FREE

RAYMOND TEAL'S MUSICAL COMEDY CO.

At Vinewood Park Every Night This Week

On account of sickness of one of the actors who were to have put on the free exhibition at **Vinewood Park** this week the engagement could not be kept. The Park management in order not to disappoint their patrons have bought outright RAYMOND TEAL'S MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY which was to have played at prices of 15c and 25c and the plays will be given absolutely **FREE** for the balance of the week.

"TOO RICH TO MARRY"

THE BILL FOR TONIGHT

CITY GOT TOO MUCH.

People on Clay Street Want Nine Hundred Dollars Returned.

The city is going to be served with an injunction by property owners living on Clay street between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets unless it repays $891.94, special improvement tax assessed against property for paving.

After making charges against contractors and others of overcharges on public works the city itself is going to be caught in an overt act of the same character.

In paving Clay street between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets the original plans and specifications called for a width of forty feet. Provision had been made for one track of street railway as was already in. Later the street railway company decided to double track their right of way for the two blocks. This was done.

The street railway company of course pays for all of the paving between its tracks and for a few inches on either side of its right of way. This work is done under private contract and the cost of the paving naturally does not fall upon the property owners, reducing proportionately, the amount of the paving cost of the forty foot street. In arriving at the cost of the assessment against the abutting property the city figured on but one track and the first installment of special improvement tax was paid on this basis. The property owners were really paying for pavement that they did not get. Nobody paid any attention to this condition until the property owners got mad and threatened injunction proceedings. In addition to this they refuse to pay the taxes this year unless the city council takes immediate steps towards straightening out the muddle. The paving has all been paid for. The street railway company paid its proportion to the contractor, so that the city is getting paid for a strip of paving that the street railway company has already settled for. This makes two payments for the same amount of paving, the width of a street railway track and two blocks long. The overcharge amounts to $671 for the block between Huntoon and Thirteenth streets and $220.94 for the block between Huntoon and Twelfth streets, the latter block had a portion of a double track, consisting of a turn out, before the paving was petitioned so the proper provision was made for this. The council will have its attention called to the situation this evening and instructions will be asked for looking to either a refund of the excess taxes to the property owners or an allowance equivalent to the excess on the payments to be made in the future.

VINEWOOD THEATER FREE.

No Admission Will Be Charged This Week.

Manager F. G. Kelly of Vinewood park has received word from the Steiner trio who were to have been the free attraction at the park this week that they would be compelled to cancel their date on account of the serious illness of one of the members. The notice came too late to secure another attraction and rather than disappoint the patrons of Vinewood, the management decided to purchase the Raymond Teals Musical Comedy company for the week and make the admission to the theater free.

The Teals company had signed an engagement contract for two weeks at the park theater but an admission charge of 15 and 25 cents was to be made. On account of the failure of the free attraction to arrive and the impossibility of securing another in time, Mr. Kelly will stand the additional expense and the entertainment for this week will be free at the theater. There will be numerous changes in the bill and the company is said to be an excellent one.

W. C. Hoad, Sanitary Engineer Here.

W. C. Hoad of Lawrence, the newly elected sanitary engineer of the state board of health, is in Topeka today, consulting with Dr. S. J. Crumbine, secretary of the board, about the location of the new sewer and water systems at Winfield and ElDorado. "Winfield has just let the contract for a city sewer system," said Mr. Hoad, "and their plans seem to be very well made. They will have a good system. They have not yet decided what will be done about the disposition of the sewage. It may be disposed of through a septic tank."

FINAL DIVIDEND COMING

First National Creditors Will Get More Money August 1.

The last and final dividend of the First National bank will probably be paid by August 1.

Negotiations which have been pending for the disposal of $300,000 worth of assets of the First National and which have been held up awaiting the clearing up of some of the titles to the property are now under way with expectations that everything will be closed up this month.

This will mean the conclusion of the receivership of the First National which has been in charge of the affairs of the defunct banking institution since July of 1905. The receivership will have lasted just about two years.

The Assets Realization company of Chicago has been endeavoring to close a deal with James T. Bradley, receiver, for the purchase of the assets of the First National but now new parties have come into the field making it an uncertainty as to who will secure the assets. Nothing will be given out as to the identity of the parties though it is stated that no local persons are interested. For six months the receiver has been trying to get the titles to the various properties still held by the bank straightened out. Most of these consisted of faulty descriptions of Illinois farming lands.

All this has been cleared away either by court decisions or instruments signed by Mrs. C. J. Devlin and the receiver is now able to make a transfer of the holdings.

"I expect that we will reach an understanding before the end of the month," said Mr. Bradley. "Things look like that now and when those negotiations are closed we will wind up the affairs of the bank."

HER HUSBAND IS JEALOUS.

So Mrs. J. E. Foote Wants Matrimonial Bonds Severed.

Less than two years of married life seems to have been quite sufficient for Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Foote, who live at No. 1604 Polk street. They were married on October 9, 1905, and Mrs. Foote filed a petition today with the clerk of the district court for an absolute divorce. She alleges that her husband has been guilty of extreme cruelty towards her.

This "cruelty" has taken the form of accusations by him that she has been too friendly with other men; that he has cursed her on many and divers occasions and also threatened her with bodily injury. Mrs. Foote states in her petition that her husband has frequently left his work and come home during all hours of the day for the purpose, according to his own statements, of finding her in the company of other men whose names she does not care to disclose. His efforts in this line have been fruitless, but Mrs. Foote is so chagrined and abused by these false suspicions of her husband that she declares it is impossible for her to live with him any longer and so she asks for the divorce.

SIGNING THE PETITIONS.

Over Two Hundred People Ask for Commission Plan.

One petition which is being circulated asking for a special election on the commission plan of government has over 200 names or more than twenty-five per cent of the necessary number of names required under the law, before a petition can be favorably acted upon. The petition has only been circulated about five days and four other petitions are being handed about in the city, so that all the names necessary can be easily secured within the next two weeks. No meeting of the City club which is backing the campaign for a commission will probably be held prior to September, at which time an active start will be made towards making votes for the new form of municipal government.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of our darling little Thelma. Thanking Rev. Mallory for the comforting words he spoke, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS WEBB.

SCHMITZ GETS HIS

San Francisco Mayor Sentenced to Five Years Term

In the California Penitentiary at San Quentin.

SHOUTS OF APPROVAL

From the Spectators Greet the Action of the Court.

Judge Dunne and the Mayor's Party in a Quarrel.

San Francisco, Cal., July 8.—Mayor Schmitz was sentenced today for five years. When sentence was pronounced there was a remarkable outburst of applause from the hundreds who crowded Judge Dunne's court room.

Judge Dunne sentenced Mayor Schmitz to imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary. Sentence followed the recent conviction of Schmitz for extorting $1,175 from French restaurant keepers of San Francisco.

As the last words of the sentence fell from the judge's lips the great crowd that had stood throughout the dramatic scene sent up a tremendous cheer.

"Good for you," shouted a man in the back of the room.

His ejaculation was re-echoed by one after another of the spectators. Several threw their hats into the air. Others scrambled upon chairs to look over the shoulders of the crowd. The greatest confusion prevailed.

Attorney Fairall of the defense, raising his voice above the din, called out to Judge Dunne:

"Your honor, this cheering is a very unseemly occurrence."

"Well," retorted Judge Dunee, with spirit, "if we had a sheriff worthy of the name it would have been stopped instantly."

Sheriff Thomas O'Neill was standing inside the rail. He turned to the court and protested:

"Nobody could have stopped that, your honor."

Special Agent Burns of the prosecution led a number of bailiffs and said: "Clear the court room, clear the court room."

But only a few of the curious and apparently delighted men obeyed the sharp order. Some of them were hustled unceremoniously out into the hallways. About 100 others kept their various places about the counsel table, where Schmidt sat dictating a statement to the newspaper men. The dramatic atmosphere was heightened by a staff of newspaper photographers who exploded flashlight after flashlight till the court room was so filled with smoke that it grew stifling.

Unparalleled Scenes.

The sentencing of the convicted mayor was in one respect without a parallel in the criminal annals of San Francisco. Half a dozen times Judge Dunne was interrupted by Schmitz who protested in strong words against "the delivery of a lecture" instead of the pronouncement of judgment. He accused the court of unnecessarily humiliating him and giving opportunity for other humiliation by the reporting of his remarks in the press. Once replying to the prisoner, Judge Dunne said: "Such brazen effrontery, was probably no more than should be expected, and it was the duty of the court to bear in patience." At another time Attorney Metson of the defense interposed a vigorous objection in support of his client, "to the court's lecture."

Judge Dunne's reply was that Mr. Metson instead of interrupting the proceedings ought to be beginning a day in court to answer the charge that he had attempted to tamper with the jury which convicted Schmitz. Metson, restraining himself, calmly answered with the same spirit, saying that he was ready to answer any charge that was made against him. Judge Dunne warned Metson that another interruption would provoke a jail sentence for contempt.

When Judge Dunne, having disposed of some matters preliminary to the trial of other bribery-graft cases, called from the calendar: "The people versus Eugene E. Schmitz," District Attorney Langdon and Attorney Fairall answered in unison "ready."

Judge Dunne inquired of Mr. Langdon whether it was his present intention to proceed with the trial of the other four extortion cases against Schmitz. The district attorney replied that there were so many other graft cases on the calendar that he was unable to say at this time whether the four extortion cases would be pressed or not. "But," he concluded, "the prosecution has no objection to the passing of sentence at this time."

"Smith, Stand Up."

"Under ordinary circumstances," said Judge Dunne, "where a defendant has been indicted on a number of accusations and only one of them has been tried, the other remaining open for trial I think it would be very poor practice to pronounce judgment upon the first conviction. But if the district attorney has, as he says, no objection to the imposition of judgment at this time, I shall, of course, pass sentence. Eugene E. Smith, stand up."

The large black-bearded prisoner arose at the counsel table. His face was the color of ivory. His lips were pressed tightly together. He bent his eyes in a piercing glance on the judge and never once during the dramatic moment that followed did he drop them. His shoulders were thrown well back and he held his head high.

"Eugene E. Schmitz," said Judge Dunne, after reciting the facts of his trial and conviction, "have you any cause to show why judgment should not be passed?"

"We have," responded Attorney Fairall, and as he arose to move for a new trial the mayor sat down.

Mr. Fairall read briefly six grounds upon which a ne wtrial should be granted. The motion was promptly denied, after District Attorney Langdon had replied, and after a word of inquiry from the court that in the eyes of the prosecution the grounds urged were wholy insufficient.

"The court does not deem that there is any merit in the motion, therefore it is denied," said Judge Dunne.

Mr. Fairall excepted to the ruling and moved for an arrest of judgment enumerating the grounds. This motion was also denied. The court then asked if the defense had any other cause to show.

"No other," was the reply.

Judge Dunne, turning to Schmitz, who had again risen, said:

"In pronouncing judgment in this case, the court has but very little comment to make. It can be said that the verdict of the jury in this case has a deeper significance than ordinarily attaches to the finding of guilt. It is a message to all the people in San Francisco that law and order are supreme; that no man, however exalted his station or how strong and powerful the political, social and financial influences which surround him is above the law. Eugene E. Schmitz you have heretofore occupied the highest office which the city of San Francisco can confer on one of its citizens. You were elevated to that position because of the confidence and trust reposed in you by the mass of the ——"

"I am here," interrupted Schmitz in a voice, though quiet and controlled, that carried to the far corners of the room, "to receive sentence at your hands—and not to be humiliated by a lecture which the newspapers can repeat in print."

At this there was a buzz of excitement and a shuffling of feet on the bare floor and an eager press forward by the crowd that was separated from the counsel tables by a row of occupied chairs. Beyond pausing Judge Dunn paid no attention to the interuption.

"You were elevated to that position, I say, because of the confidence and trust imposed in you——."

Attorney Metson interposed: "We are here to take sentence," he said, "not to be lectured. We —— ——."

LEWIS IS INDICTED.

Head of People's United States Bank Charged With Fraud.

St. Louis, Mo., July 8.—Seven indictments have been returned by the federal grand jury against Edward G. Lewis, president of the People's United States bank, charging fraud. The indictments were returned Saturday, but the fact was not made public until today. In one indictment Lewis and Francis V. Putnam, cashier of the bank, are charged with using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud the bank's stockholders.

Another indictment is against Lewis, Frank J. Cabot and William M. Miller, charging conspiracy to defraud the government on postage rates in mailing of the publication issued by Lewis.

The other indictments stand against Lewis alone charging him with a scheme to defraud through the people's United States bank. All the defendants gave bond today.

HAS NO MORE TO SAY.

Standard Oil Company Is Ready for Sentence of the Court.

Chicago, July 8.—The attorneys for the Standard Oil company today declined to submit any further evidence in the investigation held on Saturday by Judge Landis in the United States district court. Judge Landis then announced that sentence would be passed on the Standard Oil company of Indiana, which was convicted of using illegal railroad rates on August 3.

HOTTEST DAY OF THE SEASON.

Mercury Passed Former High Mark a Few Minutes Before 2 O'clock.

The local weather record for high temperatures for the season was smashed a few moments before two o'clock today when the mercury reached 94.8 though a cloud crossing between the sun and the earth reduced the temperature to even 94 when the record was taken at two o'clock. Everything indicates that the mercury will continue to soar for another hour or so and if such should prove to be the case the record will be badly shattered.

Last night was warm but not as uncomfortable as others have been this season as a cooling breeze sprang up shortly after sundown which lowered the temperature somewhat. At ten o'clock this morning the mercury registered 85 which has not occurred before this season as this point was always reserved for the afternoon record.

When the mercury reaches a point when the baking and boiling process seems inevitable Weatherman Jennings promises something better, and he has not broken the rule in this instance but predicts local showers for tonight and a lower temperature in the eastern section of the state. He will have no opposition from this part of the world and the average bit of sweltering humanity wishes him well in his guess. There is a 12 mile an hour wind blowing but its effect is lost in the superheated amosphere. The following is the score by innings for the past eight rounds:

7 o'clock	75	11 o'clock	88
8 o'clock	79	12 o'clock	90
9 o'clock	82	1 o'clock	92
10 o'clock	85	2 o'clock	94

MEAD MEANS BUSINESS.

Beloit Man Will Enter the Race for Congress.

While in Topeka Saturday, A. C. Mead of Beloit confirmed the former unofficial announcements of his candidacy for the congressional nomination in the Sixth district. Mr. Mead has been in the race for a number of weeks.

"Yes, I'm a candidate for the Republican nomination," said Mr. Mead, "and have been sending out letters and getting things started for some weeks. I believe in starting my campaign at home instead of in Topeka. As to the primary proposition, I am not particular whether they have one or not."

Mr. Mead was accompanied to Topeka by Capt. W. H. Mitchell, and it is expected that the two Beloit men are not very anxious to have the primary plan adopted for the Sixth district congressional fight.

HOMER HOCH IS HERE.

Takes His Place as His Father's Private Secretary.

Homer Hoch of Marion arrived in Topeka today, and hung up his hat for the first time in the governor's office, where he will be from this time forth as the private secretary to his father, the governor of the state.

Ferd Funk of Marion, who was appointed by Governor Hoch to the position of executive clerk, the place vacated by John Smith, now secretary of the state tax commission, also arrived today, and is being inaugurated into office by Mr. Smith, his predecessor.

Three Crushed Under an Engine.

Centralia, Ill., July 8.—Spreading rails derailed and ditched a switch engine two miles north of Herrin on the Burlington road early today, killing Engineer S. Ford and Trainmen Lewis Warne and Thomas Hutton. The engine rolled down an embankment and the three men were caught under it and crushed to death.

Cotton Market.

Galveston, Tex., July 8.—COTTON—Market steady, 13½c.

WAS IT A CLUB.

Mohawk Organization Questioned by County Attorney.

Tries to Prove That It Was for Drinking Only.

RIGHT OF PROPERTY.

Purpose to Find Out If It Is Contraband.

Several Witnesses Tell What "They Saw."

Testimony was given today before Judge Dana in the district court in the case brought by the state against Thomas Mooney as to the rights to the property taken by J. M. Wilkerson, the sheriff, in the raid on the Mohawk club rooms at No. 111 East Third street in March last. Mooney and a helper, Samuel Van Horn, were arrested in this raid and charged with selling liquor in violation of the terms of the prohibitory law. Their trial on this charge occurred in April and the jury failed to reach an agreement on a verdict so the charge is still against them and in all likelihood they will be tried again at the September term of the court. It is the contention of the county authorities that the Mohawk club was in reality a drinking resort conducted by Tom Mooney and in his interests alone.

When the raid was made Sheriff Wilkerson seized a number of tables and chairs in the rooms as well as some ice boxes, a quantity of liquor and beer an a few other appurtenances generally used in a place where intoxicating liquors are dispensed. Under the prohibitory law all property used in the dispensation of liquor unlawfully is subject to seizure and destruction by the sheriff and the case which was up before Judge Dana today was as to whether or not the property in question had been used for the purpose of trafficking in liquor in contravention to the prohibitory law and thereby subjected to destruction at the hands of the sheriff.

H. H. Andis, a grocer, Michael Heery, Jacob Kline, and N. H. Wolf, were called by Otis Hungate, attorney for Mooney, to give testimony as to the ownership of the property that had been seized. Each of them testified along the line that the Mohawk club was a bona fide social organization, to the rooms of which none other than members were admitted and they insisted that the property which had been seized belonged to the members of the club. Mr. Andis expressed the opinion that he owned a one-two hundredth interest in the tables and chairs and other things which were seized because there were two hundred members in the club, and this property had been bought by them.

Under rigorous cross examination by Mr. Schenck, the county attorney, the witnesses admitted that the tables and chairs and other things seized in the raid had been used in the dispensation of liquors but they insisted that the Mohawk club was a "social" organization and its rooms were used for other purposes than that of drinking.

Mr. Heery owns the building where the Mohawk club had its rooms and he testified that he rented these rooms to Mr. Mooney and received the rent for them from him. He understood that Mr. Mooney was acting for the club in this matter. Each witness admitted to having seen beer served at the tables and drank by men sitting in the chairs.

In his efforts to substantiate the contention that the Mohawk club was nothing but a drinking resort run by Tom Mooney, Mr. Schenck spoke of an "unwritten law" that has not developed before in criminal prosecutions. He was questioning Mr. Andis about what the tables and chairs were used for, and got admissions that people sat in the chairs and drank liquor which was served on the tables. Mr. Andis said that the tables were also used for card playing and Mr. Schenck then went on with a line of inquiry as to whether or not the card playing was for drinks. Mr. Andis sort of dodged questions along this line and Mr. Schenck asked:

"Is there not an unwritten law to the effect that the man who gets beat sets up the drinks?"

"I never heard of that law," replied the witness. "I used to set up the drinks when I felt like it."

For the state Mr. Schenck called J. W. Biggs, Sheriff Wilkerson, Sam Haynes and George Ward as witnesses. Mr. Biggs was the star witness at the original trial of Tom Mooney and gave testimony similar to that given by him before to the effect that the Mohawk club was a drinking resort run by Tom Mooney. Mr. Wilkerson and his deputies Mr. Haynes and Mr. Ward, were not examined, it being agreed by the lawyers for the defense that the testimony given by them at the trial of Mooney as to their seizure of the property in question should be admitted as testimony in this case.

Mr. Schenck and Mr. Hungate agreed to submit the case to the court without argument and Judge Dana took the matter under advisement and reserved his decision.

THE METER WAS ALL RIGHT.

Mrs. W. J. Dixon Lost Her Bet That Machine Was Wrong.

Mrs. W. J. Dixon of 1913 Lincoln street, the first person to secure a test under the new meter inspection ordinance, lost her one dollar. The meter, upon examination, was found to register correctly.

Mrs. Dixon complained that her water bill for the past three months had been excessive. It amounted to $7.45. Mrs. Dixon has a lawn with a frontage of 100 feet and the waterworks department did not consider the bill as incorrect or excessive in view of this fact. Mrs. Dixon, however, believed otherwise and ordered the meter tested, putting up the required fee of one dollar which is forfeited if the meter is proven to read correctly.

President of Miners Union Killed.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 8.—Len Reynolds, president of the Coal Miners union at Mont Lake, Tenn., was shot yesterday by W. H. Bellows, labor agent of the Mont Lake Coal company and died this morning. The Mont Lake mine is run upon the open shop principle.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister Carrie. Also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. COPE AND FAMILY.

MILLS' STORE NEWS

Monday, June 8, 1907. *The Mills Co., Topeka*

Act on These Bargain Hints at Once

Don't expect assortments to remain complete if you delay your coming several days. You will require a certain size in a suit, or skirt and you would like the best choosing in the wash goods. Come tomorrow morning and you'll find just what you want.

Dressy White Suits $5.00

(Second Floor)

Made from good quality white linene—short, loose jacket has two rows of lace insertion, good quality cluny—set in all around, back and front, edges finished with narrow lace to match. Two square medallions in front, cluster of three in back. Slashed Japanese sleeves, trimmed with lace and insertion. Skirt pleated in clusters at sides, with three bias bands of the insertion set in at head of pleats. Add to all this the shapely cut, the distinctive style that belongs higher up in the price scale—and you have the most surprising value yet discovered in a suit to sell for $5.00.

Neat Wash Skirts, 98c

(Basement)

You'll be well pleased with the style of these skirts, and glad to get one to wear with shirt waists. Made from good quality cotton skirt cloth, white ground with small hair line checks of black, box pleated front, inverted pleat at back—three inch fold at foot turning upward at front gores, with pointed ends, button trimmed. This gives the skirt a very stylish finish.

58c Egyptian Batiste, 48-inch wide, 50c

Beautifully fine, sheer material for dresses and waists. Fortunate indeed for those who buy at 50c tomorrow that we have decided not to re-order on this particular number. Otherwise it would be the last in the line to be reduced in price.

10c Sheer Wash Goods, 8⅓c

An assortment of good colorings and very neat designs in various thin fabrics. Odd pieces and part pieces gleaned here and there throughout the stock—all classed together for tomorrow's quick selling at 8⅓c a yard. This will help you to make up several additional frocks, house dresses or kimonas at small cost.

GEN. HUDSON'S WILL.

Filed Today—Entire Estate Left to His Widow.

The will of the late General J. K. Hudson was filed for probate this afternoon with R. F. Hayden, judge of the probate court. Dell Keizer, a son-in-law of the deceased, filed the will and told Judge Hayden that he was unable to make any sort of an estimate as to the value of the estate, either real or personal, which was left by General Hudson.

Under the terms of the will, which was drawn on December 13, 1905, and was witnessed by H. A. Young of Versailles, Mo., and W. W. Noyes of Olathe, Kan., General Hudson left his entire estate to his widow, with the exception of one hundred dollar bequests to each of his children, Mary H. Keizer, Paul Hudson and Anna J. H. Smith.

General Hudson's will is in full as follows:

I, J. K. Hudson, of Topeka, Kan., fully realizing the uncertainty of life's tenure, do hereby make this my last will and testament.

I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary W. Hudson, all my property, real, personal and mixed, choses in action, rights in law and equity, of which I may die seized, or possessed, or be in any manner entitled to, to be held, rented, leased, sold or otherwise disposed of by her as she may think best for her own use and benefit, to the same extent, and with as full power and authority as if she had acquired such property by purchase with her own separate means, except as follows:

The sum of one hundred, ($100.00) dollars each to our children, Mary H. Keizer, Paul Hudson and Anna J. H. Smith.

I hereby make, constitute and appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and it is my express desire that she be not required to give bond or other security as such executrix.

Witness my hand and seal, this the 13th day of December, 1905.

(Signed) J. K. HUDSON.

HE IS NOT A CROP KILLER.

Oscar K. Lyle of New York Says Kansas Corn Looks Well.

Oscar K. Lyle, of New York city, representative of T. A. McIntyre & Co. of New York, and Finley, Barrell & Co., of Chicago, two of the prominent stock, bond and grain brokerage houses of the country, is in Topeka on his way to Republic, Jewell, and other big corn counties for the purpose of inspecting the corn crop, and making reports to his employers. Mr. Lyle, however, isn't a crop killer. If his firms follow his advice, they will get on the bear side of the market.

"I have told them," he said this morning, "that there will be a 60,000,000 wheat crop in Kansas, and the corn along the Kaw bottoms looks better than any I have seen in Illinois or Missouri. If Kansas can have one good soaking rain within the next ten days, I will be ready to go home, for corn I will be past injury. I expect, however, that I will spend a month longer in Kansas and Nebraska."

No Successor for Ashbaugh.

The formal resignation of S. S. Ashbaugh from the office of attorney for the state board of railroad commissioners was filed with Governor Hoch today by Mr. Ashbaugh's stenographer. Mr. Ashbaugh himself is in Washington, D. C. Governor Hoch said today: "I have not decided who will be Mr. Ashbaugh's successor. It may be three or four days before I will be able to make any announcement."

Tax Commission on Friday.

It was announced today that the new state tax commission will not meet as a state board of equalization on Wednesday, except for the purpose of adjourning over until Friday, at which time the actual business of the board will begin. Returns have not yet been received from all counties in the state, and it will be Friday before the board can begin active operations.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—Competent white girl for general housework, good wages, no washing. 310 E. 5th st.

On Friday there will be a number of county clerks present to ask the board for a reduction in the valuation of their respective counties.

RAILROADS MUST REPORT.

Commissioners Won't Excuse Them During "Off Years."

"It is the policy of the present board of railroad commissioners to call for an annual report from each of the railroad companies in the state, and the blanks for the reports have already been ordered by the board."

This is the announcement made today by E. C. Shiner, secretary of the state board of railroad commissioners.

All of which indicates that the present board of railroad commissioners does not propose to run into the pitfall which caused so much criticism of the former board. The former board sought to save itself and the railroads a lot of trouble and expense by omitting the railroad's annual report for the "off" year when the legislature did not meet.

LOCAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher, 319 East Third street, are the parents of a baby boy, and the father is authority for the statement that the new arrival tips the beam at 11 pounds.

Picture framing and mat cutting done right and cheap at Coe Bros.' Cut Art Co., 832 Kansas avenue.

"Died of discouragement" would be a fitting epitaph for any burglar who tried to get your stuff if stored in the chrome steel vaults of the Prudential Trust Company. He would never have so much as a glimpse of them. The cost is but little.

The council meets this evening. The waterworks department wants the city pass favorably upon plans and specifications for a new addition to the city hall to house the waterworks department.

Davis, Wellcome and company were granted a permit today to erect a $3,500 dwelling at 1119 Western avenue.

By auditing the claims of "Shell" Curtis, fee buyer, the city attorney's office will save the city $392.15. These are fees which run back to December, 1903, and the claims were presented by Curtis only lately. The aggregate claims amount to about $1,100. The city attorney however refuses to stand for the entire amount and has made a cut of $392.15.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

The funeral of Harry Ross, son of Police Sergeant Joe Ross, who died Saturday evening of consumption, was held this afternoon from the Third Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Perry Davis, 73 years of age, died Sunday morning at the home of her son, C. P. Davis, 1509 Van Buren street, and the funeral was held from her son's home this afternoon at 2:30.

Mrs. Amy Smith, wife of Dr. Smith of Grantville, died at her home in that place today. Funeral will be held Tuesday at two o'clock from the Grantville M. E. church and the burial will be in the Grantville cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish all our friends, neighbors and the good people of Topeka to know that we thank them for the many acts of kindness and the floral tributes received by us in memory of our departed wife and mother.

J. M. PARR AND FAMILY.

New York Money Market.

New York, July 8.—MONEY—Money 6% call firm, 5@5½, ruling rate 5½, closing bid 5 and offered at 5½ per cent. Time loans strong. Sixty days, 4½ per cent; 90 days, 4¾ per cent; 6 months, 5%@5½ per cent.

CLOSE: Prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent; sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.8710 for demand and at $4.8395@4.84 for 60 day bills; posted rates, $4.84½ and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.83½@4.83¾.

SILVER—Bar silver, 67½c; Mexican dollars, 52½c.

BONDS—Government bonds irregular.