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Indisputable Evidence That This City Is Prosperous—Notes of the Police Court—Judge Gibson on How Juries Are Drawn—General Local and Personal and All the City News Gathered on the Different Circuits—Notes of the City Hall and the Courts.

BOUND TO GROW FAST.

Facts Which Point Unmistakably to Kansas City's Growth.

Unofficial, but reliable estimates place the increase of population in Kansas City as 15,000 in excess of what it was a year ago this time. Postmaster Nofsinger says there is no doubt about it. Real estate and rental agents wear that bland and satisfied smile which well filled houses bring to their faces. Inquiries for real estate from investors in this city and from all over the country, are unmistakable indications that there is a strong and healthy tone to things here in a real estate way. Then another point which indicates that confidence in the future of Kansas City has returned is that nearly \$800,000 is to be expended in the next few months in the erection of new buildings. Real estate men all over the city are getting in shape to present the best side of Kansas City to the investor. The indications all point to a revival of business on such a scale that the move will be permanent. There has been in the last month a settlement of most of the tangles which were the result of the collapse five years ago, and every thing is in shape for a legitimate, steady and prosperous growth.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

George Etgold was fined \$25 in police court this morning for vagrancy.

John R. and B. Ransom were fined \$5 for beating up Evangelist Hughes. Hughes insulted the ladies of the Ransom household, and the young men resented it.

Frank Smith, the colored preacher and crap-shooter arrested several days ago by Detective Ennis at Meyer Bros.' Drug company, was fined \$500 by Police Judge Johnson for vagrancy.

Alex. Jackson and "Doc" Rogers got into a fight at Third and Walnut streets this morning. Officer Dougherty piloted them before Judge Johnson, who fined them \$2 and \$5, respectively.

Charlie Moran, deputy constable, charged with disturbing the peace, was discharged in police court this morning, there being no case against him. "Red" O'Brien, whose trial for the same offense was called this morning, has left for parts unknown. "Red" was out under \$100 bond.

Freight Car Thieves.

The robbing of freight cars in the respective yards is daily on the increase. Last night J. H. Irvin, who is said to be a worthless character, was arrested by Officer Sullivan for stealing chopped corn out of an Atchison, Topoka &

JUST HOW IT HAPPENS.

One of the Circuit Judges Talks of Colored Jurors.

"I am inclined to the opinion that Judge Murphy is mistaken as to the number of names of colored men he put in the jury wheel," said Judge Gibson. "I know the drawings from the wheel are made honestly and exactly according to law. The statutes provide that a man who cannot read or write is not an eligible juror and the illiteracy is so marked in colored men of jury age that I believe I am safe in saying that fifty names would cover all the colored men in the wheel. Out of 10,000 fifty is such a small percentage that there is nothing strange in the fact that one was not drawn, even if the period was longer than two years. A close scrutiny will show, I am quite sure, that few, very few, names of colored men were put in the wheel in the first place."

Judge Murphy admitted that he had no way to prove his statement that there were 500 colored men who were eligible jurors among the 10,000 names put in the wheel.

Can Prove Her Innocence.

Mrs. Lena Casey, charged with performing a criminal operation on Mrs. Mollie Mitchell, causing death, was arraigned before Justice Worthen this morning and put under \$1,500 bonds. Mrs. Casey, "Dr. Casey," as she is called, is a little dark-eyed, nervous woman, and wears large, round earrings. "I am not guilty, judge, and can prove it," she cried, after the warrant had been read to her. "I did not see the woman until two weeks after the operation had been performed. When the amount of the bond was fixed at \$1,500 she interposed an objection by saying, 'Can you not make the bond \$1,000? I have property in Kentucky and will give a bond soon. I don't want to be locked up for something I am not guilty of.' The bond was given this afternoon."

PASSING OF THE SHEEP.

A Strange Sight to Be Seen Only at Florence, Italy.

At a very early hour one September morning in Florence, I was aroused to semi-consciousness by a most unusual noise, and, as I lay half asleep, I felt as though I ought to arise and investigate the cause of it. A sudden horror came over me that something was wrong with the steam pipes, but quickly followed the remembrance that I was in Italy, where we have no such disturbers of the domestic peace. Still the strange noise beat upon my ears, and finally sounded like the tinkling of many small bells in the dim distance. I was just settling myself for one more nap, feeling sure that the strange