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on the fee grabbers' ally, "Chicago" Sporting Men W. H. Christie and others. The attorneys brought down by the "push" are preparing arguments to present at the meeting of the fee and salaries committee, to-night. They will make the alleged unconstitutionality of the Love bill the basis of their attack upon it, using at the same time all the misrepresentations they deem safe. It will require good, hard work to effect the plans of the fee grabbers for capturing the senate. They claim now to have thirteen senators. That is within three of the number required to defeat the bill. It may prove an unlucky number, however.

THE "PUSH" DISMAYED.

KANSAS CITY'S BUSINESS DELEGATES MAKE A PROFOUND IMPRESSION. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 20.—The special train carrying the Commercial club's delegation arrived here at 1 o'clock and immediately after dinner the members climbed the steep hill leading to the Madison house and four abreast, marched up Madison avenue. Many members of both houses, the "push" and citizens were out to see them. Their imposing presence impressed most favorably all who saw them.

The "push" was much discomfited. Its representatives had been circulating all sorts of stories concerning the delegation. Among other things derogatory, it was said that the delegation was composed almost exclusively of Republicans and disappointed office seekers. But these assertions were refuted by the appearance of the men, business representatives and stalwart Democrats, who appeared in behalf of the people.

"Talk about the push all you please," said a senator who eyed the marching column. "But I can never be made to believe that this new body of business men left business and came here without there was something to fight for. I am anxious to meet them."

Many others talked the same way and the appearance of the delegation at once enlisted good men in its cause.

The members proceeded at once to business. The delegation divided part of it going direct to the capitol, while others sought the lobby of the Madison house, where the fee grabbers and their attorneys had been loudly proclaiming all day that the Commercial club could not get a delegation of twenty-five men.

On the train coming down, the delegation organized and selected to appear before the senate committee on fees and salaries: George F. Pannam, Henry M. Withers, John C. Gage, T. K. Buckner, John H. Taylor, the Rev. Dr. J. Z. Armstrong, Dr. Willis P. King and the Rev. Father Ryan. While these are representing the claims of the commercial bodies and business men, the other members will be asking with individual members of the houses.

Mr. Pannam and other gentlemen interested in the Love bill to elect commissioners from the city at large waited upon Senator Lyman and officers of the committee on cities, towns and villages, and told them how great will be the demand for the passage of this particular bill.

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A FOOHOLD FOR CHOLERA.

ONE OF MANY PLACES WHERE INCREDIBLE FILTH EXISTS.

Three Hundred People Live in Two Buildings Where There Are the Most Primitive Methods of Sanitation—Absolutely no Removal of Garbage.

Men eminent in medicine agree that this country will be invaded by cholera this year. Cholera's best friend is filth; in certain quarters of Kansas City there is incredible filth. "Little Italy" is one, only one, of the many. THE STAR sent a reporter and an artist into the sanitary condition of this cholera germ incubator. What is going to be done about it?

Some day when a few moments being heavily on your hands, after making your daily purchases at the city market, follow one of the produce vendors home. If he is an Italian or if she is an Italian's wife, he or she will very likely hurry along down Walnut street to Third and, turning, make straight for Locust.

Two buildings there, known as "Little Italy," hold two-thirds of the entire Italian population of Kansas City. Officer Parrot, on whose beat "Little Italy" is located, says that in these two tenements are no less than 300 human beings. And the buildings occupy a ground space (counting the alleyway between them) of less than 100x119 feet. The larger of the buildings is four stories high. Each floor is furnished with a porch, and here at all hours of the day the children of the market play. The boys leave the place as soon as they get two feet and a half high, no matter what age they may claim, but the girls linger longer. The place is alive with babies. There are many negroes in the place, but they have no more pride about personal cleanliness when living in Little Rome than do the Romans, so the place reeks with filth. Water is very scarce, and the inhabitants of the place would have to have the meaning of the word "bath" explained to them in detail.

At 8 o'clock every morning a bell is rung when the door of the house manager's private room is opened. Here the women of the tenement form in line with buckets, basins, pans and cooking utensils of every sort and get them filled with water. After this performance the door is locked on the water for another twenty-four hours. The population



only say he does not understand your question. Then if your senses come to your aid the question finds a silent answer. The answer is in the air. The air is full of it. And it doesn't take much of a guesser to surmise that he leaves the garbage on the place till the wind blows it away. In warm summer days the cholera germs will be running summer excursions on the wind to all parts of the city, with no return trip coupons.

In the smaller building of the colony where, perhaps, only 125 people live in a dozen or so tenement rooms, there is more water on the premises. But most of the garbage pipes are stopped with rotten and rotting refuse. All the sanitary arrangements are of the most primitive kind. This, however, is not a concern of the Italian inhabitants of the place any more than it is of the health officers; and every one knows that the only concern of the health officers is to complain at people who go about town putting up a poor mouth about the paired condition of an alley which is not half so bad as many other alleys of which nothing at all is said.

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THE MISSOURI CONGRESSMAN STRICKEN VERY SUDDENLY.

Nervous Prostration, Due to Overwork, Complicated by Partial Paralysis, the Early Symptoms—Pneumonia May "Add to the Gravity of the Case."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Congressman John C. Tarsney was yesterday stricken with an attack of nervous prostration and symptoms of paralysis and it is not likely that he will be able to attend congress during the remainder of this session. He will be removed to Old Point Comfort as soon as possible.

For the past two weeks Mr. Tarsney had suffered from insomnia, but, notwithstanding, applied himself assiduously to the preparation of his speech on the pension appropriation bill. This aggravated his condition. Then the demands upon him in answering the letters of applicants for office and others of his constituents were really heavy. Saturday he answered 137 letters. His health did not improve when the pension debate closed, but he continued at work.

Yesterday morning, accompanied by his wife, Mr. Tarsney attended the Sunday services at St. Matthew's church. At about the middle of the mass he was stricken without warning. He would not yield to Mrs. Tarsney's entreaties that he return to his hotel in a carriage. On his way he was often compelled to support himself from falling, by clutching at posts or trees. A physician was summoned as soon as he gained his room and it was found that he had partially lost control of the muscles of the right side. He tried to lift his right arm but could not. Sleep was induced by the use of drugs.

Mr. Tarsney's physicians said positively that Mr. Tarsney could not continue at his congressional work and that his restoration to health was wholly dependant upon his securing complete rest and freedom from all annoyance.

IN A MOST CRITICAL CONDITION.

All yesterday afternoon Mr. Tarsney lay in a stupor. When his wife awoke him to administer medicine he answered always with difficulty and sometimes unintelligibly. He did not come out of the condition of stupor until 11 o'clock last night. He passed a very uncomfortable night and no improvement was manifest this morning. His physician, who is greatly concerned as to his patient's condition, had only the statement to "make this morning that "Mr. Tarsney is no worse."

At 11 o'clock the physician called for the third time since breakfast and subsequently said: "Mr. Tarsney is a very sick man. His system is completely broken down. He has severe pains in the chest, but as yet is free from pneumonia. There is no swelling, however, what complication may ensue in his present enfeebled condition."

The doctor left the impression that pneumonia was imminent and that Mr. Tarsney's chances of recovery would be very slight if his condition were complicated by its presence.

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One Way of Celebrating.

Frank C. Collins was arrested by United States Deputy Marshal Siddell this morning, charged with using the United States mails for purposes of fraud. He is the person whose dealings with theatrical bureaus and acts with theatrical aspirations occupied the attention of the police a few days ago. The letters on which the arrest was made were written in connection with his theatrical schemes. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner White and committed to jail in default of a \$500 bond to appear for preliminary hearing February 22, which is one way of celebrating Washington's birthday.

NEWS NOTES.

Henry T. Burkhardt has purchased the *Free Press* of Windsor, Mo., and will take charge March 1.

Scott Miller shot Robert Porterfield dead at Shelbyville, Ind., yesterday with a revolver supposed to have been unloaded.

Fresh water in great volume has been struck at a depth of 1,000 feet near Portland, Tex., in the midst of the arid region.

Ex-United States Senator Spencer of Alabama died last evening at Washington. He had been ill for over a year.

L. J. Worden, ex-prosecutor of Lawrence, Kas., and ex-political leader in Douglas county, has been formally arraigned.

Spain has called upon the powers of Europe to unite against the supposed invention of the United States to annex San Domingo.

The venerable Archbishop Kenrick of the Roman Catholic diocese of St. Louis is confined to a bed and is said to be critically ill.

The citizens of Salina, Kas., have pledged \$200,000 and twenty acres of land to the state for the removal of the state capital to that place.

Mary A. Whitley, aged 60 years, was frozen to death while trying to return home from church in Jersey city, N. J., last Friday night.

The Art Publishing company's large frame building at Gardner, Mass., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss \$127,000; insurance \$45,000.

Arthur James Ballfour, Conservative leader in the British House of Commons, is seriously ill with a grippe. Mr. Gladstone called on him yesterday.

One hundred shots were exchanged between negro miners and white strikers near Monongahela City, Pa., this morning, but no one was wounded.

W. F. Lewis, 20 years old, of Brooklyn died yesterday from, in the opinion of the physicians who treated him, the almost constant use of cigarettes.

Mrs. Eliza Rathburn Jones, secretary of the Women's Home Missionary society of the St. Louis conference of the Methodist church, died at Sedalia yesterday.

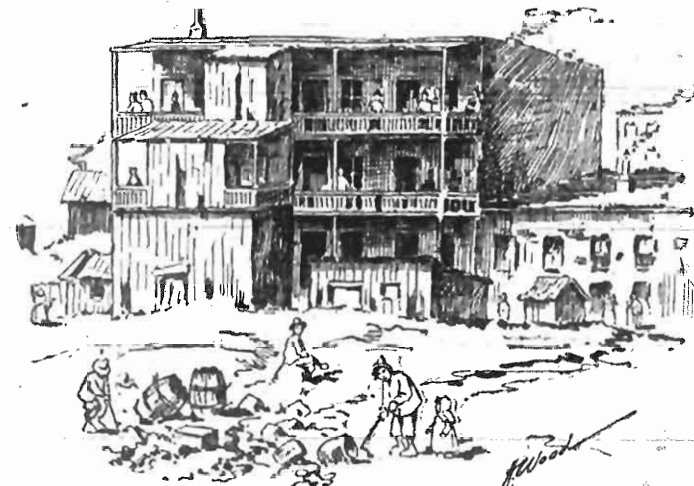
The National Wall Paper company's factory in New York city, consisting of six floors packed with stock, was burned to the ground early this morning. Loss \$200,000.

A terrific blizzard, accompanied by thunder and lightning, struck Winklesboro, Pa., last night and great damage was done. Many persons narrowly escaped perishing in the storm.

Minister Lincoln presented William Wallace and Lieutenant Commander William A. Cowles, the recently appointed naval attachés of the American legation, to Queen Victoria at the levee to-day in London.

A constant cough with falling strength, and wasting of flesh, are symptoms denoting pulmonary or any more or less seriously affected. You will find a safe remedy for all cough or throat-ail in Dr. D. J. Jay's Eucalyptus.

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...must subsist on its allowance. From this it can be easily seen why the dirt which infests the place is encouraged in its supremacy. Under the most favorable circumstances, with people of the most cleanly instincts, the tendency to economize water would soon become a habit. With the population of "Little Italy," where a dozen people sleep and eat in one room, summer and winter, the habit of ignoring dirt and relishing uncleanliness becomes a natural desire.

To this population, therefore, the alarming sanitary conditions of the place are not distasteful. These people who pick over the first spring lettuce and radishes in the stalls of the market place with hands grimy with the effluvia filth that permeates their humble lodging places, are unconcerned by the fact that all the pipes of the sewer are stopped with garbage, rotten vegetables, ashes, and house dirt of every imaginable sort—so that the slimy fluid only of all the kitchen refuse can seep through to the main pipe leading to the sewer. This condition has no interest to the goddess of commerce as she sits in her stall in the market with her red shawl over her head and rubs up the hot house vegetables that she ripens at home for her favored customers. If there happen to be cholera germs in the fruit so ripened, if there happens to be typhus germs lingering in the folds of her clothing that hangs for days and nights in the unhealthy tenement—she cares little. The people whose baby is given the fruit, and whose mother markets and breathes in the transported atmosphere of the death trap must look out.

With the garbage pipes clogged with decaying meat and vegetables, there may be some wonder manifest as to how the garbage is disposed of. If the market buyer is curious to know, let him go down and ask. He will find that his friend and solicitous buying guide of the market stall has forgotten every word of English his mother ever taught him and can

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and sitting room. The door, which is tightly bound with rags in cold weather to keep in the heat, furnishes the only ventilation that most of the rooms have. There is, of course, the aristocracy of "Little Italy." Such families indulge themselves in two or more windows. But as they do not lord it over their unfortunate neighbors by ruthlessly washing their windows, the aristocracy are tolerated. In these sleeping rooms the vegetables that first come into the market in the spring and are bought green at a reduced figure, are ripening. The aromatic breath of a dozen human animals softens and mellow the fiber of the fruit and gives the enthusiastic typhus germ and his cholera cousin a chance to lay out town lots and cities.

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GORMAN'S WARNING WORDS.

The Maryland Senator Declares That Extraordinary Action May Be Needed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Mr. Gorman uttered significant words in the senate to-day when an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill involving an appropriation for a public building in Vermont was pending. He said that there was already 11 millions authorized to be expended for public buildings, and continued: "We are in front of a condition serious and alarming and which had brought senators together last Saturday to provide against disaster. I am a firm believer that we have only touched the borders of this trouble and that the real trouble is that the revenue laws do not produce sufficient money to pay the expenses of the government as now fixed. And I believe, that before July next extraordinary action will have to be taken by the men who control the financial establishment of the government to meet the emergency, or else congress will have to reassemble and meet it by making adequate provision. This body, in opposition to the earnest recommendations of the committee on appropriations, increased the appropriations for rivers and harbors nearly 4 millions, swelling the bill so that it already amounts to 44 millions."

The amendment was, however, agreed to.

KANSAS AT THE CAPITAL.

Congressman-Elect Harris—Judge Martin's Prospects.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Congressman-at-large W. A. Harris of Kansas is surveying the congressional field at his leisure. He occupies the room next to that of Senator John Martin, who is now quite resolved not to present his credentials before March 4. None of the other Kansans have yet seen Harris, and did not even know until yesterday that he was in the city.

Harris and Martin, it is said, will dispense the Kansas patronage and they have no hesitancy in saying that the stalwarts will not get a crumb. Martin told Stimpson that he had assurances from Gorman and Carlisle that Democrats of the variety of Harris of Fort Scott would not be recognized.

On the other hand, there is growing in the bosoms of Perkins, Broderick and those who are of them a fond hope that there will come before March 4 such decisions from the Kansas courts as will establish the illegality of the Populist house, and in that event they claim that Martin cannot get in, and Broderick, being of the judicial cloth, is already paving the way to so desirable a consummation by an arraignment on the law applicable to the case.

Congressman Jeremiah Simpson of Kansas said yesterday of B. H. Clover, also of Kansas, who has not opened his congressional mouth, except to yawn, since this session "Clover is the worst failure we have yet."

The Reform Press association, a third party organization, will meet in this city Wednesday, and Kansas is expected to be strongly represented. Mrs. Lenz will attend the meeting. Jerry Simpson said yesterday that all stories representing his relations with Mrs.