

PARKER-ZACHRITZ FIGHT GROWS ACUTELY BITTER.

Ziegenhein Attacks the Judge's Candidacy and Injects the North and South Bill Into the Contest.

Sensational Incidents at Open Meeting of Merchants' League Club—Both Candidates Speak—Mayor Tells How He Tried to Get Zachritz the Caucus Nomination.

Secrets of the secret caucuses which resulted in the selection of George W. Parker to head the Republican machine slate at the nominating primary to be held next Tuesday were revealed by Mayor Ziegenhein last night at the open meeting of the Merchants' League Club, which was addressed by both Mr. Parker and his opponent for the nomination for Mayor, Judge Zachritz.

The incidents of the evening were the most sensational that have occurred thus far in what seems to be developing into a bitter personal fight between the two candidates for the principal nomination.

A bouquet of roses presented to Mr. Parker served as the innocent basis for a "pulling-down" for him from the Mayor.

The card attached to the flowers announced that they were from friends in South St. Louis, Chairman George C. H. Wassner, in presenting the bouquet, said that it was intended chiefly for Mr. Parker and his wife, as a sweet message from the giver.

Judge Zachritz was the first to speak after the flowers had been presented, and he referred with sarcasm to "the token of love and affection," declaring that he had no doubt that it was a spontaneous demonstration of friendship.

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GETTING READY FOR THE PARADE.

KASKASKIA BODY MAY BE ED HUSSEY'S.

Sam Howard Says Hussey Died on a Steamboat and Was Buried Below Ste. Genevieve.

THINKS RIVER UPSET GRAVE. Captain Leyde of Gray Eagle Recalls Death and Burial, and Says He Notified the County Coroner.

Sam Howard, an old-time riverman, who lives in the Ashby building, stated last night that he was confident that the decapitated body found in a box on the river bank at Kaskaskia, Sunday, was that of Ed Hussey, a former employee of the Government fleet on the Mississippi River.

According to Howard, Hussey died while on the steamer Gray Eagle, June 189, and he was buried on the bank of the river, two miles below Ste. Genevieve. He believes that the washing away of the bank precipitated the wooden box into the river, and that it was carried by the stream to the sandbar at Kaskaskia.

Hussey was a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and Howard knew him when he was a boy. Both men moved to the city of St. Louis on the Mississippi River. Previous to June, 1899, Howard had not seen his old friend for six years. At that time Howard was employed as a watchman by the Government fleet at Willard's Landing, twelve miles north of Cape Girardeau.

One afternoon, Hussey appeared at the landing and he desired to work as an assistant engineer with the fleet. He showed Howard a certificate of vaccination, which was signed by a St. Louis physician. Howard says he does not remember the doctor's name, but declares that the certificate was written on a slip of paper such as is furnished to physicians by druggists for written prescriptions. He remembered that the drug store was in Carondelet.

Hussey had been ill with the feet three days when he became violently ill. His trouble was an affection of the kidneys. Howard took up a collection to send him to the hospital. The collection amounted to \$20 was raised, which was given to Hussey. Five dollars of the money was in silver, while the remainder was in the form of three five-dollar bills.

"I heard nothing of Hussey until the next trip of the Gray Eagle, when the carpenter told me that he had died shortly after the boat left Willard's Landing. The weather was very hot and decomposition set in immediately after death, and it was decided to bury it when Ste. Genevieve was reached. The boat landed at a point two miles south of that town, and the body, which had been placed in an oak box, was buried on the river bank.

"The carpenter said that he had constructed the box, and that before the burial it was in charge of the boat. Hussey's pockets were not searched. The placid where the body was buried is continually being washed away by the river, and by this means the box was doubtless carried into the stream. The description of the body found at Kaskaskia tallies exactly with Hussey. The clothes worn by him when he started to St. Louis correspond with the description of those worn by the dead man."

"I knew Hussey as a boy at Buffalo, N. Y. For the last fifteen years he and I worked together on the Mississippi River, mostly on the Government fleet. Hussey had a sister in Chicago, but I don't believe he corresponded with her after 1899. He lived in St. Louis between the working seasons, and was well known in labor circles on the South Side. He was a member of an Old Fellows' lodge at Memphis, Tenn. I was informed by members of the crew of the Gray Eagle that the box in which Hussey was buried was too small, and that his head was twisted to one side, so he could be placed in it."

WORLD'S FAIR BILL SENT TO CONFERENCE.

It Is Extricated From Its Perilous Parliamentary Position and Now Becomes Privileged.

Conferees Meet To-Day at 10 o'Clock—Sunday Closing Amendment Probably Will Be Modified—Disagreement Predicted on the Charleston Rider.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The World's Fair bill gained an important point to-day. It was sent to conference by an overwhelming vote, the yeas and nays not being ordered. As a result of this, the bill becomes privileged. It can no longer be side-tracked or pocketed. It will not again require a two-thirds majority to secure its passage, and, therefore, the existing legislation is well pleased with the progress made, after many days of strong efforts and growing anxiety.

The conferees are: On the part of the Senate—Dewey of New York, Lodge of Massachusetts and Vest of Missouri. On the part of the House—Tawney of Minnesota, Steele of Indiana and Williams of Mississippi.

As soon as the vote was taken in the House, Mr. Tawney hurried over to the Senate to urge conference to-night. He was unable to get the conferees together so quickly, however, and the first meeting will be held at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

As nearly as the result can be foreseen to-night, the conferees will come to an agreement on a modified Sunday-closing amendment, and this will be retained in the bill. This amendment, as it was adopted by the Senate, is loosely worded and indefinite. Mr. Teller, who offered it, did not draw force and effect from it, and it will accept a modification. In some form, the Sunday-closing feature probably will be kept in the bill as it becomes a law.

AMENDMENT PROBABLY WILL BE DEFEATED. There will be a disagreement on the Charleston amendment. The House conferees are united in opposition to it, and the Senate conferees stand: Dewey and Lodge for and Vest against it. The conferees, therefore, will within a short time report an agreement on the Sunday-closing amendment, and a disagreement as to the Charleston appropriation. Beyond this it cannot now be predicted what will be the course of the bill.

The Senate probably will for a time instruct its conferees to insist on the Charleston amendment. This will be done mainly out of senatorial courtesy to Mr. Tillman. It is believed that the Senate will recede from the amendment and let the St. Louis bill go through separately. The Charleston and Buffalo projects, by uniting the request of the Senate, may be made probable by getting the Senate to put them on the sundry civil bill.

When the House conferees report, the Charleston supporters probably will get a vote on a motion to confer, but a poll of the House shows that it will not be carried. It was only when the strength of the Charleston amendment had been demonstrated that Speaker Henderson to-day consented to let the bill go to conference.

Representatives Underwood, Clayton, Taylor, Richardson and Bankhead, with William Vandenburgh, of the House, and President to act as a commissioner to the World's Fair for Major E. C. Gordon of Northern Alabama. While it is not likely that the expedition will be made, it is said that an Alabama man will probably be a member of the Spanish War Claims Commission. He is Judge W. L. Chambers, of the United States of the Samoan Court for many years.

VERBATIM REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS. The official report of the proceedings is as follows: Mr. Tawney asked unanimous consent that the House disagree to the Senate amendments to the Louisiana Purchase Expedition and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The clerk read the title of the bill and was reading the Senate amendment providing for the Charleston and Buffalo projects. Mr. Grout: "That is a quite lengthy amendment; and I believe it is understood by the House generally."

Mr. Tawney: "Yes, sir." Mr. Grout: "I ask unanimous consent that the further reading of the amendments of the Senate be dispensed with." There was no objection.

Mr. Speaker: "I move to suspend the rules and nonconcur in the amendments of the Senate, and agree to the conference asked by that body." "Is there a second demanded on the motion to suspend the rules?" Mr. Grout: "I call for a yeas and nays." Mr. Tawney: "I ask unanimous consent that the amendments be considered as ordered." There was no objection.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

1. Fair Bill Sent to Conference. Identity of Kaskaskia Body. May Be Star of Bethlehem. Parker-Zachritz Fight Grows Bitter.

2. To Begin Campaign Work at Once. Scored Enemies of Spiritualism. Protest Against Erection of Flats. Judge Lubke Stricken with Paralysis.

3. Negro Predicts Dire Calamity. Cannot Agree on Scale. Rieger Must Serve His Sentence. Say Sampson Has Mental Attacks.

4. Steel Trust Stock Trading on Curb. Widow of H. S. Ives Dies in Destitution. Heavy Bond for Mrs. Kennedy. Held Wake Instead of Wedding Feast. Debate Over Street Improvement. Police Board Meeting.

5. Patrick Charged With Rice Murder. Criticizes Opinion of Colleagues. May Collect Tax on Intangible Property.

6. Sporting News. Race-Track Results. Injunction Against Madison Poolroom. Baseball Rules Changed.

7. The Railroads. 8. Editorial. Actor O'Neill on Curtail Speeches. Events in Society. Would Preserve Health of Convicts. Failed to Extort Gold From Banker.

9. Senate Adopts Cuban and Philippine Amendments. Liquid Air Was His Undoing. 10. Republic Want Advertisements. Record of Births, Marriages, Deaths. New Corporations. Transfers of Realty.

11. Republic Want Advertisements. 12. Grain and Produce. Sales of Live Stock. 13. Financial News.

14. Bride Lungs to End Her Life. Reopens Fight on Oil Company. Law Students as "Supers." He Breathes Through His Ear. Interurban Bill Revived.

MAY BE THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

Prof. C. M. L. Totten's Theory of the Newly Discovered Luminary in the Heavens.

HAS BEEN ON WATCH FOR IT. He Makes Mathematical Calculations From Which He Draws Confirmatory Deductions.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New Haven, Conn., Feb. 27.—Professor C. M. L. Totten, who is the new star in the heavens, Nova Perse, may be the star of Bethlehem. He does not regard it as a comet, nor as the star of the Magi, which latter, he states, was "an aspect rather than a merely transient visitor."

Professor Totten claims that the new star was on the meridian at midnight, when the great pyramid was built. Moreover, he states that for twelve years astrologists and astronomers and the Magi of many other classes have been on the watch for such a phenomenon as this.

"Chiefly are they looking for the so-called Star of Bethlehem, which is said to have been seen last in the days of Tycho Brahe," says Professor Totten. "The period of the present star may fit the date of the Magi to Bethlehem, 1,902 years ago, for 1,902, divided by six yields 317. From 1854 A. D. to 1902 would be that lapse of time. The star is not supernatural. It may fade out as quickly as it came. If so, it will prove how quickly an entire universe is obliterated."

MAY DEFEAT WHITE RATS. Western Vaudeville Managers Vote Against New York Meetings.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 27.—Chicago vaudeville managers to-day in the strike of the White Rats in a manner which is expected to either defeat the revolting players or make Chicago the center of the movement. At a meeting of the Western Vaudeville Association the members voted a resolution that, in their opinion, no meeting of the National Association should be held in New York on March 5. The resolution was telegraphed to President B. F. Keith in New York.

The March meeting was expected to see the end of the 5 per cent booking clause, which has been the root of all the trouble between performers and managers. A committee report recommending that the percentage be abolished was already prepared and its passage was considered assured. If no meeting is held all opportunity for conference between the contesting forces will be at an end.

The managers who attended the conference were C. E. Kohl, George Castle and J. D. Hopkins of Chicago, Martin Beck, representing the Orpheus Circuit of Omaha, Kansas City and San Francisco, and Manager Ehrlich came from Cleveland to attend, but was taken ill and returned home before the meeting was called.

MOSER TRIAL CALLED AGAIN. Juror Miller Is Sufficiently Recovered to Serve.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Pekin, Ill., Feb. 27.—The trial of Sam Moser, charged with the murder of his wife and three children, will be resumed at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning after an adjournment covering four days. The delay in the trial was occasioned by the illness of Juror Roy Miller, who was suffering from a severe attack of the grip. The juror is much better, and his attending physician declares him able to resume his place in the jury box.

STRUCK BY PASSENGER TRAIN. Walter Barrett Seriously Injured While Trying to Cross Track.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New Franklin, Mo., Feb. 27.—Walter Barrett of Lakeside, Ill., while attempting to cross the track, Franklin railway, this morning was struck by the eastbound Katy Flyer and seriously injured. He was a passenger bound for Oklahoma. There are also seven men canvassing for the place.

CANDIDATES FOR COLLECTOR. Several Columbia Women Enter the Political Field.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Columbia, Mo., Feb. 27.—For the first time in Columbia's history women tried for a city office. Misses Nora Hall, Cora Wingington and Theresa Grotzinger are candidates for City Collector. There are also seven men canvassing for the place.