

HOT FIGHT ON JUDGE

Paroled Convict is Conducting a Novel Campaign.

NEWSPAPER IS MAIN WEAPON

Indiana Jurist is Attacked on Ground That His Rulings Caused Conviction—He Retaliates by Having Editor Arrested for Libel.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—The establishment of a newspaper by a paroled convict, with the avowed purpose of defeating by renomination the Circuit Judge who presided at the trial when he was convicted and sentenced; the prosecution of a campaign that has few precedents in bitterness of invective, even in Indiana; the coming into the race of a lawyer who expects to win solely because the paroled convict has secured a vote which will compel his home county to vote as a unit in the nominating convention, and the arrest of the editor on a charge of criminal libel preferred by parties in the home county of the Presiding Judge, are some of the novel features that characterize the judicial campaign in the circuit composed of Rush and Shelby Counties. So ardently has the campaign been managed by the editor and his friends that odds of two to one are being offered that he will win his fight.

George M. Ray, of Shelbyville, has long been known in Indiana. As far back as 20 years ago his own brother, then the publisher of the Shelby Democrat, denounced him in his paper and warned the public against him. Three times he was tried on the charge of collusion with township trustees to rob their townships through the fraudulent purchase of school supplies for which he was the agent, but escaped conviction.

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In the meantime his brother died and he succeeded to the management of the Democrat, which his sisters had inherited from the brother. He had been in the position but a short time when he was indicted for collusion with some of the County Commissioners to rob the county through the printing of blank forms for county offices. The investigation showed that tens of thousands of these blanks had been printed by Ray, without competition, and that there were enough stowed away in the Courthouse basement to last the county for 100 years. Notwithstanding Ray's political influence, he was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary.

Judge Douglas Morris, of Rushville, the Presiding Judge in the circuit, was on the bench when Ray was tried and convicted, and Ray and his supporters now allege that it was the unfair rulings of the Judge that sent him to the penitentiary. The conviction, however, was sustained by the Supreme Court on review, thus vindicating the court in its rulings. The evidence tended to show that the money was paid to Ray more for political influence than for the work which he did, for thousands of blanks would be ruined by age before they could be used.

Released on Parole.

Ray served the major portion of his sentence and was released on parole, but when he returned home he found that he was not to be admitted again to any place in the management of the Democrat. He immediately set to work among his friends and within a few weeks launched the Liberal, a weekly paper, and it is through its columns that he is making war on Judge Morris and at the same time bringing many to his support through fear of the influence of his paper.

His Influence in County Politics was Demonstrated when he succeeded in securing the adoption of a rule by which Shelby County must cast its vote as a unit in the coming judicial convention.

This enhanced the probability of defeating Judge Morris for renomination and widens the scope of Ray's influence by lessening the number of delegates from Shelby County that he must select in order to win. Shelby County will have 17 and Rush County 12 votes in the convention. If the Ray faction secures nine delegates in Shelby County, it will force the entire delegation to vote for his candidate for the judgeship, for the unit rule will be enforced and the 17 votes cast under it at Ray's dictation. Albert Wray, an ex-State Senator from Shelby County, but no relation of the convict editor, is seeking the nomination and is supporting the Ray faction.

The editor was arrested last week on a charge of criminal libel and was taken to Rush County, where he gave bond. He alleges that his arrest was brought about by friends of Judge Morris, with the hope that he would be remanded to prison on the ground that he had violated his parole. It is also charged that Judge Morris and the faction that is supporting him hope to convict Ray of uttering the libel, and by this means send him to the penitentiary again, thus getting him out of the country and breaking his influence. The fight is attracting attention in all parts of the country because of the novel features, but outside of Shelby County the sentiment seems to be unanimous that Judge Morris ought to be renominated.

PLAN WELCOME TO BRYAN.

Faithful at Omaha Will Give a One-Dollar Banquet.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 2.—In an invitation signed by T. D. Worrall, Bryan Democrats ask all the faithful to a banquet January 15. After telling of the honors conferred on Mr. Bryan abroad, the call declares: "Loyal Democrats, therefore, deem it only fit and proper that this splendid American citizen and great Democrat be honored by his fellow-Democrats upon his return, and to that end are arranging a 'dollar dinner' to be held at the Grand Hotel, Lincoln, Neb., January 15, 1904. "It is to be a Democratic banquet in fact as well as in name, given by Democrats who do not only refuse to apologize for remaining true to the principles of the Democracy as enunciated in the Chicago and Kansas City platforms, but deny with emphasis that they owe an apology to Democrats who deserted the party during those campaigns and lent their aid and comfort to the other party. While standing ready at all times to welcome the wandering and erring ones back to the Democratic fold, upon sufficient evidence that in future they purpose supporting the Democratic National ticket, the Democrats who are arranging for this banquet do not desire the aid of those who decline to step aside to make room at the family

table for those who betrayed the household of the faithful. While it is true that the departing tribes of Israel marched forth with the gaudiest banners and the loudest sounds of timbrel and lyre, it is equally true that the ark of the covenant remained with the tribe of Judah. The ark of the Democratic covenant remains in the household of the faithful, and they are cordially invited to gather on the evening of January 15 to again renew their faith in Democratic principles and gain strength for the forthcoming struggle for control of this Republic's affairs.

T. D. WORRALL, Chairman Banquet Committee.

OHIO SOLONS CAUCUS.

Legislature Which Will Re-elect Hanna Opens Tomorrow.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—The legislative caucus here preliminary to the organization of the Ohio General Assembly, which will convene next Monday, were held today. The Republicans control both branches.

At a joint caucus of the Democratic Senators and Representatives John H. Clarke, nominated for United States Senator, was somewhat unusual, in view of the fact that Clarke was nominated for the office by the Democratic Caucus. Convention of the Republican members, abiding by the action of their state convention, which nominated Senator Hanna for re-election to the United States Senate, will not hold a Senatorial caucus.

National Socialist Convention.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The National convention of the Socialist party will be held in Chicago May 1, 1904, at which time candidates for National officers will be put in nomination.

BLIZZARD FANS A FIRE.

Worcester Reports Loss of \$60,000—Blaze Still Rages.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 2.—During a howling blizzard, fire broke out about 1 o'clock this morning at the Boston Confectionery Store on Front street. A general alarm brought the entire fire department. An hour after the fire started the building was gutted. Many other buildings in danger. The people in the Jackson House near the fire have been ordered out. The loss thus far is \$60,000.

Rectory Guttled by Fire.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Fire early today gutted the rectory of the famous "Little Church Around the Corner," in East Twenty-ninth street. Four women servants were taken out of an upper story by firemen. Miss Houghton, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Houghton, was rescued from her bedroom and carried down a ladder. Her maid jumped from the roof to a low extension and was preparing for a leap to the yard when a fireman caught her. The fire was caused by a defective fuse.

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Gas From Leaking Main Ignited.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Fire broke out today in the building erected by Wilbur F. Storey to house the Chicago Times. The structure has of late been occupied by the Erie Presse and a number of manufacturing concerns. The blaze originated beneath the sidewalk, where workmen were trying to thaw out a water pipe. Gas from a leaking main was ignited and fired a quantity of rubbish. Prompt response of the fire department confined the flames to the basement and but little damage resulted. No one was injured.

Lives Lost in Livery Stable Fire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A man supposed to be James Davis, a driver for the Todd Teaming Company, was burned to death today in a fire which destroyed the Western News Company's barn. Another is believed to be in the ruins. More than 30 horses were in the structure. All were taken out in safety. The origin of the fire is unknown. The property loss is \$5000.

Extensive North Carolina Fire.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 2.—A telephone exchange in Wilmington, N. C., at 1 o'clock this morning says that four of the largest buildings in the business section have been destroyed by a fire, that is still raging and threatening damage. The loss at this time is \$100,000.

MAY EXPECT COLD SNAP.

Warnings are issued to Central and Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Cold wave warnings have been issued for Ohio, West Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, Western Georgia, Western Florida, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Cold Wave Near New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Snow, beginning early this morning, with brief alternations of hail and rain, combined with a heavy easterly gale, tends to create a condition of intense discomfort in New York today. The indications point to the arrival of a cold wave tomorrow. Shipping was delayed seriously, but no casualties in this vicinity have been reported.

Zero Weather in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 2.—Zero weather has prevailed for nearly 24 hours throughout Nebraska and Western Iowa, with the mercury falling. For tonight much lower temperature is predicted. The wave has been accompanied by a stiff north wind, making outdoor life extremely uncomfortable.

Wave Reaches St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 2.—A cold wave descended on the Northwest during the night, and today the mercury in St. Paul was 12 degrees below zero. In Winnipeg, Manitoba, the mercury dropped to 20, and in North Dakota to 26 below. The cold was accompanied by a high wind.

Heavy Snow in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—This city was visited by a heavy snow and sleet storm today, accompanied by rapidly lowering temperature.

Reward for Recovery of Body.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Preparations are being made by Horace E. Garth to offer a reward of \$5000 for the recovery of the body of his son, Granville W. Garth, president of the Mechanics' National Bank, who jumped from the steamship Denver in the Gulf of Mexico, on Christmas day. Steps are being taken, it is stated, to secure notice of the reward at all ports on the Gulf.

Shipping Goes to Neutral Flag.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—One effect of the Far Eastern situation has been to transfer a good deal of shipping business from Japanese to neutral flags, principally the British, says a Times dispatch from London. The amount of cargo shipped from Europe for the Far East has fallen off greatly.

Exile Organizing Rebel Society.

MANILA, Jan. 2.—The authorities believe that Ricardo the exiled rebel, wanted by the government for an attempted dynamite outrage some years ago, and who recently returned by stealth to the islands, is organizing a new Katipunan society.

Charles Hall Rockwell.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Charles Hall Rockwell, well known in the East and on the Pacific Coast, is dead at Tarrytown.

PROMINENT SOCIETY GIRL WHO ESCAPED FROM CHICAGO FIRE



MISS ELSIE ELMORE, OF ASTORIA.

APPEAR CERTAIN OF WAR

through the Straits of Gibraltar instead of the Suez Canal, in order to avoid a possible attack from Russian naval forces, says he believes that the two Chilean warships Libertad and Constitucion, reported to have been sold to England, have been bought by Japan.

HEART AND SOUL WITH JAPAN

British Dislike for Russia as Strong as It Was in 1855.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—No word has yet been received here tending to show when the Russian reply to Japan may be expected. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has informed Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, that he fears the war party in Russia is in the ascendant and he has faint hopes of Japan receiving a favorable reply.

Baron Hayashi says he has received no news of the intended dispatch of a Japanese squadron to Masampo. The last news he heard was that a Russian cruiser was there. The minister pointed out that the dispatch of a squadron to Masampo would not necessarily be a warlike action, though it could scarcely help being regarded in the line of other precautions which Japan has openly taken.

The weekly papers here share in the general feeling of alarm current in Great Britain. The Spectator says war draws ever nearer, and adds:

"If we are dragged into this war, as we may be, the country will not be divided in sympathy, dislike of Russia being as strong among the masses of our population as it was in 1855." The paper surmises that Russia may keep her ships in her harbors, as she did during the Crimean War, thereby forcing land actions or a dangerous attempt by Russia to seize Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

Information has been received in a London diplomatic quarter unfriendly to Russia, that M. Boshakov, who was recently raised by the Czar to a secretaryship of state, is the power behind the scenes of the Russo-Japanese negotiations. M. Boshakov, according to this source of information, who is known to be a favorite of the Czar, and the leader of the war party, is president of the Yalu River Timber Company; is largely interested in commercial enterprises in Korea, and is the bosom friend of Viceroy Alexieff.

RUSSIA WILL NOT ACCEPT.

Foreign Office, However, Still Hopes to Avert a Clash.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—It appears to be true that Russia has decided not to accept Japan's precise proposals, but the Foreign Office today informed the Associated Press that Foreign Minister Lamdorff and the Japanese Minister, M. Kurino, are still conferring, with the view of arriving at an amicable settlement. Unofficially, the situation is regarded as being most serious.

Japan's Proposals Will Stand.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Japanese Minister, Baron Hayashi, when shown the dispatch from St. Petersburg announcing that it appeared to be true that Russia had decided not to accept Japan's precise proposals, said he had not officially heard anything further about the negotiations, but he failed to see how the Japanese demands could be modified.

Russia Will Not Declare War.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Berlin says that according to the highest official information the Russian reply to Japan has not been drafted. It is added that the Czar and Foreign Minister Lamdorff declared yesterday that so far nothing had happened necessitating an outbreak of war, and Russia would not declare war on Japan as things now stand.

JAPAN WILL SEIZE PORT.

Squadron Will Sail for Masampo, in Corea, Tomorrow.

TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 2.—The report is current that the Japanese squadron of six armored cruisers, under Admiral Kamimura, now at Busheo, will seize the port of Masampo, Corea, and that its departure has been fixed for January 4. In well-

COUNTRESS IS SUED

Virginia Woman Has Lost the Love of Her Husband.

ASKS FOR \$100,000 DAMAGES

Friends of Widow of Count Esterhazy, Long Prominent in Society, Say She Did Not Know the Man Was Married.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Countess Esterhazy, widow of the late Count Maximilian Esterhazy, who was at one time secretary of the Austrian Embassy in Washington, is the defendant in a damage suit for \$100,000, brought by Mrs. Laura de Lang, who charges that the Countess alienated her husband's affections. The papers were served on the Countess here tonight.

Mrs. De Lang says her husband left her home in Virginia on August 3, and has since absented himself. She charges that much of the time has been spent by Mr. De Lang in the company of Countess Esterhazy in Washington.

Friends of the Countess said tonight that Mr. De Lang had been received by her as a friend, and she had no knowledge that he was married.

Mr. De Lang is a member of an old Swiss family, and is said to be without means. Countess Esterhazy is the daughter of William Carroll, of Washington, a cousin of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Countess has been twice married, her first husband having been General Griffin. She has many friends at the Austrian court and is said to be a favorite of the Emperor. She has an independent fortune.

GOLD PRODUCTION FALLS OFF.

Director of the Mint Issues His Annual Statement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Director of the Mint today made public his annual statements of the approximate distribution by producing states and territories of the product of gold and silver of the United States for the calendar years 1902 and 1903. That for 1903 for the principal states follows:

Table with columns for State/Territory, Gold, Silver, and Total. Includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Washington.

The principal increases and decreases for the year are shown as follows:

Alaska—Gold, decrease \$1,424,000; silver, decrease \$32,000. These decreases are due to the season in which running water was available being about a month shorter than other recent years. Colorado—Gold, decrease \$6,428,000; silver, decrease \$791,000. These decreases are due to the miners' strike, which greatly interfered with production. Idaho—Gold, increase \$623,000; silver, increase \$12,000. Nevada—Gold, increase \$681,000; silver, increase \$23,000. Montana—Gold, increase \$365,000; silver, decrease \$1,512,000. Utah—Gold, increase \$1,470,000; silver, increase \$2,260,000. Washington—Gold, increase \$162,000; silver, decrease \$184,000. South Dakota—Gold, decrease \$4,076,000. Oregon—Gold, decrease \$462,000. A total of \$1,100,000 is shown in the gold production of \$5,575,000 and a net increase of \$1,100,000 in the production of silver.

THRICE SOLD AS A SLAVE.

Sixteen-Year-Old Chinese Girl is in Custody in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Ah Sou, a good-looking young Chinese girl, who was sold as a slave three times in the last three years, was captured here this morning by the immigration officers, and is in jail charged with being in the country illegally. In jail also are Lon Keang and Le Woeng Heung, charged with aiding the girl to elude the officers.

JAPAN SENDS FOR ENGINEERS

Clyde Men Engaged Some Time Ago Ordered to Report at Once.

GLASGOW, Jan. 2.—A large number of Clyde marine engineers received cable orders from the Japanese Government today to proceed immediately to Japan. These engineers were engaged by the Japanese Government six months ago, on the understanding that they would be called on if active service was probable. Full instructions were forwarded by cipher. They will go to the Far East by way of Canada.

Europe Yet Hopes for Peace.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Acting Secretary Loomis has received in an unofficial way communications from the representatives of the United States in various foreign capitals bearing on the Russo-Japanese situation. It is not deemed proper to publish these messages, but the statement is made that they are generally in favor of a belief that some arrangement will be reached between Russia and Japan which will avert war. It is expressly stated that these advices are not positive statements of facts, but represent the trend of sentiment in the official circles of European capitals.

Russia Working on New Plan.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, says that as a result of a consultation between the Emperor and his officials a plan has been worked out which may avert war. The plan, the correspondent says, contemplates a guarantee by Russia of the integrity of China with the understanding that her protectorate over Manchuria be recognized and in return Japan will be allowed to fulfill her wishes with respect to Corea.

Another Version of the Matter.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—The Associated Press is officially informed that there is absolutely no truth in the report from Berlin that the Czar yesterday received a dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff, and called his Ministers to a midnight conference, which was still sitting early this morning.

Kaiser Confident of Peace.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Emperor William told Admiral von Holman at an audience Thursday, according to a report accepted in the Bourse today that he was confident peace would not be broken in the Far East.

READY TO WAR IN PANAMA.

Army Completes Plans to Send Men and Supplies.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—All the supply departments of the Army have made arrangements for the transportation of troops and supplies from New York and

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Thousands of Men and Women Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

To Prove What the Great Kidney Remedy, Swamp-Root, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of The Oregonian

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It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work. Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected, and how every organ seems to fall to its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are getting better they will help all the other organs of your body.

I was a constant sufferer for a number of years with weakness of the kidneys and back and frequent dizziness, but after using Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, I am entirely cured and cheerfully recommend this wonderful remedy to any who may suffer from these common complaints. Most truly yours,

W. C. Bally, 2d Lieut. of Police, Columbus, Ga. Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for many kinds of diseases, and if permitted to continue much suffering with fatal results are to follow. Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dizzy, restless, sleepless and irritable. Makes you pass water often during the day and obliges you to get up many times during the night.

HOW TO FIND OUT

If there is any doubt in your mind as to your condition, take from your urine on rising about four ounces, place it in a glass or bottle and let it stand twenty-four hours. If on examination it is milky or cloudy, if there is a brick-dust settling, or if small particles float on it, your kidneys are in need of immediate attention.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is used in the leading hospitals, recommended by physicians in their private practice, and is taken by doctors themselves who have kidney ailments. Swamp-Root is the most famous kidney remedy in the world. In writing to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure to say you read this generous offer in The Portland Sunday Oregonian.

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San Francisco to the isthmus in case such a movement is determined upon. Plans also have been made for the construction of a large storehouse and temporary barracks on Panama territory, and it is estimated that \$500,000 may be required for such construction.

LITTLE TOT COOKS A LOT.

Her Mother Can't Strive With This Kid of Five.

CHICAGO (Special to New York Press)—In a happy city, a mother's grateful phrase about "the pest mother used to make" never is heard. The mother of the head of this household is living at 78, and she has not lost a particle of skill in turning out the finest of pastry. Her daughter-in-law has prodded through example, and her pie, too, would fill a New England housewife with envy. But she is a skilled cook, and she is in admiration to the daughter of the home of the Democratic party. She has turned out a pie that is just the most toothsome comestible that ever graced a dinner-table.

Underneath the sign is a delicately welded mass of snowflakes! Upper crust? Just the proper degree of solidity, yet with perfect flakiness. Filling? Such soft, smooth apple, such delicately tart gooseberry, such delicious raisins, such nutmeats, and brandy and meat in the ne-plus-ultra mince.

Nor are pies little Nanette's only works of art. She bakes bread that would make the most rabid advocate of healthful foods forsake his narrow path, and she can broil a steak with just the right degree of inward redness and outward carbonization. And all this at 5 years. No wonder her grandmother beams with pride, and says that in a couple of years more Nanette will sweep all the prizes in culinary contests.

GREAT SAFETY APPARATUS.

Council Will Be Asked to Indorse Automatic Arrangement.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—To throw open instantly and simultaneously all doors of a theater, like the method of throwing a multiple lever in a railroad switch tower, is the purpose of an ordinance which will on next Monday night be presented to the City Council by Alderman Alfred D. Wilston. According to the provisions of the ordinance, all theater exits, and all places of public amusement having a capacity of over 500 persons shall provide an automatic apparatus to open and close all doors at once. Levers shall be placed in conjunction with electric lights to be located near the exits so that when the doors are opened all passageways shall be simultaneously lighted.

The owner of a theater must employ a man, to be approved by the Fire Marshal, to be on duty at the lever during the whole time the theater is open to the public. He shall be in uniform and operate the apparatus before and after each performance so as to familiarize the public with the exits and to ascertain whether the apparatus is efficient and in ready working order.

Brilliant Reception at Manila.

MANILA, Jan. 1.—The New Year reception given by Acting Governor Wright was a brilliant social affair. About 3000 persons were present, including representatives of foreign nations, officers of the Army and Navy, civil officials and prominent citizens.

Massachusetts Schooner Lost.

HULL, Mass., Jan. 2.—A two-masted schooner, with all sails set, went down on Alton Bay at 2 o'clock this morning. The name of the vessel is unknown. The schooner can hardly fail to be a total loss, and there is little hope of rescuing the crew.

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Iowa National Bank Closed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The First National Bank of Storm Lake, Ia., has been closed by direction of the Controller of the Currency on evidence of insolvency. National Bank Examiner Shaw has been appointed temporary receiver.

Uruguay Is Much Disturbed.

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 2.—Uruguay is much disturbed and a combined movement of the Blanco party is feared. A revolution has broken out in the Department of Florida.

Terrible Blizzard in Ohio.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 2.—One of the worst blizzards experienced in years raged today throughout the greater portion of Ohio.

Glass Reports All Quiet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Admiral Glass cables to the Navy Department from Manila as follows: "All is quiet on the isthmus."

