

GRAFTERS CAUGHT

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Two Defrauders.

USED MAILS TO DEFRAUD

Men Are Accused of Selling Fraudulent Options on Alleged Oil Lands—Option Certificates, Resembling Lottery Tickets, Containing Prizes Offered as Bait.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The federal grand jury returned indictments against Louis A. Gourdain, proprietor of the Imperial Bank, Dearborn and Madison streets, and John H. Dalton, former proprietor of a North Side saloon, both accused of using the mails to defraud.

The indictments accuse them of selling fraudulent options on alleged oil lands in Louisiana. The indictments state that Dalton and Gourdain, acting under the name of the Louisiana State Loan & Trust Company of New Orleans, purchased 1000 acres of land in Winn Parish, Louisiana at \$1.50 an acre, patented the land into lots twenty feet square, and offered options in these lots for \$20 each down to 30 cents. These option certificates were made to resemble lottery tickets, and contain prizes, ranging from 50 cents to \$5, were paid as bait.

Monthly lists, purporting to be the lists of prices bid for the oil lands, were sent out to the purchasers of options. The indictments state that the enterprise was a fraud; that the lots were worth no more than 1 1/2 cents each; that no oil ever was found on the lands; that no bids had been made, that the assets of the company were \$5000 instead of \$1,500,000.

MANY INCORPORATIONS.

New York, Dec. 29.—Charters taken out in Eastern States during 1905 re-

present a total capitalization of well over two billions, according to figures made public today. The exact figures are \$2,153,334,881. During December the big companies incorporated totalled \$118,900,100, bringing the total for the year, and \$1,572,204,000 in 1903. Companies having an authorized capitalization of \$100,000 and less than \$1,000,000, represented a total for the year of \$479,229,600.

ALL ARE DROWNED.

Crew of Thirty-five Men of Pass of Melfort, Find Watery Grave.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—The crew of the Pass of Melfort was as follows: Harry Scougall, master; W. Baldwin, first officer; Hans E. Myer, second officer; George Planders, third officer; L. B. Bruce, Charles Hayes, E. Crawford, J. W. Kern, J. H. Joplin, R. Stuart, John Dorsey, D. M. Culgan Charles P. Swanson, F. Swanson, G. Abraham, John Kirehman, J. Liva, Thomas Kelley, Dan Rosette, A. Wagner, P. Busher, George Nelson, D. McInnis, W. Wormell, G. B. Hardwick, G. Phillips, John Scatton, N. G. Retrie, A. Grant, F. G. G. Rieber, F. S. Tonson, Elmer Weijonen, Joseph Bertschy, R. G. Sharpe, A. Klipberg.

NEW TRAIN.

Fast Mail Train Put on Between Omaha and San Francisco
San Francisco, Dec. 29.—A. H. Stephans, superintendent of railway mails, was notified yesterday of a new and fast mail train between Omaha and San Francisco. The first new fast mail train composed exclusively of mail cars, will leave Omaha next Sunday for San Francisco. It will advance the mail now arriving in the city at 12:48 p. m. by twenty-four and a half hours, and the mail that arrives here at 5:48 p. m. on the Overland Limited train by five and a half hours.

SETTLE DISPUTE.

New York, Dec. 29.—A cable dispatch to the Herald, from Caracas, Venezuela, says: The visit of Courtesy to President Castro of Mr. Bax-Ironside, British Minister to Venezuela, is resulting in a settlement of the dispute with Great Britain. Executors will be given to the British consuls.

EXAMINE ATHLETES

University Professor Urges Necessity for It.

PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIRED

Too Little Attention is Paid in Smaller Colleges to the Young Athlete's Condition—He Should be Examined as to Strength.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Society of College Gymnasium Directors concluded its annual conference yesterday. Dr. Raycroft of the University of Chicago read a paper entitled "The essentials and technique of the physical examination for competitive athletics." He demonstrated that the proposed examination of the young man about to take part in college sports was one of vital importance at the present day, especially when so many had ambitions toward active competition. A majority of the directors, he contended, at the smaller colleges paid all their attention to the conditions of the heart, while it was just as important that they should likewise attend to the condition of the kidneys. As a rule, physical exercise taxes the kidneys to a great extent, and as they are called on to throw off an amount of waste for which they are entirely incapable, and this functional over exertion frequently culminates in the collapse of the youthful athlete.

Other papers read were: "The Eye Examination Among College Students," Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, University of Pennsylvania; report from the Anthropometric Committee by Dr. Sargent, Harvard; "Vaso-Motor Effects of Muscular Exercise," Dr. Babbitts, Haverford College; "The Influence of Physical Training on Character, Grading and Classification of Men," Dr. Heatheron, University of Missouri; "Gymnastic Grading by Examination," Mr. Saiter, Lehigh University.

WANT RESIGNATION.

Terra Haute's Mayor Guilty of Malfeasance in Office.
Terra Haute, Ind., Dec. 29.—At a special meeting of the city council last night a formal demand was made for the removal from office of Mayor Edward J. Bidaman. The formal charges against the mayor were signed by representatives of the Manufacturers' Club and of the Young Men's Business Club. After asserting that "Bidaman has been wilfully and corruptly guilty of oppression, malconduct and malfeasance in the discharge of his duties, as mayor." The complaints are made specific in nine separate paragraphs. The charges were placed on file without discussion.

SAYS HE IS SICK.

Hill Offers Any Old Excuse to Escape Giving Testimony.
New York, Dec. 29.—David Bennett Hill, former United States senator has written to the legislative insurance investigating committee, saying, in answer to a letter requesting that he appear as a witness, that he is ill. Mr. Hill writes that he is in bed part of the time and he does not think he ought to make so extended a trip as would be necessary if he testified, for at least two weeks to come.

It is on record that Mr. Hill received a \$5000 annual retainer from the Equitable Life Assurance Society for a period of years.

FOR FINISH FIGHT.

Reno Club Wants to See Hart Meet O'Brien—Offers \$25,000 Purse.
Chicago, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Philadelphia says: Word comes from Ogden, Utah, that the Reno, Nevada, club has offered a \$25,000 purse for a finish fight between Marvin Hart and Jack O'Brien, to take place April 15, and incidentally to carry with it the championship title.

The Reno Club guarantees to put up the requisite financial backing, and leaves it to the principals to divide the big amount offered in the purse.

Word received in this city from O'Brien yesterday has it that the conqueror of Bob Fitzsimmons has accepted the offer.

ATTEMPT FAILED.

Boy Tries to Kill Baron Midem, and Failing Suicides.
New York, Dec. 29.—A cable dispatch to the World from Moscow, dated December 28, says: A boy tried to assassinate Baron Midem, civil governor of the city today, and failing, instantly committed suicide.

Wearing the red cross uniform the

assassin gained admission to the Baron and approaching him, drew a revolver and fired three shots. All missed their mark, and the noise brought soldiers, secretaries, and servants running.

Without a moment's hesitation, before anyone could seize him, the young man swallowed the liquid in a small vial which he had hidden in his clenched hand, fell unconscious and died in a few minutes.

HAPPY JACK, THE TRAMP.

This morning at 9 o'clock the reserved seat sale opens at Hofer's candy store for the New Year attraction, "A Jolly American Tramp," at Fisher's Monday evening. The play is a story of American life portrayed by American characters and told in a quick sparkling way, full of strong dramatic elimates, brisk dialogue and brilliant comedy. The character of "Happy Jack," played by Clark Ross, is a most novel and quaint conceit. He is an ex-circus performer, the death of his wife and child having robbed him of all his ambition until he becomes, as he expresses it, a common, ordinary American tramp, one like you read of in the funny papers that is a standing joke to everyone but themselves. This interesting story, with pleasing specialties, rich comedy by Happy Jack and a comedy Irish woman named Della Dooley, keeps the audience in good humor throughout the evening's entertainment.

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