

BUNCH OF RESIGNATIONS LOST.: Cleaning of the Mayor's Desk Results in Disappearance of Old Letters.

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WATSON'S WEAK EYES STILL SERVING AS HIS DEFENSE.

Fruit Dealer, Alleged to Have Secured \$1,000,000 in Rebates, Says He Cannot Testify Without Seeing Books.

James S. Watson's assertion that his sight still was bad, yesterday blocked all efforts of Attorneys Albert Bach and C. W. Greenfield to show that he had secured more than \$1,000,000 in rebates from the Fruit Growers' Express company, through his former position as president of the Porter Bros. company.

At the bankruptcy hearing Mr. Watson again pleaded that the books of the concern, which he alone could understand, would furnish the only proof of all his dealings, and that he could not present such evidence because of his weak eyes. Notwithstanding this, however, the witness made several statements which led interested lawyers and Attorney Bach to predict that further proceedings were in prospect.

Mr. Bach declared Mr. Watson had been called before the federal grand jury at its last session in Chicago at the instance of the interstate commerce commission, and that a line of inquiry started there may be renewed with results at the next session.

The two lawyers who represent a New York creditor say the books of the Porter Bros. company credit Mr. Watson with \$1,800,000 in cash. This is believed to represent profits received in secret from the Fruit Growers' Express company as rebates since March 31, 1896.

CREDITORS ARE AFTER BANKRUPT CHURCH WORKER.

Swedes Who Loaned Their Savings to Charles Olson, Tailor in Milton Avenue, Hold a Meeting.

The bankruptcy proceedings of Charles Olson, a tailor at 137 Milton avenue, commenced on Wednesday may result in charges being made by fifty-five creditors among his Swedish acquaintances. Twenty of these creditors met yesterday in the office of Attorney Edward Menkin, in the Reaper block, to devise means of recovering money loaned to Olson. Some of them are said to have given Olson their life savings.

Olson scheduled assets of \$24,000 and liabilities of \$22,925. According to Attorney Menkin, Olson obtained the confidence of the Swedish community on the north side through his activity in church work.

Ulfro Kling, receiver of the estate, estimated the assets at \$10,000, and on that estimate secured a reduction of his bond from \$30,000 to \$10,000.

Some of the creditors who attended the meeting are:

Samuel Samuelson, 1258 Barry avenue.....	\$ 450
John Benson, 159 Townsend street, 70 years old.....	1,100
Charles A. Carlson, 140 Hudson avenue.....	275
John G. Johnson, 20 Grace street.....	4,500
James Fulton.....	500

"These men trusted Olson with their money, in some cases with their all, because they had confidence in him," said Attorney Menkin. "Now they do not know what to do. If there is any ground for prosecution we will take advantage of it."

MAN MISSING: RECEIVER NAMED.

Manager of Schmidt & Schultz Piano Company Disappears and Court Takes the Business.

The disappearance of Frank Schultz, manager of the Schmidt & Schultz company, was followed yesterday by the appointment of Harry A. Dubla as receiver for the piano manufacturers at Rockwell street and Wilcox avenue. Schultz is alleged to have been absent since last Monday.

The company was organized in February, 1902, with a capital stock of \$10,000, and steps have been taken, it is said, to increase this to \$50,000. Herman Pinnow, a stockholder, charges in his bill that eleven unfinished pianos belonging to the concern recently were levied upon by constables, who also seized machinery in the plant, stopping all work.

Pinnow asserts that Schultz placed all of the books of the corporation in the company's vault, which he locked.

Very Low Rates to St. Louis.
The Wabash will sell Thanksgiving tickets, Chicago to St. Louis and return at \$0 and \$7.50, according to conditions; good to go Nov. 25. For details call at city ticket office, 97 Adams street, or telephone Central 3046.

W. R. HEARST LEAGUE FORMED.

Chicago Friends of the Publisher Organize to Advance His Candidacy.

The William Randolph Hearst League of Chicago was organized last night. At a meeting of democrats, representative of nearly all of the wards in the city, the league was formed and the general officers chosen. The meeting was held in the Ashland block and resolutions were adopted declaring the purpose of the league to be the furtherance of the candidacy of Mr. Hearst for the nomination for the presidency by the next national democratic convention. The officers of the league chosen were:

President—H. R. Eagle, the grocery merchant.
Treasurer—Adam Ortselien, former city treasurer and president of the McAvoy Brewing company.

Secretary—W. R. O'Shaughnessy, political writer.
In the resolutions declaring the purpose of the league it was stated that "this organization is intended to be devoted solely to the furthering of the candidacy of Mr. Hearst, who is declared to be the one man in the democratic party today on whom all democrats can unite and make common cause for success."

The league will open headquarters in room 20, at 90 La Salle street, within a few days. It is intended to spread the organization to every precinct in Cook county.

Among those at the meeting last night were: Sheriff Thomas E. Barrett, James J. Gray, president board of assessors, Thomas J. Webb, member of the drainage board; Clarence S. Darrow, James C. McShane, James K. Finn, John T. Fleming, Richard W. Wolfe, Joseph Groin, John Heron, John E. Owens, James J. Gubbins, Edmund J. Stack, William Holland, M. J. Moran, Frederick J. Schwindler, and Robert Wilson.

DOG EMBROILS TWO FAMILIES.

Farmers Near Niles Center Are Taking Sides and Buildings Have Burned.

A dispute over the ownership of a mongrel dog has embroiled two families of farmers west of Evanston, and already two buildings have been burned and the whole neighborhood is terrorized. Some farmers in the neighborhood of Niles Center are said to have taken sides and are going armed. The fires may be merely a coincidence.

The dispute took place two weeks ago and resulted in a fight between Charles Kegabein and Adam Rozanaski. Kegabein had Rozanaski arrested last Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct, and Justice Boyer fined both men. The following night Kegabein's house burned. Last Thursday night Rozanaski's barn burned. The coincidence has caused ill-feeling.

Capt. Merseth of the Evanston police went to the second fire, and yesterday said it appeared to have been of incendiary origin.

FOUR MEN NAMED GREEN: GIRL MISSES RIGHT ONE.

Waukegan Woman Goes to Fort Sheridan to Marry Private, but Train Takes All Toward Philippines.

Because there are four men named Green in Company L, Twentieth United States Infantry, Miss Nina Caverly of Waukegan missed the chance to marry her own Private Green before the regiment left yesterday for a two years' stay in the Philippines.

Miss Caverly rushed up to Col. McCaskey at train time and cried, "I want to find Private Green. He's going to marry me today."

The colonel gave an order to the captain, who shouted, "Private Green wanted at once." There came three "Here, sirs," and three men stepped forward.

"I don't want you, I want Charlie Green," wailed Miss Caverly. The fourth Green ran up to her, but the train had started, and the right Private Green jumped aboard.

"I'll marry you when I come back," he shouted.

While a few stood apart from the crowd, saying goodby to mothers or wives, most of the soldiers had no relatives at the train. Nearly all were as merry as if they were starting on a picnic excursion.

DRESS LEADS TO AN ARREST.

Stolen Garment Is Alleged to Have Been Worn by Annie Madden, a Chambermaid.

A dress alleged to have been stolen last evening led to the arrest of Miss Annie Madden, who, it is said, was employed under the name of Annie Kilby as chambermaid by Mrs. W. H. Carrenduss, 27 St. James place.

When the maid left recently, it is said, wearing the apparel belonging to Miss Effie Williams and Miss Alice Hooland, besides jewelry, disappeared.

Mrs. Carrenduss met the girl in Clark street and says she recognized a missing dress. She called the police and the arrest followed.

Arrested in Lincoln Park.

Charles Thompson, a traveling salesman, 203 La Salle avenue, was arrested last night while wandering in Lincoln park and sent to the detention hospital for examination as to his sanity. He had \$500 in his possession.

\$6.00—St. Louis and Return—\$7.50.

Chicago and Alton railway, "The Only Way," will sell tickets to St. Louis and return for all trains Nov. 25 at \$6.00 (including seat in palace reclining chair cars or palace Pullman cars), and \$7.50 entitling holder to Pullman accommodations upon payment of regular Pullman rates. Good to return on trains leaving St. Louis Thursday night, Nov. 23, and Friday morning and noon, Nov. 27. This account Thanksgiving and World's Fair inspection. Ticket office, 101 Adams street. Phone Harrison 4470, branch 21.

PARCELS OUT COUNTY'S TRADE.

Committee Makes Recommendations in Contracts, but Fight in Board Is Expected on Monday.

Although recommendations concerning the county coal contracts were made yesterday at the meeting of the committee on public service, a bitter fight is expected in the meeting of the board on Monday before the awards are made.

For the Cook County hospital the committee favored the Miami Coal company. For Dunning the recommendation was that the J. K. Deering Coal company be given the contract. For the county building, the jail, and the Criminal Court building the United States Coal company was agreed on.

In the meat recommendations Swift & Co. were recommended for the veal, bacon, and salt beef tongue contracts; Armour & Co. for hams, pork, and sausage, head cheese, and lard; Nelson Morris & Co. for corned beef, beef livers, fresh pork shoulders, salt pork shoulders, and fresh pork loins; Schwarzschild & Sulzberger for carcass beef, cut meat beef, and fresh beef plates.

The ice contracts go to the Jefferson and Graydon ice companies.

COAL BILL STARTLES ALDERMEN

Dealers Ask \$32,000 for Fuel Supplied During the Big Mine Strike in 1897.

At the time of a strike in the Illinois and Indiana coal mines in 1897 it was feared the Chicago water works plant must shut down, and the city engineer was told, without formality, to go ahead and get coal. He did, and yesterday the council finance committee was confronted with a bill for \$32,000 for fuel supplied by John T. Connery and other dealers.

The market prices for 1897 quoted by the claimants startled the aldermen, but the corporation counsel advised that it was an emergency case, when price did not count, and the bill should, as a matter of right, be paid.

A subcommittee having five ordinances in charge allowing rendering plants outside of the established district to remain, considered the measures yesterday but took no final action. Ald. Foreman spoke in opposition.

POLICEMEN INSTEAD OF LIGHTS.

Fifteen Special Patrolmen Sworn In at La Grange—Water Plant Running Again.

To guard the village at night while its electric lighting plant is crippled, fifteen special policemen have been appointed by Capt. Porter of La Grange. The streets of the town have been dark since the water and lighting plant were destroyed Tuesday night. A new lighting equipment has been ordered to be in operation Dec. 1. The water famine ended yesterday afternoon when the repaired pumps were started.

KILLING IN A HARVEY SALOON.

George S. Freeman, Former Alderman, Fatally Shoots Cornelius Van Zandwick, His Porter.

George S. Freeman, saloonkeeper and ex-alderman of Harvey, shot and killed Cornelius Van Zandwick, porter in the saloon, because the latter failed to attend to his duties last Thursday evening. At the inquest it was stated that the porter threatened to attack Freeman with a stove poker. The killing followed a quarrel, in which the saloonkeeper struck his divorced wife and was himself knocked down by a bystander.

RAPS AT COLLEGE EDUCATORS.

Theory Is That Only Almost Useless Branches Give Culture, Says Supt. Cooley.

"The university educator apparently works on the plan that only those branches of study which almost are useless have any culture in them. Talk to a university man about the value of teaching manual training, book-keeping, or even English, and he will say they are too close to making a living to be creative of culture."

This arraignment of what he characterized the "grindstone" method of education, involving the cramming of the students' brains with Latin and Greek and the classics and a total ignorance of useful subjects, was made by Superintendent of Schools Edwin G. Cooley during an address before the Press club last night.

"The fads are overcoming the antagonism for manual labor," he continued. "Manual training and domestic science are teaching the boys and girls that there is dignity in work performed by the hands. They cultivate a sentiment of having done something for some one else—they have a most important moral effect in education."

Supt. Cooley urged that the old fashioned system of education had much to do with the inrush of country boys to the cities.

John Ritchie spoke on "The Brotherhood of Man" and James Hamilton Lewis on "Prejudice of Things."

Fears Daughter Is Lost in Chicago.

The father of Anna L. Royal, who left Chester, Pa., to work for a palmist in Chicago, is worried about her. Yesterday he asked the police to try to find her.

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WANTED—BUT NOT BADLY, BY MAYOR HARRISON, a choice lot of "formal resignations" of city department heads.

Should the mayor decide to advertise to regain a lot of lost papers, he would use a form like this. For years it has been the custom of city officials when taking positions from the mayor to hand him their resignations ready for use should he desire it.

When the mayor was on his vacation last summer Acting Chief Janitor Frank Murphy had the executive desk cleaned. Old letters were destroyed and a bundle of resignations was tossed into the waste basket.

"I don't need them," the mayor said. "After my first term I stopped asking for resignations at the time of the appointments."

LONG FOR THANKSGIVING FEAST

Chicago Orphan Asylum Children Place Their Hope in Donations from Institution's Friends.

The 200 children of the Chicago Orphan asylum, 5120 South Park avenue, are eagerly looking forward to their annual Thanksgiving feast, and hope that their friends, both old and new, will not forget them this year. Donations of eatables and money will be gratefully received.

The children at the Chicago Nursery and Half Orphan Asylum will also have their Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday next. Contributions of provisions are solicited and may be sent to the asylum, 175 Burling street, or they will be forwarded by Rockwood Bros., State and Ohio streets. Donations of money and clothing are also solicited.