

OUTWITTED.

Nine Councilmen Were Defeated by Five.

Looked as If South Akron Were Sure of Getting City Hall.

One of the most unique battles ever fought in the Council Chamber of Akron came to an end Wednesday night, at 11:30, with a result so surprising that its meaning was not grasped for nearly 15 minutes afterward. Then nine very much crestfallen warriors filed silently from the hall and vanished in the direction of their homes. They had been defeated twice in the same night and upon the same proposition by a force so much smaller than theirs that at no time would they even have consented to dignify the proceeding by calling it a battle.

Every indication pointed toward the conclusion that the special meeting of Council was called Wednesday evening for the purpose of passing legislation for the purchase of a site for a City Hall at the corner of Buchtel ave. and Main st. As the contest has developed itself almost wholly into a test of the relative strength of the North and South sides of the city, with the Councilmen from both sides apparently acting under instructions from their constituents, the ultimate result may be expected to give complete satisfaction to the constituents of whichever side wins, and the city at large will be forced to abide by the decision.

At the meeting of Council Monday night the vote on the question was a tie, with eight members on each side. But a conference of the members seems to have been held since, with the result that Mr. Snook, of the Fifth ward, changed his vote from the ranks of the North to those of the South. This gave the South Enders nine votes as against seven for the North, and there were shouts of joy in South Akron so loud that the foundations of the city were nearly shaken. They are a loyal people, those South Enders, and they do love their end of town. The idea of having the City Hall in their end of town tickled them nearly to death. And see! All they have to do is to reach out and grasp it, for has not South Akron nine votes and also is Alvin Rice not out of town, and Mr. Koons, too? This leaves the North Enders only five votes, and what on earth can they do against nine?

But, Colonel—no, General—Wm. T. Sawyer is the leader of the North End forces, and Colonel Andrew J. Wilhelm is with the North Enders, too, and Captain "Jerry" Amundson, and Lieutenants Manderbach and Hill—each and every one of them, individually and collectively, fighters from the word, "Fire."

On the other side is General Gauthier, with officers and privates as follows: Messrs. Jacobs, Warner, Martin, Pliske, Merz, Ormes and Sedell.

Thus were the forces lined up, and indications at the beginning were that the North Enders had positively no show, at all. The plan of the minority side was to talk against time, to try to attract their opponents from their point of vantage, to cajole, to criticize, to condemn, to caution, to plead, to present motion after motion, to propose amendment after amendment, to try to have the matter tabled, to endeavor to adjourn—to get the opposition mixed up, to do anything within their power to break up the meeting, without anything being done. And with these tactics they won out, finally getting their opponents so badly mixed up that they imagined the battle was ended and voted with the North Enders to adjourn. When they found out what had happened, there were a few wails, and then a silent trek for home. General Sawyer and his invincibles were complimented and cheered for their victory in what was conceded by all to have been one of the greatest battles ever fought in the Council Chamber—a contest in which five men defeated nine.

Mr. Wilhelm delivered the first "time consumer," staying with it for an hour, and leading to it and following it were incidental remarks by Mr. Sawyer and others, with various sections of time being consumed as if it were free as air. When the time came for the vital move to be made, General Sawyer took the floor and talked for two hours, before anything could be found in "Roberts' Rules," to remove him from the floor. He talked, chanted, acted and screamed, and when the people in the lobby discovered his object they entered into the spirit of the fun, and laughed and applauded every time he overcame efforts to get him to quit. Finally it was discovered that under the rules a member of Council cannot talk longer than ten minutes at a time, without the consent of the chair and other members. Mr. Sawyer's attention was called to this, and more time was consumed with a fight over what the speaker declared was unmistakably an attempt at gag-rule. His attitude was that of an officer of the city, a citizen and taxpayer being denied opportunity to express his sentiments upon a proposition of vital interest to the city. Nearly 15 minutes more were consumed by this fight, which ended with

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HUNDRED ARRESTS

May be Made on Charge of Stealing Coal From Railroads.

The Erie and the B. & O. have begun a crusade against coal stealers which will likely result in wholesale arrests. Special Officer Heckathorn is at work for the B. & O. and Officers Little and McMichael for the Erie. The officers have been getting evidence for a few days and the results were apparent Wednesday, when seven persons were arrested on the charge of stealing and receiving coal stolen from the railway companies. The officers say that they have information which will result in the arrest of more than 100 persons. It has been known that for some time coal stealing was going on and the railway companies have determined that none of the guilty shall escape. The officers state that they have information, showing that the thefts in some cases will amount to 15 tons. Whole collars, they say, have been filled with the stolen fuel.

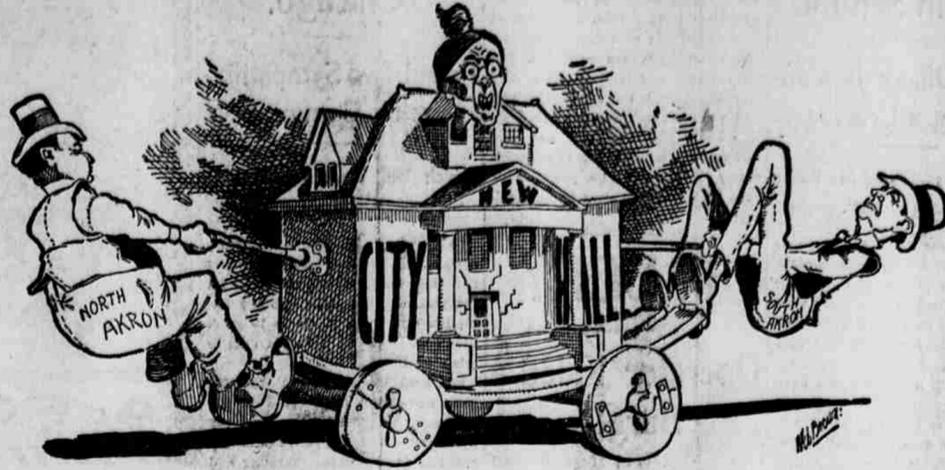
Officer Little said Thursday that he had learned that one hustling landlord

had asked for more rent from his tenant on the ground that the house was located along the railroads and the tenant would not have to buy fuel. Seven persons were before Squire Hoffman Thursday afternoon, charged with stealing coal. All entered a plea of guilty. The persons and their fines were as follows: Annie Kelley, a Syrian woman, \$1 and costs; Andrew Hohn, \$1 and costs; Chas. Hohn, \$5 and costs; Joseph Moser, \$1 and costs; Edward Heinrich, \$5 and costs; Alphonso Meyer, \$1 and costs; Eugene Meyer, \$5 and costs.

The two Meyers, father and son, also pleaded guilty of stealing grain doors from box cars and were fined \$5 and \$1 and costs respectively.

Business Meeting.

A business meeting of the Thalia Benevolent society will be held Saturday night, Sept. 20. A full attendance of members is desired.



A Question of Pull. (Suggested by Commissioner Seybold.)

NO WOMAN

In the Case, Says Jerome.

Fish Was Murdered in a Drunken Row.

He Had Called Sharkey a Most Vile Name.

New York, Sept. 18.—District Attorney Jerome, who has made a careful investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of Nicholas Fish, the millionaire banker, who was killed on Tuesday morning in a cafe, today issued a statement, giving the lines along which the prosecution of the case will be conducted. According to the district attorney, the affair was nothing but a saloon row. He said: "I want it understood that there was no romance and no woman back of the case. It was just a common, low, saloon brawl, in which the passions of two men who were strangers to each other, and who were both under the influence of liquor, became inflamed; that Fish called Sharkey a vile name, which Sharkey resented by punching the banker. He hit him too hard and killed him. That is all there is to it.

"If anybody called me such a name, I would have hit out too. Fish did not know the women and had never seen them before. He went into the saloon because he was drunk and naturally asked them to drink as a man under the influence of liquor would. Then Sharkey came in and there was an altercation over the cashing of a check. The temper of both men got the better of them. The women don't figure in this miserable affair at all. It was simply a drunken row. Of course, Sharkey will have to suffer the consequences."

A VOLCANO RIGHT AT HOME

Smoke Issues From Old Copperas Mountain.

Bainbridge, O., Sept. 18.—People living in the Paint Creek Valley are alarmed over the appearance of smoke and sulphurous gases from Copperas mountain, which can be seen from this place. Ever since the first eruption of Mt. Pelee smoke has issued from the mountain at intervals, but only within the past few days have the smoke and the gas become especially noticeable and many attribute it to the recent eruptions in Martinique. Investigation shows that the slate in the mountain has become hot and some of it has become a dull red from the action of the heat. The smoke issues from the side and not the top of the mountain, and scientists will be asked to make a thorough investigation.

AND WITH THE SAME WEAPON

Columbus, O., Sept. 17.—Senator Patterson, of Pike, put the entire Senate to rout this afternoon as Samson once routed the Philistines.

HANNA WILL SAY NOTHING

Doesn't Know Whether He'll Support Burton or Not.

New York, Sept. 18.—Senator Hanna, who is at the Waldorf, was asked today if he would support Theo. Burton for speaker of the House. "I don't want to talk about it. Wait till he is elected. I may have something to say later, but absolutely nothing now," he replied.

FIRES SPREAD

So Fast They Cannot be Put Out.

Mountain Timber Sections Left to Their Fate.

Denver, Sept. 18.—All hope of putting out the forest fires that have been raging for several days in the timber sections of the Rocky mountains from the Wyoming line to Central Colorado, has been practically abandoned. New fires are being reported daily and old ones are spreading with amazing rapidity. Government inspectors say the fires will have to burn themselves out.

SAD CHAPTER

In the Life of a Wealthy Man Is Being Enacted.

Columbus, O., Sept. 18.—The last chapter in the case of Louis Kunneke, many years ago a prosperous merchant in Dayton, O., was enacted here when he was sent to the State asylum at Toledo. He is a mental and physical wreck.

Kunneke was in love with a Montgomery county girl years ago, and was engaged, but the engagement was broken off by a sister of Kunneke, who is said to have circulated reports. The shock overbalanced Kunneke's mind, and he moves around apparently searching for his lost sweetheart, whispering his tale of woe. He is the possessor of an estate worth thousands of dollars.

CHASED

A Would-Be Burglar But He Escaped.

After a period of quiet lasting several days, a burglar was again abroad in Akron. Wednesday night, Wm. Jenkins, Home st., was awakened at 10:30 by hearing some one at work at one of the windows of the house. He got up and gave chase, but the intruder got in a swamp nearby and disappeared. He had not succeeded in entering the house.

STILES' PLACE

Is Given to a Man From Michigan.

Delaware, O., Sept. 18.—Edward J. Brown has been chosen superintendent of the Girls' Industrial Home. He will take office December 15. He has conducted the Boys' school at Lansing, Mich.

THE WEATHER:
FAIR AND COOLER FRIDAY.

HELPED

To Make Akron Famous.

Henry A. Gibbs Died Thursday Morning.

Was a Pioneer in Akron's Clay Working Industries.

Henry A. Gibbs, secretary of the Ohio Stoneware Co., and one of Akron's pioneers in the clay working industry, died at his home, 204 Arlington st., Thursday morning, of heart disease. Mr. Gibbs was 68 years of age, and had spent 30 years of his life in this city, where he did much to develop the fame of this city as a center of clay working factories. Though he was interested in several of the local factories, Mr. Gibbs retained only the official position of secretary of the Ohio Stoneware Co., at the time of his last illness.

Besides his wife, Mr. Gibbs leaves the following children:

E. H. Gibbs, secretary of the Summit Sewer Pipe Co.; vice president of the Akron Paper Co., and general agent for the Ohio Stoneware Co.

Harry H. Gibbs, treasurer of the Buckeye Sewer Pipe Co.; The Summit Sewer Pipe Co., and the Akron Paper Co.

George A. Parker, president of the Ohio Stoneware Co., and Mrs. Carrie Chapman, are a stepdaughter and stepson. Mr. Gibbs was one of the best known business men in Summit county. The funeral services will be held at the residence, Friday at 2:30 p.m. The funeral will be public and the interment, which will be had in East Akron, will be private.

GAME OFF.

Piqua Team Will Not Come Here.

After waiting until all arrangements had been completed for the Piqua-All Akron games to be played today, Friday and Saturday, the management of the Piqua team sent word through Bedur and Volk, the Akron men on the team, that the team had disbanded. The management of the All Akrons did not learn until Thursday noon that Piqua had flunked. The action of the Piqua team in not notifying the local management earlier in the week is regarded as very small business. The games have been widely advertised, not only in Akron, but also in Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls and Kent. If the notice of the disbandment of the Piqua team had come earlier in the week, Akron ball lovers would have had an opportunity to see the Jamestown, N. Y. team, which defeated both the Boston American and National league teams. The Jamestown games were cancelled for Piqua.

Massillon was secured late Thursday afternoon to play here Saturday.

THE TESTIMONY OF JENNIE OLSEN

New York, Sept. 18.—At the faith curistic meeting in Jersey City yesterday afternoon, Jennie Olsen, of Philadelphia, testified that she was cured of being an actress by faith, through prayer. She also said that she had not touched a drop of liquor or smoked a cigarette since.

FIVE

States Represented at Convention.

Daughters of Jerusalem Are Here.

A Nice Reception Was Given the Delegates.

The Daughters of Jerusalem, a colored secret organization, are holding their 34th annual convention in the A. M. E. Zion church. There are 39 delegates present, representing Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and New York. Grand Princess Royal Mrs. E. J. Moore has presided at all the 34 conventions. A reception was tendered the delegates Wednesday evening in the church by the local council of the order. The society was organized before the Civil war and was in conjunction with the Underground Railway. Memorial services will be held this evening and public installation of officers will take place Friday evening.

The officers of the organization are: Grand Princess Royal, Mrs. E. J. Moore; first vice president, Mrs. Fannie Warren, Toledo; second vice president, Mrs. Anna Blair, Indianapolis; grand deputy, Mrs. Josephine Wilson, Buffalo, N. Y.; first steward, Louise Martin, Detroit, Mich.; second steward, Mrs. Mary Kimmons, Hamilton; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Dent, Springfield; recorder, Mrs. C. G. Henderson, Springfield; chaplain, Mrs. Sallie Bussell; Princess of Jerusalem, Mrs. Georgiana Lawrence, Middleton; sentinel, Mrs. E. Johnson, Springfield; messenger, Mrs. Emma Morrison, Akron.

The society has 30 councils and a membership of about 1,000. It includes some of the most prominent colored women of the country.

HIS SISTER.

Husband Kissed Her and Wife Wants Divorce.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 18.—For a married man to kiss his sister is regarded as a ground for divorce by Mrs. Dell S. E. Crowe, who has filed suit for legal separation from Thomas Crowe, a railroad engineer.

Mrs. Crowe charges that her husband, before each trip with his engine, would kiss his sister, but that she, as a wife, did not receive her share of osculatory tokens of affection.

The plaintiff further alleges that when at home it was the sister and not the wife that received the major part of the family head's affection. Mrs. Crowe states in her petition that though her husband had a monthly income of \$150 she was allowed but \$30 a month to run the house and clothe herself, while the sister was possessed of a fine wardrobe.

When Crowe took his vacation this year, she says, the wife was left at home and the sister taken on an extensive trip East.

SEESE BILL IS INTRODUCED

Many Benefits If It Becomes Law—Nash Code Makes Progress.

(Special Correspondence.)

Columbus, O., Sept. 18.—The inconsistency of the Ohio Legislature was again shown Wednesday evening, when, after making continual pleas for an early close of the present special session, both branches by joint resolution decided to adjourn until next Tuesday. This is to enable members to go on the Cincinnati junket to attend the fall festival and incidentally to get some pointers on the subject of curatives for defective street railway franchises.

The session of the House was brief but it was crowded with important business, not the least of which was the introduction of a number of bills. Among these was the Seese school code which was presented and then under suspension of the constitutional rules read for the second time and referred to the Committee on Common Schools. The bill has been held in abeyance for some time and it was thought up to Wednesday afternoon that its friends had concluded not to introduce it at this session. It is understood that trouble is threatened in certain quarters of the state, however, because of lax school legislation and it is thought the introduction and passage of the bill will result in many benefits to the state in general.

Other bills were introduced as follows: By Mr. Chapman, of Montgomery county, to fix the salaries of the deputy supervisors of elections. This bill makes general the law now in force in Montgomery county. The salaries of the deputies, if this law is passed, will be \$2 for each election per precinct in the county. Mr. Clayburn, of Highland county, also introduced the salary bill but it is the same old measure under a new name and in new clothes. It is held by many that the bill will not stand the test of the courts since, while it is general in its language, it is simply a collection of special laws. It seeks to fix the salaries of the county officers of each county.

Mr. Tyler, of Sandusky county, introduced a bill to curb the expense of examiners of county commissioners' reports. The bill provides that the ex-

FARTHEST NORTH.

Peary Did Not Reach the Pole But Beat His Past Record.

North Sydney, N. S., Sept. 18.—Lieut. Peary arrived from the frozen North on board the relief ship Windward at 8:15 this morning. Dr. Dietrick was also on board. Peary did not reach the pole, but on his last dash made important discoveries.

As Lieut. Peary stepped ashore from the Windward he said to waiting newspaper men: "My last dash for the pole was my most successful experience. I was further north than 83.27, my previous record."

Peary is in remarkably good health. Mrs. Peary, who went north on the Windward, to greet her husband, was ill for a fortnight, but is now well on the road to recovery. Dr. Dietrick, whose row with Peary resulted in his leaving Peary a year ago, since which time he has been living with Esquimaux, is apparently in good health. He was picked up at Etah by the Windward, in accordance with an arrangement made when he left Peary.