

GOOD EVENING.
The Weather.
Tonight, occasional rain, cooler;
Tuesday, occasional rain, cooler;
Wednesday, clear, cooler.

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CIRCUIT COURT TO DECIDE WHETHER DIRECT PRIMARY LAW SHALL APPLY TO MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN JUNE

FRIENDLY SUIT WILL SETTLE THE QUESTION

At Instance of Mayor, Effort Will Be Made to Enjoin Registration Proceedings.

Judge George Will Be Asked to Have the Circuit Court Hear Case en Banc and Give Decision at Once.

Whether or not the direct primary law is applicable to the municipal election in June must be decided in court. This decision was reached at a conference attended by Mayor George H. Williams, City Auditor Thomas C. Devlin and County Clerk F. S. Fields today.

It was thought best to have the question settled at once in the courts. The city officials were of the opinion that to have the court pass upon the matter now would prevent numerous lawsuits growing out of the result of the election. The city is also anxious to avoid the expense of registering the voters, which would cost at least \$2,000; the mayor stated there was no money to expend for this purpose.

By the agreement reached today at the conference County Clerk Fields is to proceed with his preparations for registering the voters as provided under the primary law. Mayor Williams will secure some one within a few days to bring a suit against the county clerk to enjoin him from proceeding with the registration. This will throw the matter into the court. Presiding Judge George will be asked to allow the four circuit judges of this county to sit en banc and pass judgment on the case.

Will Settle the Question.

By having the four judges decide on the case, it is thought their decision will be accepted as final by the people and that there will be no effort to take the matter to the supreme court.

If the court decides the primary law is not applicable County Clerk Fields will not proceed with the registration, but if it is decided that the law applies to the city election he will go on with his preparations for registering voters.

"We desire to have this matter settled so that there will be no question about it," said Mayor Williams this morning. "Mr. Fields will proceed with preparations for the registration of voters, and I am going to try to have the court pass on the question as to whether or not the primary law is applicable to the city election."

"Provision is made in the law that affidavits shall be filed stating reasons why registration shall not be made. I will file those and within a few days will have somebody to bring action in the circuit court requiring Mr. Fields to show cause why he should proceed with the new registration. I am going to try to have the four judges pass on this case. If the four concur in a decision it will be much more satisfactory and will eliminate all probability of appeal from their decision."

Short Time for Work.

If the decision of the judges calls for a new registration County Clerk Fields will have but little time in which to prepare for enrolling the voters in the city. By provision of the primary law the county clerk is instructed to open the books 30 days before April 16, which will bring the opening day for the registration of voters on March 16. County Clerk Fields will prepare 10 books for registering voters, instead of six as heretofore, and will arrange to handle the entire number in the 30 days allowed by law.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON SEVENTY-SIX TODAY

(Journal Special Service.)
Palm beach, Fla., Feb. 20.—Joseph Jefferson, the dean of American actors, celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday here today. He was unable to walk but was propelled about in a chair. He is strong mentally, though since his recent illness has been very feeble physically.



Mrs. Howell, Who Was Gwendolyn Whistler, Grand Niece of the Artist.

RICHEST PARSON WEDS GIRL OF 17

(Journal Special Service.)
Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 20.—The most notable wedding of the winter season at Palm Beach took place today, when Miss Gwendolyn Whistler of Baltimore, a relative of the great American painter of the same name, became the bride of the Rev. Richard Lewis Howell, known as the richest clergyman in the world. The wedding took place at the winter cottage of the bridegroom and was a function of great brilliancy. The guests included prominent persons from Baltimore, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Jacksonville, St. Augustine and a number of other places.

Dr. Howell is 51 years old, while the bride has not yet reached her eighteenth year. Dr. Howell's first wife was Miss Mary T. Rush of Pittsburg, and upon her death Dr. Howell inherited her large fortune, which has vastly increased under his management. A year ago he created a sensation by purchasing three of New York's most fashionable apartment houses for nearly \$5,000,000. He maintains fine homes in Washington, Virginia and Palm Beach, and has a splendid steam yacht. He is a son of the late Andrew Howell, of Wheeling, W. Va. He has occupied pulpits in Pittsburg, Philadelphia and several other cities, but at present is without a charge.

MATADOR IS GORED TO DEATH BY BULL

Rafael Arana, Known as Juarana Chico the Dare Devil, Killed at Jaurez.

Caught on the horns of an angry animal. Misses the Death Lunge and is Rushed about the Ring and Tossed Against Walls.

(Journal Special Service.)
El Paso, Tex., Feb. 20.—Rafael Arana, known in the arena of Mexican and Spanish national sporting circles as "Juanras Chico, the daredevil," today fought his last bull. There seems to be a particularly unlucky something hanging over the Juaras ring. Four men have been injured so seriously as to incapacitate them from further duty in the arena within the last few months, two within the last two weeks.

SLAUGHTER IN POLAND

Troops Act Like Wild Beasts Shooting Men and Women.

COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE STRIKE

Smuggled Bombs Seized in Poland—Peace Party is in Ascendant—Gapon Unfrocked—Fight at the Front.

(Journal Special Service.)
Berlin, Feb. 20.—A manufacturer just returned from Warsaw says conditions in that city are worse than reported. The last Sunday in January, he says, the Russian soldiers acted like wild beasts against the population. Persons who appeared at the windows of houses that do not contain crucifixes are slain when the Cosacks meet them.

LOOK INTO GRIEVANCES.

Commission is Named to Investigate Strike—Peace Party Ascendant.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Mr. Schidlersky, president of the commission appointed by the czar to inquire into the grievances of the Russian workmen, has completed arrangements with owners of concerns for the appointment of 15 delegates. Workmen are invited to choose a representative for each 500 men. These in turn will elect 40 delegates to the commission.

BOMBS ARE SEIZED.

Smuggled Dynamite Confiscated on Polish Frontier—Country in Ferment.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Bydgoszcz, on the Polish frontier, states that Russian authorities have stopped large quantities of bombs which were being smuggled across the frontier, apparently for anarchists.

REQUIEMS FOR SERGIUS.

Body of Grand Duke Will Be Given Temporary Burial on Thursday.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Requiems for the Grand Duke Sergius have been held throughout Russia. The body of Sergius lies in state in the cathedral at Moscow, in the Kremlin, and will be given temporary burial Thursday in the cloisters of a convent monastery. The only members of the royal family who will attend the funeral are the Grand Dukes Constantine and Paul and those members already within the walls of the Kremlin. The czar and grand duke fear to travel lest there be a repetition of the Moscow tragedy.

TO COMBAT OIL TRUST

Texas Legislature to Pass Law Against Standard Oil Combine.

BILL INTRODUCED TO REGULATE PIPE TRAFFIC

Conferences of Operators Held at Austin and Dallas for State Refinery—Oppose Land Leases.

(Journal Special Service.)
Dallas, Texas, Feb. 20.—The oil issue is acute in the Texas legislature. The independent companies are clamoring for legislation to protect them from the extortion of the business conspiracies of the Standard Oil company, which controls the pipe lines of Texas. There is pending legislation to regulate the pipeline's rate of traffic in the interest of all oil producers in Texas known as the Decker pipe line bill.

OPPOSE OIL LEASES.

Kansas Delegation in Congress Asked to Oppose Indian Leases.

(Journal Special Service.)
Topeka, Kan., Feb. 20.—The Oil Producers' association has engaged Senator Fitzpatrick and Representative Beckman to go to Washington to oppose the transfer of the Fetter leases in Indian territory to the Standard Oil company. The Kansas delegation in congress will be asked to oppose the transfer.

YELLOW SNOW FALLS DURING IDAHO STORM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Troy, Idaho, Feb. 20.—The most furious storm ever known in this section sprang up Tuesday without warning, the wind blowing a terrific gale. The storm was accompanied by a phenomenal yellow light, which lasted for several minutes, and the snow which fell during that period was of a yellowish color, and on a closer inspection appeared to be mixed with a sulphur-like substance. At 4 o'clock the town was enveloped in darkness, which lasted all night. Several buildings were wrecked as a result of the storm.

PROFESSIONAL BEGGAR DIES A MILLIONAIRE

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Feb. 20.—Max Fidler of 83 Cook street, Brooklyn, is celebrating the news that he had fallen heir to a large part of the fortune of \$1,000,000 left by his uncle, Abraham Fidler, of Nice, France, who died in August last. The uncle, who was 30 years old, was supposed to have died penniless having been a professional beggar for years. So poor was he supposed to be that the Russian consul at Nice used influence to secure for the old man a small pension from the Russian government.

ALL CABS IN TOWN AT CHINESE FUNERAL

All the hacks in town, an enlarged band playing Chinese dirges, and a dozen or more paid mourners found employment in Chinatown today. The occasion was the funeral of Lee Jong Saut, merchant, over whose body the celestials performed their unique ceremonies with all the pomp and circumstance that Chinese wealth could provide.



CICERO J. HAMLIN, TURFMAN, IS DEAD

Leader of Harness Horse Breeders Leaves a Considerable Fortune.

MADE AMERICAN NAGS FAMOUS IN EUROPE

Bought Mambrino King and Brod The Abbott and Many Others as Famous.

(Journal Special Service.)
Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Cicero J. Hamlin, a horseman of wide reputation as the breeder of The Abbott, Lord Derby and a hundred other famous harness horses, died here this morning at the age of 86 years. He left a considerable fortune.

"Pa" Hamlin as he was popularly known among the noted trotting horse savants of a decade ago was one of the pioneer developers of the American harness horse. He was an ardent student of the breeding problem and by judicious mating produced what proved to be the most noted galaxy of performers that ever appeared on the American turf.

In 1899 Mr. Hamlin employed Ed Geers to handle his horses. From that time on no meeting of the grand circuit materialized that Mr. Hamlin's horses were not well to the fore, and at one time or another they won every stake of importance in the country.

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ATTACKS BY REBELS ON FORT MARIPIA REPULSED

(Journal Special Service.)
Lithon, Feb. 20.—Attacks by rebels on Fort Maripia in Portuguese South Angola, have been repulsed with heavy losses. The governor has requested reinforcements.

COLLIER IS APPOINTED.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Joseph K. Collins to be postmaster at Moscow, Idaho.