DIFFICULTY IN GETTING JURORS

Prosecution as Evidence Furnished by Them Before Garfield Investigation Led to Indictments.

Chicago, Ill., January 9.—The trial against the beef packers indicted for conspiracy to violate the anti-trust laws, opened today in the United States district court. There are in all twenty-one persons and corporations under indictment and the hearing is held to decide the ten special pleas for immunity, raised by the defendants. The verdict of the jury will only decide whether the packers are to be tried later on the main charges in the case or go free altogether, because under the laws they are entitled to immunity from prosecution if, as they assert they furnished evidence against themselves during the investigation, and which evidence, it is declared by the defendants, was used against them to bring the indictment.

The selection of the jury consumed considerable time. In all there were 200 veniremen summoned. Eleven of the eighty-two were preemptorily challenged by the government and eight by the packers. The jury consists of: Joseph C. Walker, carpenter and farmer, Mandata; George Rupright, carpenter, Mt. Carroll; P. K. Cross, real estate dealer, Morris; Geo. W. Monday, real estate dealer, Earlville; R. B. Graham, retired farmer, Sycamore; J. W. Miller, stock raiser, Savannah; M. J. Helm, proprietor of a furniture storage house, Chicago; W. H. Loomis, real estate dealer, Sycamore; R. C. Smith, printer, Rockford; Guarld G. Paarce, farmer, Yorkville; Henry Winser, farmer, Waupannee; John S. Lee, dairy farmer, Elgin. The case will be tried before Judge J. Otis Humphrey.

Townsend—Zimmerman.

Mr. Elias Philip Townsend, of Martin, and Miss Katherine Leonara Zimmerman, were married Sunday morning at half past eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Zimmerman at Floral City.

Mr. Townsend is one of Martin's most prominent and progressive citizens and the fair bride is a very charming young woman. The young couple have a great many friends, who will wish them every happiness in their married life.

The wedding was a very pretty and simple home one and was attended by quite a number of the friends of the contracting parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend will be at home to their friends at Martin.

Commodore Vanderbilt Retires.

New York, Jan. 9.—The annual meeting of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, which will be held this afternoon at the residence of Rear-Commodore Frank S. Hastings, will be of special interest, owing to the fact that Commodore W. K. Vanderbilt, jr., the present Commodore of the Club, has decided to retire and will not accept another term. It is understood that E. C. Benedict, owner of the steamer Oneida, who has been nominated by the trustees of the Club, will be the unanimous choice for Commodore. If Mr. Benedict is elected, as there is no doubt he will, it will be the second time that he becomes Commodore of the club. He was Commodore in 1895 and Vice-Commodore in 1893-4.

Celebrating Battle of New Orleans.

Special to the Ocala Banner:

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 8.—The Maryland Society of the War of 1812 will celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans by a banquet this evening. Mr. Wm. M. Marine will be the principal speaker of the occasion.

Editor Graves ,of the Atlanta News, has started a presidential boom for Joe Bailey, of Texas. Why should he abandon Hearst?

The Gainesville Sun wittily remarks that Ocala's carnival "has seventeen queens who are receiving the votes of the next lower ones in the deck."

PREPARATIONS FOR RECEPTION.

Presentation Will be Made on Board by Mayor Rhett and Committee —Charleston to go to Pacific Ocean.

Special to the Ocala Banner:

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 9.—Thousands of visitors from all parts of the state have arrived here, awaiting the arrival of the cruiser Charleston, which is due at this port today and will probably remain here until Friday. The cruiser was named after this city and the citizens are no little proud of the fine ship which bears the name of their city. To show their pride in the ship and their appreciation of the honor conferred upon Charleston by naming one of the finest cruisers of the American navy after it, the citizens have raised a fund and have had a magnificent solid silver punch bowl with platter and ladle of the same material made, which will be presented to the ship on this occasion.

The most elaborate preparations have been made for the reception and entertainment of the officers and men of the Charleston. For this evening a reception for the officers of the Charleston has been arranged, to which the officers of the Texas, Arkansas, Nevada and Florida and of the torpedo boats, now in the harbor will also be invited.

The beautiful presentation services will take place tomorrow. The bowl and accessories, enclosed in a massive case, will be taken on board the Charleston by a steam launch, which will also carry Mayor Rhett and the members of the presentation committee. Mayor Rhett will deliver the presentation address. It is expected that Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte will be present at the ceremony. He has been especially invited for the occasion, but was not able to make a definite promise, owing to the pressure of business during the early days of the sesssion of congress after the holiday recess. Tomorrow evening the officers of the Charleston and, also Secretary Bonaparte, should he come, will be the guests of the city at a banquet given in their honor. For the following day a big hunt afield has been arranged for the officers of the Charleston and the other war ships in the harbor.

The punch bowl, which will be donated to the Charleston, is of a large size and exquisite workmanship. It was made in New York and is ornamented with relief scenes of Fort sumter, Fort Moultrie, the Battery and St. Michael's church, and also the seals of the navy and the city of Charleston and various emblematic designs.

After her visit to Charleston Commander Winslow will take his ship out for her final trial and will then start for the Pacific coast. The Charleston is a protected cruiser of 10,- tons and the first of its class.

The Tampa Times has found good reasons in the air to put down Governor Broward as a candidate for the U. S. Senate at the next primary. It has come to be unwritten law all over the South that the best if not the only road to the Senate is through the Governor's office. It sometimes happens to be the wrong road, but it still remains a popular route. The next Senatorial struggle in Florida is going to be a mighty interesting one and will show some strong entries. The presence of Governor Broward among them is likely to make it a very strenuous affair.—Live Oak Democrat.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hilburn and Master Oscar Hilburn will leave in a next week for Live Oak, where they will reside for the coming year. Mr. Hilburn is the presiding elder for the Jacksonville district and the district parsonage is located at Live Oak. The Hilburns have rented their attractive little Orange avenue cottage to Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Powers, who will move into it in a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. McKean have moved into the little cottage on their Fort King avenue lot. They expect in a couple of months to begin the erection of their new home and until it is finished they will live in the cottage. They will take their meals at Mrs. W. J. Phillips.

THE GREEN AND GAYNOR CASE.

After Long Struggle Alleged Conspirators Will be Tried in United States Court in Savannah.

Special to the Ocala Banner:

Savannah, Ga., January 9.—The trial of Benjamin D. Green and Col. John F. Gaynor, on the charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government and presenting of false accounts, in connection with the Savannah harbor improvement, was begun before the United States court today.

Abraham H. Ross, of New York. acted as the principal attorney for the defense. He will be assisted at the trial by Col. Meldrum and other prominent lawyers.

The two defendants were brought back from Canada on a request of the United States Government for their extradition and that fact will probably be used by the defense to confine t' trial to two counts of the indictment, which are included in the terms of the extradition treaty between the United States and Canada.

There are in all four charges against the defendants, first, conspiracy to defraud the United States Government; second, presenting false accounts; third, embazzlement, and fourth, receiving money that belonged to the government, knowing it to have been embezzled.

It is maintained by the defense that the crime of conspiracy not being included in the extradition treaty, the government has no right to try the prisoners on the charge.

The trial will probobly last several days.

Riverside Orange Crop Saved From Freezing.

After two days trial to have a "killing frost," and each time being defeated by the warm north wind, the weather bureau succeeeded in locating one here on Sunday morning. After sunset on Saturday the mercury commenced to drop rapidly and at 10 p. m. it stood at 30 degrees, or two below what is called the freezing point." Before midnight it had gone down to 29 degres and was slowly sinking, with no signs of the redeeming north wind this time to head it off. The city at this time was surrounded by a "wall of fire," and the heavy bank of smoke lighted by the flames of the fires, showed that the orange growers were alive to the dangers and preparing to defeat the Frost King in his efforts to destroy the citrus crop of the valley. The flame lit clouds of smoke gave a wierd appearance to the sky but they fulfilled their mission and the loss by the freeze was reduced to a minimum, although the mercury dropped to 25 degrees by government thermometers, and in some localities went even lower. The battle was a sharp one for the thermometer for eight hours stood below the freezing point, and while there was a trifle of frosted fruit, the damage was so slight as to make but little difference in the coming orange and lemon output for the season.—Riverside Enterprise Dec. 26.

Leeds Singers go to Paris.

Special to the Ocala Banner.

Leads, Jan. 9.—The famous Leeds Chorus, of 25 vocalists, and considered one of the finest bodies of singers in the world, started today for Paris, to sing at the London Orchestra concerts to be given in that city during the present season. The committee in charge of the enterprise will pay railway and turbans steamer expenses from Leeds to Paris and return and all hotel expenses in Paris for all the singers and the reserves. The latter are necessary, owing to the strict rules and high standards of the chorus. Any singer who misses a rehearsal, becomes disqualified and the vacancy is at once filled from a list of eligible reserves, who invariably attend the rehearsals in the hope of being included in the regular chorus.

Mayor McClellan promises to give New York a clean and honest administration. If he does and we believe that he will, the democratic party will say to him: "Good and faithful servant, go up higher!" McClellan is a clean, good, honest and strong man.

GEORGIA FIELD TRIALS.

Sportsmen Enjoying Trials at Waynesboro—Finest Dogs in the World Will Participate.

Special to the Ocala Banner:

Waynesboro, Ga., January 9.—Hunters and dog lovers from all parts of the country are among the many hundreds of interested spectators who are assembled here to attend the fourth annual meeting of the Georgia Field Trial Association. Eleven letters and 6 pointers have been entered for the trial and among them are some of the finest and best trained dogs in the United States. There are prabably no finer bird dogs in the world than some of those entered for today's trial. Much pains and patience has been spent in training the dogs during the past year and fine sport may be expected. The conditions are almost ideal. The reservation, on which the trials are held include about 12,000 acres, is located near this town and has the important advantage that there is always a sufficient amount of game to be found there. During the last four years the fame of the Waynesboro grounds have spread all through the country and even across the ocean and among the spectators attending the trial are several English sportsmen, Capt. F. L. Stone, of Atlanta, is the president of the field trial association, Mr. T. T. Ashford, of Birmingham, England, a distinguished field trial manager, will act as judge at today's trials.

BRANN ON MAN.

The place to take the measure of a man is not in the forum or the field, not on the market place or the amen corner, but his own fireside. There he lays aside his mask, and you may judge whether he is imp or angel, king or cur, hero or humbug. I care not what the world says—whether it crowns him with bays or pelts him with bad eggs; I care not a copper what his reputation may be; if his babies dread his homecoming and his betterhalf swallows her heart every time she asks for a five dollar bill, he's a fraud of the first water.

When the children rush to the front gate to meet him and love's own sunshine illuminates the face of his wife it for granted that he is pure gold. when she hears his footfall, you take for his home is a heaven, and the humbug never gets that near to the white throne of God. He may be a rank atheist and a red flag anarchist, a Mormon and a mugwump, he may buy votes in blocks of five and bet on the election, and may deal them from the bottom of the pack and drink beer until he can't tell a silver dollar from a circular saw, and still be infinitely a better man than the cowardly little hypocrite who is all suavity in society, yet makes his home a hell—who vents upon the helpless heads of his wife and children the ill-nature that he would like to inflict upon his fellowmen, but he dares not. I can forgive much in that fellow mortal who had rather make men swear than women weep; who would rather have the hate of the world than the contempt of his wife; who would rather call anger to the eyes of a king than fear to the face of a child.—Brann's Iconoclast.

Railway, Freight and Baggage Men Meet.

Lancaster, Penn., Jan. 9.—The biennial convention of the Grand Division of the Brotherhod of Railroad, Freight and Baggagemen of America opened here this morning at the grand division headquarters with a large attendance of delegates from all parts of the country. President Robert P. Neil opened the convention and delivered his annual address. Many important matters will come up for for consideration during the three days of the convention.

Has Leased Hotel.

Mr. Hampton S. Chambers, Sr., of this city, has leased the Carolina Hotel at Micanopy and will assume charge of it on February first.

Mr. Chamber's friends hope that he will be very successful in his new undertaking.