

SCHMITTBERGER'S STORY

Political Influence Prevails Over Merit in Police Promotions.

NEW MEN WERE INDEPENDENT

Officers with a "Pull" Not Particular About Violating Rules--Benefits of Joining the Pequot Club--Proper Place to Buy Mineral Water.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 21.—The principal witness before the Lexow committee today was Police Captain Max Schmittberger. He testified that in the last ten years, despite the introduction of the civil service system, political influence prevailed over merit in appointments to the police force and in promotions.

At his junction and just as Captain Schmittberger's testimony promised to become sensational a recess was taken. After the committee re-convened Schmittberger testified that he had been promoted to the rank of captain by Commissioner Wheeler because he found the commissioner's dog.

Schmittberger, as he proceeded in his testimony, implicated Inspector Williams deeper and deeper and also drew Inspector McAvoy into the net. Schmittberger testified that he collected money from the policy shops, pool rooms and disorderly houses in his district and in return they were given police protection.

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ORTE DOES NOT REPLY.

Turkey Shows a Disposition to Slight the United States.

By the United Press.

SUICIDE AT SEVENTY-FIVE.

Mrs. Catharine DeHart Becomes Tired of Life and Hangs Herself.

By the United Press.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

But for Exports of Gold and Uncertain Financial Legislation Indications Would Be Encouraging.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 21.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: "The outlook for the large exports of gold and uncertainty about financial legislation the indications would be more encouraging."

Some increase is seen in orders given to manufacturing works, though until the year ends the force actually at work naturally diminishes. The holiday trade has been rather poor, most points, partly owing to mild weather.

There is distinctly more confidence shown about the future demand for industrial products, though prices are not better. Domestic exports increase a little, though exportable staples are not better in price.

Money continues to accumulate here, and there is no encouragement in the legitimate demand for commercial loans. Prices of agricultural products do not improve.

Large orders for manufactured products have appeared, and yet, except in boots and shoes, the general tendency if prices is downward. Nothing is doing in steel rails, and business in sheets and plates is light.

Competition between the works in operation for business is not enough to keep them employed pushes prices in many lines below the ordinary cost of production.

The volume of railway traffic west-bound is encouraging increase over last year, but east-bound tonnage is small. From Chicago by rail it is 33 per cent. less than last year, and 35.5 per cent. less than in 1892, and earnings are 10 per cent. less than in 1892.

The stock market has been stagnant rather than weak. Sales are very light, and mainly in the speculative industrial, which are 50 cents per share lower for the week, while railroad shares are 50 cents per share lower.

The failure of the past week have been 349 in the United States, against 344 last year, and 38 in Canada, against 37 last year.

THEIR LEGAL COURSE.

Debs' Attorneys Desire an Opinion on Strikes from Higher Courts.

By the United Press.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The attorneys of the convicted officers and directors of the American Railway union have at last decided what legal course to pursue. They will apply to the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus without going through any of the intermediate courts.

The main thing sought is to put the higher courts on record as favoring a construction of the law, which absolutely prevents strikes as they are ordinarily conducted by orders from some recognized person or persons in authority.

His Failure a Surprise.

By the United Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 21.—R. A. Mitchell, dealer in furs and cloaks, was closed by the sheriff tonight on judgments amounting to nearly \$5,000. Mitchell came here from York state three months ago, doing a good business. His failure is a surprise to the business community.

Another Furnace Started.

By the United Press.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 21.—The Leesport furnace, which has been idle for three years, has started up, giving employment to about sixty men.

KEYSTONE VIGNETTES.

John Halang was drawn into a coal pocket at Jedd colliery and smothered to death.

John Reese has been arrested at Elizabeth, N. J., for robbing freight cars at Easton.

During the last month fourteen applications for divorce have been filed in the Schuylkill county court.

Many Blair county hotel keepers have been swindled by a man who presents checks drawn on a Philadelphia bank.

CURRENCY DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Springer's Amendments to the Carlisle Scheme.

THE DEMOCRAT DENOUNCED

Mr. McLaurin, of South Carolina, Makes a Vigorous Attack Upon the Policy of the Party on Financial Questions and Predicts Disaster.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The substitute for the pending currency bill laid before the house today by Mr. Springer consists of the amendments which have been agreed upon by the Democratic members of the committee; others that were suggested by Secretary Carlisle, the author of the bill that has been under consideration all week, as well as certain features of the Carlisle bill which it has been deemed advisable to retain.

After laying the substitute before the house, Mr. Springer briefly explained the important changes made in the Carlisle bill and their effect as follows:

First—Permitting the deposit of currency certificates under section 5192 of the revised statutes, to secure circulation, as well as the deposit of legal tender notes and treasury notes. These certificates represent legal tender notes actually held in the treasury and the effect of depositing certificates is therefore, the same precisely as to require the deposit of notes.

Second—So amending the present law as to permit the same method of deposit tender notes and procure these currency certificates in the same manner that national banks are now permitted to.

Third—Dispensing with the provision which authorizes an assessment upon the national banks to replenish the safety fund for the redemption of the notes of failed banks and in place of this provision, insert one providing that the collection of the one-fourth of a cent tax for each half year shall be resumed when the safety fund is impaired and continued until the safety fund is restored.

Fourth—Authorizing the comptroller of the currency, instead of the banks themselves, to designate the agencies at which national banks are to receive the redemption notes not only at the office of the bank, but at other places accessible to note holders.

Fifth—Dispense with the provision compelling existing national banks to withdraw their bonds now on deposit, and take out circulation under the new system, and in lieu of that provision insert one permitting the banks to withdraw their bonds, if they see proper to do so, by depositing lawful money as now provided by law, to secure circulation under the new system if they choose to do so.

Sixth—Providing that the notes of failed national banks which are not redeemed on demand at the office of the treasurer of the United States, or an assistant treasurer of the United States, shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from the date that the notes were issued until the thirty days after public notice has been given that funds are on hand for their redemption.

This imposes no obligations upon the part of the United States to use its own funds for the redemptions, as the safety fund is in the hands of the treasurer and he will redeem notes out of that fund.

No action was taken on the substitute but it was agreed it should be printed in bill form and published in the Record.

Mr. McLaurin (Dem., S. C.) made a vigorous attack upon the policy of the Democratic party upon financial matters in the past two years and ventured the prediction that if this bill became law at the next election the people would wipe out the last remaining vestige of the Democratic party.

General Sickles (Dem., N. Y.) created much amusement by his answer to a question by General Henderson, of Iowa, as to what was his attitude toward the bill. He said that while not approving many of the provisions, nor agreeing with the reasons advanced for its passage and reserving to himself the right to vote upon it as he saw fit, when the time for voting came he stood with the committee on banking and currency in favor of the measure.

Bills were passed permitting laborers from foreign countries employed by exhibitors at the Atlanta, Ga., exposition to be held next year, to come into the country and remain during the continuance of the exposition and also to permit artists and workers for the exhibition at the Portland, Ore., exposition, also to be held next year, to come in free of custom duties.

A bill was also passed for the relief of homestead settlers in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, who suffered loss of life or property in the forest fires of last season, by extending the time in which they make final proof of location and permitting them under regulations to cut the burned timber on their lands.

A concurrent resolution was agreed to providing for the holiday recess of congress extending from Dec. 22 to Jan. 3. This passed by a vote of 172 to 12.

THE COOK GANG AGAIN.

Two of the Boldest Hold Up a Manchester Grocery Store.

By the United Press.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 21.—Jack Harris, alias Tulsa Jack, and Bitter Creek, two of the boldest members of the Cook gang, who were seen riding through Arkansas City yesterday, came this way yesterday. They rode into Anthony, Harper county, this morning and one of them entered the bank, evidently with the intention of robbing it. There were too many people present, and the bandits, after surveying the ground, mounted their horses and rode rapidly away. On reaching Manchester they went into Bland's general store and at the point of revolvers made the proprietor hand over what cash he had, which was \$20.

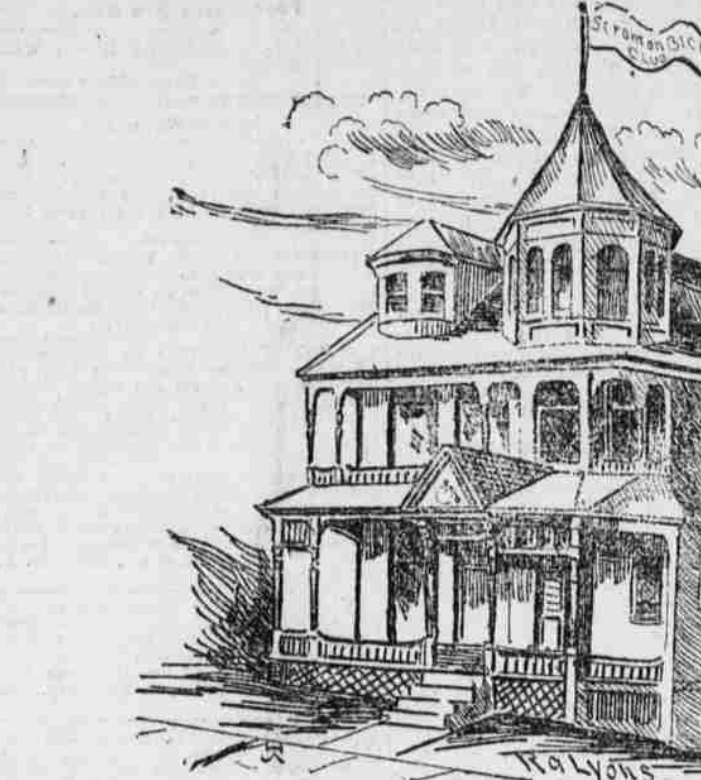
Without being molested, the bandits left, going in a westerly direction toward the Sante Fe.

EYES HOLD THEIR SECRET.

Photographic Experiment in Jamestown's Tragedy Fails.

By the United Press.

Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The removal of Mrs. Shearman's eyes for a second photographic experiment was not rewarded with success. The eyes were covered with a coating which prevented discernment of the figure seen yesterday afternoon. Various chemicals were tried to clear the eyes but to no avail and the experiment was abandoned. Coroner Bowers, Fred



Home of the Scranton Bicycle Club.

THE ALMSHOUSE ABUSES

Shocking State of Affairs Revealed at Pottsville.

THE STORY OF LIZZIE O'BRIEN

A Former Inmate of the County House Places Steward Hartman in an Unfavorable Light--The Steward and Directors Make No Defense.

By the United Press.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 21.—The investigation into the charges made against Steward Hartman and Poor Directors Day and Ebbing and other officials of the county almshouse was opened this morning in the court house. The investigation is conducted by William Wilheim, attorney for the county solicitor, Messrs. Samuel and Jenkins were in attendance, but Auditor John E. Doyle, the Democratic member of the board, did not appear.

Six witnesses were examined this morning. The first was Manager John F. Finnay, of the Miners' Journal, whose statement as to the inmate rumors that the girl Lizzie O'Brien, who had made charges against Steward Hartman, had made a second affidavit, in which she exonerated Hartman and accused others.

Dr. P. H. O'Hara, the almshouse physician, testified that it was true that female inmates of the insane department were sometimes undressed by the keeper at the request of his wife.

Almshouse Clerk John J. O'Connor told when the O'Brien girl was admitted to the institution and when discharged. She was for a time in the insane hospital, her mind being affected, but was afterward in the main building. Her mother is now in an asylum.

Mrs. Begley, an inmate, testified to seeing Steward Hartman drive off with Lizzie O'Brien and another girl, and come back with the O'Brien girl, W. F. Voute, a cripple, who is an inmate, was also sworn, and he testified that he knew the O'Brien girl by sight, but had never seen her with Steward Hartman. He said he was surprised when he read the rumors in the paper. The witness was stood aside as Attorney Wilheim said he wanted to see him alone. Neither Hartman nor the poor directors appeared at the investigation, nor were they represented by counsel.

Lizzie O'Brien's Life. The afternoon session was devoted almost solely to hearing the testimony of the principal witness, Lizzie O'Brien. The girl stated that her father died when she was 3 years old, and that she had been practically an orphan because her mother had been in an insane asylum ever since. Lizzie, who is 15 years old, said she was betrayed by a man named Flynn. She was admitted to the hospital at the almshouse on Aug. 25. Three weeks later she was transferred to the main building by Steward Hartman, and she swore that he took her to her room and kissed her. She also testified that on three different occasions she was taken to Pottsville by Hartman and they met at the same assignment house every time. He gave her small sums of money, and after she had left the almshouse for good and could not get work she went to live in a house of ill fame.

She changed her boarding house and was visited once by Hartman, who occupied a room with her and gave her money. She also testified that he secluded her in such a house. Lizzie then told of her living as a housekeeper for a widower in Frackville and how she was taken to St. Claire, where she was asked by Hartman to make affidavit that he had not had intercourse with her and she said she took the affidavit because she liked Mrs. Hartman.

A little girl who stopped at the house of assignment designated was put on the stand, recognized Lizzie and corroborated much of her testimony. When the little girl had told her story the investigation adjourned to meet next Wednesday.

RESERVE STILL SHRINKING.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The treasury has lost in gold withdrawals today \$1,600,000, leaving the reserve at the close of business \$88,900,000. There was a large gain from mintage sources else the withdrawal would have decreased the reserve to nearly \$88,000,000.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics has decided to erect a National Orphan's home.

Rev. Dr. Burtwell denies that Dr. McGlynn has recanted the doctrine of Holy George.

Charles Hart, who pleaded guilty of murdering the Good children at Foulding, O., will be hanged April 20.

Commissioner Linsan has sent his report the District Attorney Fellows investigation to Governor Flower.

Of three cases in diphtheria-scourged Ashland, O., which received anti-toxin treatment one died and two will recover.

John Crawford & Son, of Buffalo, N. Y., have been awarded the contract for the monument to mark the birthplace of George Washington, at Wakefield, Va.

COLLEGE ROWDYISM.

Sophomore and Freshmen Classes Indulge in a Fight.

By the United Press.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 21.—A lively slugging match took place this morning in the study hall of Franklin and Marshall colleges between the sophomore and freshman classes. The freshmen have been prohibited by the sophomores from carrying canes, every infringement of the order bringing down rough treatment upon the offender.

The classes met this morning as they came from their study rooms and a row which was hardly short of a riot took place. The members of the faculty present were quite unable to suppress it for upwards of half an hour. Several students were severely used up during the melee.

BIT SIXTEEN PEOPLE.

By the United Press.

Salem, N. J., Dec. 21.—The wildest excitement prevails here. This usually sleepy old town is all stirred up. A mad dog got loose today in the streets and bit sixteen residents of the town. Among those bitten were Professor Storle, principal of the high school; H. F. Slicker, member of city council; Dr. J. C. Robinson, James Ayres, E. S. Carter, Jacob Schrier, Charles Smith, Charles Bacon, Mrs. Miller, Lewis Neil, John Hart and others. Six of the victims of the beast were so badly lacerated that they went to the Pasteur institute, New York, for treatment.

Every local doctor and druggist in Salem was called upon. The wounds of all of the sixteen were immediately cauterized.

THE WORK OF A FIEND.

Terrific Tragedy Revealed in a Dispatch from Ida Levin.

By the United Press.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Simon Reif received the following dispatch from her niece, at Churchland, Va.: "Papa is killed. A negro who assaulted mother cut his throat with a razor and the doctor could do nothing. Mother is also at the point of death. Come and see her before she dies. Be sure to come at once as I am alone here and don't know what to do. "Ida E. Levin."

David Levin, the young woman's father, was formerly a merchant of this city. He went south about eight years ago. He conducted a motion picture at Churchland, which is about twenty miles from Norfolk, and it is said had accumulated considerable property.

IN HANDS OF HIS FRIENDS.

General Hastings Has Had a Prolonged Social Session.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—It is understood from an authoritative source that Governor-elect Hastings has found it necessary to call a halt upon applicants for office and their friends who have daily been besieging his home at Bellefonte.

He will devote the remainder of the time before inauguration day to preparing his inaugural address and arranging personal and business matters. His time since election day has been given almost exclusively to his friends.

IN HONOR OF CURRIE.

By the United Press.

Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 21.—An interesting, as well as affecting, memorial service in honor of ex-Governor Curtin was held here this evening in the new armory under the auspices of Gregg post. General James A. Beaver, president, and brief addresses were made by General Hastings, General Beaver, Dr. George W. Atherton, Professor John Hamilton, Judges A. O. Furst and John G. Love and others. The matter of the Curtin monument was taken up and discussed, and arrangements made to push the movement at once.

ASHINGER STILL LEADS.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—In the six days' bicycle race at Industrial hall, Ashinger still leads by a good margin, with Foster second and Gannon last. The score at 11 o'clock tonight was: Ashinger, 1,155 miles; Foster, 1,125; Gannon, 1,060.

IN AND ABOUT CONGRESS.

It is proposed to make the holiday recess of congress from Dec. 22 to Jan. 3. A bill to give General Banks' widow a pension of \$100 a month has passed congress.

Collusion between internal revenue officials and white caps in Georgia is costing the officials their places. A department of commerce has been suggested to relieve the treasury department of one of its numerous bureaus. Solicitor Reeve, of the treasury has decided that the publication in book form of the names of the United States coin is not a violation of law. The nomination of Charles D. Clark, of Chattanooga, Tenn., to be district judge, has been reconsidered, because of charges of unprofessional conduct filed against him.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; preceded by showers in the early morning; variable winds, becoming westerly.

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