

QUEER SITUATION IN SCHOOL BOARD

Majority May Be Republican By One Vote

Two Trustees-Elect Refuse to Serve and Another Seems to Be Dis- qualified.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY.

Complications, attendant on dis-qualifications and declinations, are keeping school trustees-elect on the anxious seat regarding the organization of the new board, which will be effected New Year's night, or whatever night they adjourn to.

The new board as it stands on the face of the returns shows a Democratic majority of two, but two members-elect absolutely refuse to serve and a third, it is claimed, is disqualified, because he works for a railroad corporation, under ban of the charter. This would give the Republicans a majority of one among the nine members remaining, and there will be a new deal all around, the Democrats exerting every effort to get the two men to qualify long enough to organize the board. Even then they will be "up against it" for the two resigning may not vote for their own successors, and it is just possible that the charter will be ignored and the third member allowed to qualify in order to meet a political exigency.

This situation is evolved from the statements of George Moore, trustee-elect from the Fourth ward, and Dow E. Watson, trustee-elect from the Sixth ward, that they will not serve. More than that, they say they do not intend to qualify and participate in the organization. Mr. Watson says his rheumatism bids him stay home at night and Mr. Moore says he told the committee plainly when he was nominated that he would not accept, and he took no part in the campaign.

On the other hand, J. H. Maxwell, trustee-elect from the First ward, is an employe of the Illinois Central railroad, and the charter disqualifies him.

The new board is composed of the following Democrats elected this fall: J. H. Maxwell, J. Ashley Robertson, Harry Clements, W. T. Byrd, Alfred A. Metcalf, George Moore and Dow Watson. The holdovers are Republicans: W. M. Karnes, B. T. Davis, Dr. A. List, C. W. Morrison and W. S. Walton.

This makes the board stand seven Democrats and five Republicans, but with Maxwell out of the way and Moore and Watson declining to serve the majority goes the other way.

The Organization.

In this state of affairs indications point to the election of U. S. Walston as president, and possibly Frank May, the incumbent secretary. The latter was elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Pitcher. An odd situation arises in connection with this office. When Dr. Pitcher was elected the members were not well acquainted with the law and overlooked a palpable objection, that a member should draw any remuneration whatever from the board. The place pays \$300 the year. Besides Mr. May, P. J. Backenbach, retiring member, and W. T. Byrd, trustee-elect, are candidates. The latter is disqualified unless he resigns from the board.

Had Dr. Harry Williamson been a candidate for re-election and had been elected, he would have remained president for another year. The office is for two years. When Dr. Williamson entered he was elected president to fill a vacancy existing for one year. At the end of that time he was elected last year for two years, but his term expires December 31, when the last meeting of the present board will be held.

MORE PAY AS CHRISTMAS' GIFT

L. & N. Railroad Said to Be Preparing to Raise Employees' Wages.

Louisville, Dec. 19.—It is stated unofficially that the Louisville and Nashville railroad is preparing to give its employes a welcome Christmas gift in the shape of a raise in wages. It will apply to all employes, it is said, except trainmen, whose earnings are regulated by their labor organizations. An increase of 4 per cent has already been granted two thousand men in the South Louisville shops, effective from the first of this month. The company has a total of over 31,500 employes.

ON ROAD TO RECOVERY.

King Oscar's Health Is Greatly Improved.

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 19.—King Oscar is so much improved in health that his attending physicians announce that after today they will issue only one bulletin daily.

SALOON TAX ENRICHES OHIO

High License Law Gives the State Its Largest Surplus.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 19.—The surplus in the state treasury is \$4,750,356, the largest in the history of Ohio. This is due to the Aiken law increasing the saloon tax. It is estimated that by the end of January the surplus will be swelled to nearly \$5,000,000.

INSISTS ON CLAIM TO THRONE

Duke of Cumberland Replies to Ulti- matum of Brunswick Diet.

Brunswick, Dec. 19.—The duke of Cumberland today issued a manifesto answering the ultimatum adopted by the diet October 23, in which he declares that he is unable to give up his claim to the crown of Hanover and proposes to leave to the imperial law courts the solution of the legal question whether his son, Ernest August, shall succeed to the Brunswick throne.

OWNED AT HOME

H. C. RHODES HAS CONTROLLING INTEREST IN CONCERN.

Rhodes-Burford Company Now in Hands of Managers of the Branch Houses.

H. C. Rhodes, manager of the Paducah branch of the Rhodes-Burford Furniture company and associates, have acquired a controlling interest in the properties of the concern. The deal was completed recently and the amount involved is private. It was the interest of S. J. Burford, Louisville, who died a few months ago. The firm owns stores at Louisville, Lexington, Indianapolis, New Albany, Jeffersonville, Ind.; Cairo, Mound City and East St. Louis, Ill., and Paducah, each being controlled as a separate business. The purchasers of the S. J. Burford stock are H. C. Rhodes, of Paducah; L. L. Hart, Indianapolis, Ind.; L. L. Roberts, Lexington, Ky.; G. F. Moran, East St. Louis, Ill. No change will be made in the management of the branch houses, each above mentioned gentleman being manager of the branch in his town. The directors will meet in January to elect officers and outline business.

Results Satisfactory.

The "Frontier committee" had a meeting last night in C. J. Miller's tin shop, Sixth and Trimble streets. A committee was appointed to secure a permanent meeting place and plans for future work were discussed. The committee think the results accomplished thus far are satisfactory.

TAKES PARTNER

R. E. L. MOSHELL SELLS INTEREST IN BELVEDERE.

Mr. Charles E. Graham Become Part- ner, But No Other Changes Will Follow.

In a deal closed last night, Mr. Charles E. Graham bought a half interest in the Belvedere hotel. Mr. R. E. L. Mosshell is the other partner and the firm name will continue to be R. E. L. Mosshell & company. The name of the hotel will not be changed. Mr. Graham lately has been engaged in the tobacco business but is generally known for his 12 years' service as circuit court clerk. Mr. Mosshell bought out L. A. Lagomarsino's interest in the hotel several months ago and will continue in active management. Extensive renovations are now under way at the hotel and an annex is being built on the opposite side of Broadway.

500,000 DESTITUTE.

Chinese Famine Growing at Most Alarming Rate.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—The famine in Kiang Su is growing worse. According to reliable reports received here, 500,000 destitute persons are encamped at Trinkian Su and many have arrived at Hanking. The rebellion in Kiang Su has been crushed.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

FOR CITY JAILER MANY MENTIONED

Police Commissioner Mann Clark May Run

His Friends Talk as Though He is in a Receptive Mood—Joe Pur- chase is a Possibility.

CAMPAIGN WILL OPEN SOON

Two months more should the ante-primary contest be in full blast in the local Democratic party, and already a few lightning rods are being put in position for early political thunder storms.

City Jailer seems to be the plum of richest promise and since Tom Everts is reported to have signified an intention to return to railroad-ing, patriots, who would gladly assume the responsibility of caring for and maintaining the city's prisoners, are insinuating their own qualifications and credentials to their friends.

Police Lieut. Tom Potter has been mentioned but there seems to be something even better in store for him. Patrolman Hurley was said to be casting sheep's eyes toward the office, and Joe Purchase, brother-in-law of Jailer Everts, is expected to announce for the race.

The most interesting rumor, however, is in regard to Mann Clark, police and fire commissioner, whose friends are talking in a way to indicate that the commissioner is in a receptive mood, to say the least. Whether or not he will run, it is said, depends altogether on conditions and not inclination.

WHAT "BOOZE" DID

D. Watson Persisted in Entering Barksdale's Store.

D. Watson burst into a rear door of the Barksdale Bros' installment house, Third and Kentucky avenue, yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock and frightened Miss Minnie Barksdale, who was at the time in the rear of the building, by his contortions in vain to attempt to stand erect. He was full of liquor, and when asked by Mr. James Barksdale what he could do for him, mumbled "assist me out." Mr. Barksdale assisted him, but he returned as soon as the door was closed. He was assisted out the second time, and when he entered the third time was assisted to the proper place for him, but Mr. Barksdale had to half drag him to the police station. Watson pleaded guilty to being drunk and was fined \$1 and costs.

IT WAS THE PAY CAR.

Some Employes Draw Their Belated Christmas Money.

A dozen anxious faced railroad men, some in overalls and others in street clothes, were prominent among the waiting passengers at the Illinois Central depot this morning. No one suspected their purpose, but when a sharp toned whistle blew and an engine pulling a dingy car hove in sight at 8:45 o'clock from the south, their faces took on a delighted appearance, and they climbed aboard before the car was stopped.

It was the I. C. pay car which was late. A few minutes was given employes who failed to get their checks on the 15th, to secure them.

TUNNEL FOR BRITISH CHANNEL

Parliament Asked to Authorize Plan to Cost \$80,000,000.

London, Dec. 19.—A bill empowering an Anglo-French company to construct a tunnel under the British channel has been deposited with parliament. It is estimated that the scheme will involve an expenditure of \$80,000,000. It is proposed to build two parallel tunnels 24 miles long.

WOULD END JAPANESE DISPUTE.

Tokio Paper Urges Orientals to Build Schools in California.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—The Nichi Nichi today declares the most practical solution of the complications at San Francisco would be for the Japanese residents there to build their own schools and if necessary secure aid from the Japanese government.

MRS. SAGE'S GIFT.

Valuable Property Goes to New York University.

New York, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Russell Sage has made an Xmas present of 15 acres of land valued at \$300,000, to New York University. Chancellor McCracken announced the acceptance of the property today.

HINES IS NAMED.

Louisville, Dec. 19.—The Democratic state central com- mittee this afternoon named Judge Henry B. Hines, of Bow- ling Green, to be chairman of the state campaign committee

WALL STREET PANIC.

New York, Dec. 19.—Throt- tled in the grip of a tight money squeeze, stocks are slumping in Wall street today, and a verita- ble "rich man's" panic is in pro- gress. Billions already have been lost in a six day's crash which has forced many traders to the wall. With call money at 256 per cent, and no relief in sight, pools throw over thousands of shares today to lighten their burden.

CARRIER MISSING ON RURAL ROUTE

Boyd Shemwell's Family Fear Foul Play

Horse and Wagon Arrive Home Without Him and Search Is Instituted.

NO CLEW TO HIS WHEREABOUTS

A rumor is current this afternoon that Boyd Shemwell was found six miles in the country lying by a camp fire and badly burned.

Dr. J. W. Pendley was called six miles out on the slatdown road to attend an injured man supposed to be Shemwell.

Boyd Shemwell, of 274 Clements street, Mechanicsburg, carrier on rural mail route, No. 3, in the Florence Station and Hard Money neighborhood, is missing and no trace of him has been secured since he passed Thompson's Mill, five miles from town, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His horse and wagon arrived home all right but the driver was not to be found. Shemwell's gloves, pipe, and whip were lying on the seat and the lines were in a position indicating that he had dropped them and stepped out. The mail in the wagon was intact.

This afternoon the family announced that no trace of the popular carrier had been secured later than 5 o'clock in the morning he left home and drove to the post office to get his mail. He was returning home yesterday afternoon and passed Thompson's mill. He was also noticed by employes on the Ben Franke's farm in the same neighborhood. He was in his usual good spirits.

Shemwell generally arrives home at 6 o'clock, but at 7 o'clock last night he had not returned. At 8 o'clock his absence alarmed members of the family, and they went outside to see if he was in sight.

Several rods from the house his horse and wagon stood. The horse had stopped on the side of the road and an examination showed the wagon empty. A search of the immediate neighborhood brought no results.

This morning two young men acquainted with the count were commissioned to search for him. They traversed his usual route but found no trace of him. At noon they searched in the vicinity of Thompson's and Franke's mills, but reported no results.

Shemwell has been a carrier in the rural route service since it was created 13 years ago.

Mr. Shemwell is 45 years old, is married and has a family.

SEND A MITE ...TO...

THE SUN ...For the...

Christmas Tree For the Poor

If we get a dime for each subscriber to THE SUN we shall have a total sum—\$400—Use this coupon and send something now.

The Evening Sun,
Paducah, Ky.

I inclose a contribution for the Christmas tree for the benefit of the poor children of Paducah.

LANNON'S BODY IS TAKEN TO HIS HOME

Brother Arrives To Make Ar- rangements For Funeral

Mate Was One of the Most Popular Men on Rivers and Kind to All Hands.

OFFICERS AFTER HIS SLAYER

The body of Edward Lannon, second mate on the steamer Joe Fowler, who was shot in the back and killed by Charles Rachael, a negro roustabout was taken to Nashville, his home, at 1:25 o'clock this morning over the Illinois Central. The funeral, presumably will be held tomorrow. Rachael is still at large but his whereabouts are known.

Yesterday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock Joseph Lannon, a brother of the dead man, arrived from Nashville to take charge of the body. The brother is a saloon keeper on College street and well known here where he has often visited.

Besides a brother the father survives the unfortunate mate.

Edward Lannon was one of the most popular river men in the district. He was kind hearted and inoffensive. He always had a kind word for every one, and was one of the few mates who got along with his crews without the usual harsh treatment. Steamboatmen learn with regret of his unfortunate death.

His slayer is one of the meanest negroes on the river, steamboat men declare.

Negro Will Be Caught.

G. D. Scyster, agent for the Fowler boats at Smithland, was in the city this morning and said that Rachael, the negro roustabout who killed Edward Lannon, second mate on the Joe Fowler, Monday night, had been located and the sheriff came down to New Liberty this morning from Goulconda to capture the negro. He said the negro has no chance to escape.

BLAMED FOR SPENCER'S DEATH.

Block Operator Held Responsible for Southern Railway Wreck.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The official investigation of the Southern railway into the rear-end collision at Lawyers, Va., on Thanksgiving day, in which President Samuel Spencer and six others lost their lives, has been concluded and the responsibility for the wreck placed on G. D. Mattox, block operator at Rankon station, Va. General Counsel A. P. Thom, of the railroad, today issued a statement announcing the official conclusions.

FIRE BLAZE IN BOSTON.

Half Million Dollars' Worth De- stroyed Today.

Boston, Dec. 19.—A fierce fire which endangered the entire shopping district and which originated in a furniture store raged for several hours today. The flames spread to other buildings and the firemen had a stubborn fight. At 11 o'clock it was under control. The principal damage was confined to the building where it started. The loss is estimated at a half million.

EVERYBODY ELSE HURT.

Chief of Police Chranowsky Escapes From Bomb.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Dec. 19.—Two bombs were thrown at Chief of Police Chranowsky today while he was driving through the principal streets. The horse drawing the vehicle and the driver were killed, but Chranowsky escaped with slight injuries. The carriage was completely destroyed. Several dragoons escorting the police chief were mortally wounded.

SEVENTY-SIX COUNTIES.

Will Be Division of the New State of Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 19.—The report of the committee on boundaries, which will be presented to the constitutional convention tomorrow, will provide for 76 counties in the new state. Other provisions of the report are that no county may be organized without having property valued at \$1,000,000 and the county seats are not to be located even temporarily by the convention.

National Wire in Bad.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19.—Application was made in court today for the appointment of a receiver for the National Wire corporation operating a wire mill in this city. Liabilities are given at two millions. The plant is operated in conjunction with the National Steel Works.

CHRISTMAS TREE

At Baptist Mission on North Twelfth Street.

In the report of the Christmas entertainments in The Sun yesterday mention failed to be made of the tree to be given at the First Baptist Mission on North Twelfth street. The tree will be given Christmas night, and will be preceded by a light program given by the children.

HIT BY WRENCH.

Foreman Sutherland Stunned By Blow.

Mr. W. O. Sutherland, assistant foreman of the Illinois Central shop jacking track, is wearing a black eye and a very sore face. Mr. Sutherland was assisting a car repairer in loosening a heavy nut. The wrench, a heavy one, suddenly loosened and Mr. Sutherland got the handle in the face. He was stunned for a short time, but returned to work this morning.

PURSE SNATCHER

ATTACKS YOUNG WOMAN, BUT SHE ESCAPES.

Miss Ruth Burton, of 710 Goebel Ave- nue, Screams and Thus Saves Herself.

Miss Ruth Burton, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Rosena Burton, a widow residing at 710 Goebel avenue, was attacked by a negro robber last evening shortly after 6 o'clock on Kentucky avenue near Thirteenth street, but escaped. The negro felt about her hands for her pocketbook. Her screams for help brought the entire neighborhood to the street and the negro was pursued for several blocks but had to great a start.

Miss Burton works for the Sutherland Medicine company, and turned into Twelfth street from Broadway en route home, taking Kentucky avenue over to Huntington Row. While passing in the rear of the Washington school building the negro sprang out of the darkness and grabbed her from behind. She screamed and he ran through the school yard to Broadway. Miss Burton ran to the residence of Mr. Michael Danaher for protection, and was later escorted home.

Held for Robbery.

For robbing Charles L. Scott, colored, of \$30 or \$40, Eva Johnson, Adeline Morton, Bette Gaither and Gertrude English, colored, were held over to the circuit court this morning by Police Judge D. A. Cross. Robert McGee and Allie Morton, colored, were acquitted of being implicated in the robbery, but were held on another charge to be tried tomorrow.

WON BY BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION TICKETS.

New York, Dec. 19.—Both administration tickets probably have won in the election of the New York and Mutual Life Insurance companies, which closed yesterday. The New York Life administration ticket claims the victory by 100,000 and the administration of the Mutual says it has been sustained by 150,000. Policyholders will carry the case to the court after the tickets are counted, for decision, on charges of fraud.

VICTORY

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New York and Mutual Life Officials Say They Have Majorities— Contest.

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The attack was made near midnight on August 13. The following facts as to this attack are made clear by Major Blockson's investigation and have not been, and, in my judgment, can not be, successfully controverted. From 9 to 15 or 20 of the colored soldiers took part in the attack. They leapt over the walls from the barracks and hurried thru the town. They shot at whomver they saw moving, and they shot into houses where they saw lights. In some of these houses there were women and children, as the would-be murderers must have known. In one house in which there were two women and five children some ten shots went thru at a height of about 4 to 5 feet above the floor, one putting out the lamp upon the table. The lieutenant of police of the town heard the firing and rode toward it. He met the raiders, who as he stated, were about 15 colored soldiers. They instantly started firing upon him until they had killed his horse. They shot him in the right arm (it was afterwards amputated above the elbow). A number of shots were also fired at two other policemen. The raiders fired several times into a hotel, some of the

CASSIE CHADWICK TO GO SOUTH

Woman Swindler's Excursion, How- ever, Will Be to Atlanta Prison.

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Cassie Chadwick is going south for her health, notwithstanding the fact that she is now in the Ohio penitentiary. She has often gone south before, but to be under guard while basking in the southern sunlight will be a novel experience for her. Mrs. Chadwick has complained to the United States authorities that she has received ill treatment here, and inspectors sent to the prison have recommended her removal to the Atlanta prison.

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BROWNSVILLE CASE IS SENT TO SENATE

President Submits Correspondence on Subject

Says Plainly That He Was Within His Authority as Commander in Chief.

SHOT AT PEACEABLE PEOPLE.

Washington, Dec. 19.—In accordance with a resolution of the senate President Roosevelt today transmitted all the correspondence concerning the Brownsville, Tex., incident.

The message in part is as follows: To the Senate:

In response to senate resolution of December 6 address to me, and to the two senate resolutions address to him, the secretary of war has, by my direction, submitted to me a report which I herewith send to the senate, together with several documents, including a letter of General Nettleton and memoranda as to precedents for the summary discharge or mustering out of regiments or companies, some or all of the members of which had been guilty of misconduct.

I ordered the discharge of nearly all the members of companies B, C, and D of the Twenty-fifth Infantry by name, in the exercise of my constitutional power and in pursuance of what, after full consideration, I found to be my constitutional duty as commander in chief of the United States army. I am glad to avail myself of the opportunity afforded by these resolutions to lay before the congress the following facts as to the murderous conduct of certain members of the companies in question and as to the conspiracy by which many of the other members of these companies saved the criminals from justice, to the disgrace of the United States uniform.

I call your attention to the accompanying reports of Major Augustus P. Blockson, of Lieut. Colonel Leonard A. Lovering, and of Brig. Gen. Ernest A. Garlington, the inspector-general of the United States army, of their investigation into the conduct of the troops in question. An effort has been made to discredit the fairness of the investigation into the conduct of these colored troops by pointing out that General Garlington is a southerner. Precisely the same action would have been taken had the troops been white—indeed, the discharge would probably have been made in more summary fashion. General Garlington is a native of South Carolina; Lieutenant-Colonel Lovering is a native of New Hampshire; Major Blockson is a native of Ohio. As it happens, the disclosure of the guilt of the troops was made in the report of the officer who comes from Ohio and the efforts of the officer who comes from South Carolina were confined to the endeavor to shield the innocent men of the companies in question, if any such there were, by securing information which would enable us adequately to punish the guilty. But I wish it distinctly understood that the fact of the birthplace of either officer is one which I absolutely refuse to consider.

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