the scene of a wedding characterized by a quiet elegance and charming simplicity, the contracting parties being Miss Cora Edith English, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turney English, of this city, and Hon. John Riley Tanner, of Louisville, Ill., governor-elect of Illinois. The ceremony was performed at high noon at the St. Paul Episcopal pro-cathedral by the Venerable Archdeacon F. W. Taylor.

Columbus Family Poisoned.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 30.—Edwin W. Vance, of E. W. Vance & Bro., cloak and fur house, and his family, were poisoned by some unknown persons 30 hours ago, but the news was suppressed by the family and physicians. Mr. Vance may die. The matter is about to be investigated.

Gen. Anson McCook Calls on McKinley.

CANTON, O., Dec. 30.—Gen. Anson S. McCook, of New York, arrived here at 1 o'clock Tuesday from Cleveland. He was met by the McKinley carriage and driven to the house, where he lunched with the president-elect. The New York situation was then discussed at length.

HEARINGS

On the Tariff Before the Ways and Means Committee.

Discussion of Schedule I by Different Cotton Manufacturers.

Under the Present Law Cotton Spinners Can Not Manufacture Fine Yarns—The Makers of Cotton Cloth Not Sufficiently Protected—Hosiery, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The second day of the tariff hearings before the committee of ways and means of the house of representatives opened with the discussion of schedule I, cotton manufactures.

The first section of the schedule relates to the duty on cotton thread and carded yarns and on warps or warp yarn.

Mr. Andrew B. Sanford, of Fall River, Mass., said that the provisions placed in the present tariff bill had practically made it an ad valorem measure. It was impossible for the spinners of this country to put out any fine yarns. As far as these yarns went the bill was inoperative, and the bills had been compelled to stop making fine yarns.

S. B. Chace, of Fall River, Mass., spoke for the makers of cotton cloth. They were not sufficiently protected on the fine end of the business, he said, and would ask for a few amendments to the present law in this direction. They wanted a new classification for cloths exceeding 300 threads to the square inch, otherwise they were satisfied with the present duties. They also desired to have goods known as "figured weaves" specially provided for. He complained of ad valorem duties and the under valuation practiced under them.

Robert Pilling, of Philadelphia, a maker of stockings and underwear, said that later he would submit a statement covering what hosiery makers desired. The present law was not satisfactory especially on "fashion goods."

On underwear no change would be asked. R. W. Cooper, of Olneyville, R. I., a manufacturer of finer grades of stockings, asked for a tariff of 40 cents a dozen and 30 per cent ad valorem on all goods costing \$1.50 per dozen under. His company had been doing business for 12 years and had never paid a dividend. It was beginning to get on its feet under the McKinley law, and under the present tariff had just managed to exist.

W. H. Bilyeu, of the Philadelphia Knitting Mills Co., agreed with Mr. Talcott and with him would submit rates. W. R. Craig, of Mississippi, on behalf of producers of "extra staple" cotton of the Mississippi valley asked for protection against Egyptian cotton. This cotton he said came into direct competition with domestic product, and to a large extent had driven the domestic grower out. C. P. Bakers, treasurer of the Lawrence Manufacturing Co., said that the Egyptian cotton was used in preference to the American product, as there was less waste in working it. The two could not always be used for the same purposes. The American article could not entirely take the place of the Egyptian product.

Mr. Wheeler asked if the south would not be selling its birthright for a mess of pottage to ask for this?

Mr. Baker said that he would not like to say.

Mr. Wheeler was asked what this birthright was.

He replied: "Free trade and free institutions."

Dauntless May Clear for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—For the first time since the present struggle in Cuba began this government has given permission to a customs official to clear for Cuba a vessel loaded, according to her manifest, with munitions of war and presumably intended for the insurgent army. The vessel in this case is the well known and alleged filibuster Dauntless, but the concession that under these circumstances she is entitled to clearance papers leaves the situation so far as she is concerned quite as involved as before, as the statutes prescribe that before clearance shall be granted for any vessel bound to a foreign port, the owners, shippers and consignees of cargo shall state under oath at what foreign port the cargo is to be landed, and severe penalties are prescribed for violations of this requirement, including the confiscation of the vessel.

Presidential Post Offices.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The following fourth-class post offices, beginning January 1, 1897, will be advanced to the presidential class: Indiana—Albany; Warren. Missouri—Cassville. Ohio—Bradner, Glouster, Wyoming.

Spain Must Come to an Agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Daily News Wednesday publishes a dispatch from Paris saying it is quite clear that Spain is carrying on negotiations with the United States, although her pride compels her to do so in an underhand manner. The dispatch adds that the proceeds of the popular loan recently issued by the Spanish government is virtually exhausted, that the buoyancy that followed the death of Maceo is evaporating and that the government is unable to avoid seeking an agreement with the United States.

Chicago Newspaper Man Dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Mr. Harry Forker, for some years connected with the Chicago Times-Herald, and later prominent in the management of another morning paper, died in this city Tuesday night of tuberculosis. He was 28 years of age.

ROBBED AND BEATEN,

And Relieved of \$519 in a Chicago Elevator Cab.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—As James S. Shanheimer, of the Central Steam Laundry Co., 105 South Jefferson street, entered the elevator of the building at that number Tuesday afternoon two men stepped in with him and held revolvers to his head, beat him and robbed him of \$519. The victim of the robbers had been to the Wagner Palace Car Co.'s office to collect a bill for the amount stolen and was returning to pay his help with the money. The elevator boy was forced to stop the car between the first and second floors. The robbers beat Shanheimer into insensibility and threatened to kill him if he resisted. He was badly injured. The boy was forced to let the robbers off at the ground floor.

FIRST DEGREE.

Albert Frantz Found Guilty of Killing Poor Bessie Little.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 30.—Unless some unforeseen force intervenes, the tragic end of poor, misguided Bessie Little will be atoned for by the death of her heartless betrayer and cruel assassin, Albert J. Frantz, he who turned her on to ruin and to murder, with false professions of love and promises of marriage that were never made to be fulfilled, is to answer with his life for the great crime.

The 12 men to whose hands was intrusted the punishment for his great sin have rendered the decrees of the old Mosaic law, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." So conclusive was the proof of guilt that it required but brief deliberation for the jury to render a verdict of murder in the first degree.

PRINCELY REWARD.

Ten Thousand Dollars for the Arrest and Conviction of the Cahaba River Train Wreckers.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—The officials of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. in this city said Wednesday that the Louisville & Nashville and Southern Railway Co. had offered a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons implicated in the Cahaba river bridge disaster near Bloston, Ala., on Sunday last. The officials of both roads are making strenuous efforts to capture the guilty parties.

Another "Engagement."

HAVANA, Dec. 30.—It was officially stated Tuesday that a Spanish column has had an engagement with rebel parties under Sotolongo, on the Sotolongo ranch, near Jaguey Grande, province of Matanzas. The insurgents are alleged to have been dispersed with the loss of 15 killed and one wounded. The Spaniards had a corporal wounded. It is known that this engagement was simply an attack made by the troops upon the defenceless pacificos on the ranch and that the 15 persons reported to have been killed in battle were brutally massacred.

Fireman Killed in a Wreck.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30.—An incoming freight train on the Seaboard Air line was wrecked two miles west of here at 1:30 Wednesday morning. Four tramps had been put off there Tuesday and it is believed they removed a rail. The engine and ten cars went over a 30 foot embankment. The engine was overturned and Fireman Lewis Overby, colored, was caught beneath and scalded and burned to death. Engineer John Robinson escaped with a fracture of two ribs.

A Veteran Blows His Brains Out.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 30.—Henry Blank, 69 years old, an inmate of the Illinois Soldiers' home, sat down against the trunk of a tree Wednesday morning, and placing the muzzle of a pistol in his mouth pulled the trigger, the ball entering his brain and killing him instantly. Blank came to the home from Edwardsville, Ill. Before the election he loaned a friend a sum of money, and his failure to collect it worried him to such an extent as to cause self-destruction.

Can Give No Account of Herself.

SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 30.—Annie Danner, the Buffalo, N. Y., young woman whose disappearance last Thursday created a sensation, was found in a brush heap on a farm about half a mile from the western city limits. She was dazed and partly unconscious. A party of men chopping wood found her. She is now at the Saginaw hospital under medical care. She can give no account of her whereabouts or how she came to be found there.

Newark, N. J., in Darkness.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 30.—The regular and reserve sections of the People's Electric Light and Power Co.'s plant at City Dock, River street and the Passaic river, were destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, plunging the city into darkness which may not be relieved for several days. The entire plant is wrecked. Thirty-seven dynamos, ranging in value from \$2,500 to \$7,500 each were consumed. The entire loss is placed at \$175,000; insurance \$73,000.

A Mob After a Wife-Murderer.

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky., Dec. 30.—Word has been received here that Charles Herndon, who murdered his wife at the home of his brother-in-law, on Jellico creek, a few days ago, is surrounded in a house near Flat Lick, Knox county, with several men who swear they will die before they will be taken. The house is guarded by a mob. Herndon says he will never be arrested.

Recruits for Corbin's Colony.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II, from Bremen, which arrived here Tuesday, brought 300 men, women and children, destined for a colony near Helena, Mont., which was established by the late Austin Corbin.

MANY CALLERS

On President-Elect McKinley at His Canton Home.

Ex-Gov. Heard, of Wisconsin, Brought Forward for Agricultural Secretary.

A Number of New York Republicans Pay Their Respects—Joseph Gary, of Baltimore, or Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, Have Cabinet Ideas.

CANTON, O., Dec. 30.—If Maj. McKinley thought he would have considerable period of rest and freedom from callers during the so-called holiday season he knows that his expectations were unfounded. There were more callers at the McKinley residence Tuesday than there has been for a month. Among them was ex-Congressman Nils Haugen, of Taylor Falls, Wis., and the editor of the Scandinavian, of Chicago. They came in the interests of ex-Gov. Heard, of Wisconsin, as secretary of agriculture.

The president-elect was assured that the farmers of the northwest would be pleased with the selection of Mr. Heard.

There were a number of New York Republicans in the afternoon at the McKinley residence. Most of them called on Mr. Hanna before visiting Canton, and were advised to see the president-elect.

Col. D. B. Alexander and Messrs. Urban and Huntley, of Buffalo, discussed the situation in northern New York with Maj. McKinley and left for the east Tuesday night apparently well satisfied with their visit.

Charles Allison, of Knoxville, Tenn., who took an active part in the recent campaign, had an interview with Maj. McKinley. He said Tennessee could hardly expect a place in the cabinet for the reason that the republicans of the state were unable to unite upon Henry Clay Evans. Mr. Allison is of the opinion that Jos. Gary, of Baltimore, or Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, will represent the south in the cabinet.

The big tin horn which was carried from Decatur, Ill., by six men, reached Canton Tuesday afternoon and was presented to Maj. McKinley, who complimented its bearers upon their perseverance and endurance. They left Decatur with the horn, which is 30 feet long and gilded, on the 16th of November.

Col. J. C. Entrench and Marcus Boggs, of Chillicothe, O., called on Maj. McKinley Tuesday night. Col. Entrench is a candidate for collector of internal revenue in the Eleventh district. He was on Maj. McKinley's staff when he was governor of Ohio.

Wm. McKinley Osborne, of Boston, secretary of the republican national committee, is at the McKinley residence.

FIXING THE SCALE.

Western Window Glass Association Holds a Special Meeting.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Western Window Glass association was called in special meeting Tuesday evening to take action looking to the modification of the recent scale made by the Western and Eastern associations, which was to go into effect January 1. The jobbers have rebelled against the scale and threatened to place their orders in Europe if a greater profit is not given them by the American manufacturers. The scale fixes the price at a small margin and by a relate system the jobbers have been expected to enlarge their profits.

The manufacturers made no concealment of their intention to raise the price of glass 2 1/2 per cent., and to give to the jobbers the benefit of the increase, which is acceptable to the latter element.

HEEL AND TOE.

An Old-Time Walking Match in the St. Louis Auditorium.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—An old time heel and toe walking match began in the Auditorium building at noon Tuesday. Thirteen men, the majority of whom are local aspirants for pedestrian honors, faced the starter. They were: Henry Schmel, W. A. Hoagland, W. A. Smith, Frank Hart, Gus Guerrero, Harry Stephens, Edward Howley, Richard Kennedy, W. A. Capill, Wm. Earl, John Oddy, Ed Doran and J. W. Jones. The men are to walk six days, twelve hours each day, heel and toe, the winner to get half the gate receipts and \$500 added if he breaks the record of 333 miles. A small crowd was present at the beginning and little interest is taken in the contest.

Animals Perish in a Fire.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.—There were sensational scenes in the burning of the old Farmers' hotel, at 2430 Eastern avenue, at 12:15 o'clock Wednesday morning. Twenty-two hogs and 18 head of horses were cremated; three loads of hay, six double wagons and a buggy, the property of farmers, who had put up for the night, were burned, and several people had narrow escapes. The fire is supposed to have been caused by tramps sleeping in the hay mow.

A \$50,000 Blaze at Nelsonville.

NELSONVILLE, O., Dec. 30.—The Nelsonville Sewer Pipe Co.'s brick factory was burned Wednesday morning, throwing 100 men out of employment. The loss is \$50,000. The floors were filled with brick and now paving contracts must be canceled.

Suicided in His Cell.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.—James Conners, a street beggar, committed suicide Wednesday morning by hanging himself in Cell 27 at Central Police station with a strap taken from his wooden leg.



Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assures the food against all and all forms of adulteration common to the cheap brands.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

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It does not mean cash tomorrow, next week or in 30 days, but cash on receipt of goods.

IT DOES NOT MEAN: "I will take them up and if they suit and fit I will pay you for them." Pay on receipt of goods, then if they don't suit or fit, we will be glad to refund the money.

Star Clothing House.

Herr Woldemar Nissen Dead. HAMBURG, Dec. 30.—Herr Woldemar Nissen, president of the Hamburg-American Steamship Co., also a prominent merchant of this city and well-known throughout the country, died here Tuesday from a complication of diseases. For 13 years Herr Nissen had been the active president of the steamship company, and during his administration the concern was immensely prosperous.

Dr. Rizal to be Shot. MADRID, Dec. 30.—Advices from Manila show that Dr. Rizal, a prominent resident, has been sentenced to death for fomenting rebellion. He will probably be shot. On his trial, which was before a court martial, Dr. Rizal admitted that he was the author of the constitution of the Philippine league, the object of which was revolutionary, but denied that he had taken any active part in the rebellion.

An Emphatic Denial. MADRID, Dec. 30.—The Imparcial publishes a report of an interview with Senor Canovas, prime minister, in which he declares that the government will not accept any intervention on the part of the United States in Cuba. The premier also says that the home government will not institute any reforms in Cuba until the revolt in that island is limited to the eastern provinces, but reforms will be undertaken in the island of Porto Rico very shortly.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher's Life in the Balance.

STAMFORD, Ct., Dec. 30.—The condition of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, who fell and fractured her hip here a few days ago, remains critical. She has sustained a severe shock, and her recovery is now considered doubtful. Relatives of Mrs. Beecher have been summoned here.

County Clerk Commits Suicide.

ASTIGO, Wis., Dec. 30.—When called upon to surrender the county books and funds in his possession Tuesday night, Henry F. Strauss, county clerk of Langdale county, committed suicide by taking poison. He left a letter admitting that he was a defaulter to the amount of \$3,700. He was 73 years old.

Business Suits!

Our business suits are made for business. They're full of it. They'll suit you and suit your business, and your business will suit us. In fact, the more business suits we sell to suit other men's business, the more our business suits us. We are selling all wool fancy and plain cassimere suits for \$5.00. We are selling all wool blue and black cheviot suits for \$5.50. We are selling all wool grey cassimere suits for \$7.50, and an extra good thing in a double breasted brown cassimere suit for \$8.00. We are selling the best suits for \$7.50 it has ever been our good luck to own.

We are selling swell brown plaid suits for \$10.00. We have suits that vary in price but 50c, and it's a hard matter to show you why one suit is worth more or less than the other—but the difference IS THERE IN THE VALUE.

No store in the world—ANYWHERE—big or little, comes nearer to dealing with its customers ON THE SQUARE than we do—and it's that very fact that is gradually bringing us customers from all over Washington county that want to trade in a store where there is no uncertainty about its goods or its prices.

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