

KANSAS CITY MAIL

KANSAS CITY, THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 28, 1893

PENNY PAPER

LOPPED OFF

OFFICE OF CORONER NO LONGER A SINECURE.

Mr. Langsdale Allowed Little More by County Court Than Sufficient to Pay the Running Expenses of His Office.

Mr. Langsdale's salary for the year ended last month was entirely unexpected to him.

Mr. Langsdale has done away with the salary of \$4,000 a year. Although the county court has done away with the salary of \$4,000 a year, the suddenness of the change was affected.

Mr. Langsdale did not expect the change would cut his term of office. The judges say no particular significance is attached to their sudden change of mind and that they will do whatever they can with Dr. Langsdale as they believed he had performed his duty conscientiously. Dr. Langsdale was much surprised on the court's decision.

Dr. Langsdale, in conversation with a MAIL reporter, spoke of his office and among other things mentioned his office of coroner. He had an impression he was getting a fortune out of his office, but the opposite was the case. He had of his last statement to the county court nearly \$1,500. The doctor said that an evening paper had an impression that all of that money was his, but that in reality all his salaries, etc., had to come out of his pocket, which practically amounts to little more than his clerks' salaries. He also says he has saved the large amount of money since he took the office.

Dr. Langsdale said a certain evening paper had tried to "roast" him ever since August when he spoke at a meeting in the Jackson County Medical Society in behalf of the county in the administration of the poor farm, but that of their assertions he had performed his duties to the best of his ability and would continue to do so as he held office.

Masonic Meeting.

A meeting of Western Missouri Masons met last night for their regular annual session and to elect officers for the next triennial election of officers.

Official Reports.

The reports of city officials for the past year and seven months and a statement of the administration of Mayor Langsdale have been turned over to the county court. They are very full and cover all the departments of the city government.

Chief Donnelly submits an annual report covering the public works during the fiscal year of 1893. The report shows that

per day, 12 1-10 cents for food; work done by prison labor, 10,900 yards macadam; 28,225 pieces of laundry; fines collected, \$626.03; macadam sold, \$1,064.83.

CITY ASSESSOR'S REPORT

City Assessor Keel shows the following:

Total personal property assessed, 1893, \$180,078.56; collected, \$131,730.54; uncollected, \$49,248.02; merchants' licenses assessed, \$44,098.20; collected, \$37,285.12; uncollected, \$6,813.08; miscellaneous licenses collected, \$84,878.38.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING

A Brilliant Reception at Mrs. Tiffany's

Edmund Russell Talks

Mrs. F. B. Tiffany gave one of her enjoyable receptions at her home on South Troost avenue yesterday evening.

All the rooms of their elegant new residence were beautifully decorated and a most enjoyable program was given, for which "Pindar's Pythian Ode" by Miss Theo. Frain, "Music Myths of Greece" by Mrs. J. P. Townley, "Historic Music of Greece" by Mrs. M. B. Tiffany, and Miss Mary White's clever impersonation of Lady Macbeth were the literary features. Miss Lebe-Wood in a violin obligato, Mr. Will Sparrow in song, "Happy Days," Miss Lulu Sanford in one of her delightful solos and Mrs. Jennie Schultze and Miss Gertrude Nofsinger and Miss Lulu Sanford a trio, a composition by Miss Theo. Frain formed the musical features. Afterwards Mr. Edmund Russell, the apostle of Delsarte, gave a delightful ten minute talk, followed by Col. George W. Warder in a recitation of one of his poems.

Receiver Wilson Passes Through

J. C. Wilson, one of the receivers of the Santa Fe, passed through the union depot last night for New York, where he will meet the other receivers of the company, and a policy for the management of the road will be formulated. Mr. Wilson will be in New York only a few days. He said to a reporter: "I shall not be away more than a week, but the receivers want to get together and map out some kind of a policy, and we have decided to do it at once. On my return I shall spend the most of my time in the general office building, and shall be in the state most of the time."

Republican Politicians Confer

The republican city central committee held a meeting in Justice Hawthorne's office last night. Chairman Waters presided and there was a large attendance. A standing committee on primary elections, of which Mr. Waters is chairman, was appointed. R. C. Crowell, Charles Schattner, R. D. Craig, Joseph Norman and J. H. Newell are the members. The meeting was brief and after discussing several points the meeting adjourned. The committee will meet January 10th.

Collided With a Horse Company

A horse company No. 5 was going down Eleventh street at 5:15 yesterday afternoon the truck collided with a buggy. The occupant, a lady, was thrown to the ground and severely bruised. Police Surgeon Inen was

SUNDAY SHAVING.

JUDGE WOFFORD WRESTLING WITH THE QUESTION.

Ex-Prosecuting Attorney Withers Forced to Pay a Fine For Tardiness—a Great Array of Witnesses.

The trial of Colonel J. B. Smith president and manager of the Midland hotel in this city for keeping open the hotel barber shop on Sunday was begun in the criminal court at Independence yesterday afternoon and engages the attention of Judge Wofford today. All the principal hotel managers of the city are in attendance, Charley Baird of the Coates, Fred Doggett of the Blossom house, John Letton of the Victoria being among the interested spectators. The array of witnesses for the defense is an imposing one including V. W. Morgan, Sol Speyer, Frank Rozzelle and a long list of Kansas City club members. The state witnesses are President Jim Fitzgerald of the Barber's union, Major Fred Fleming and Ex-Prosecuting Attorney Withers. The ruling of the court yesterday afternoon was that a barber shop for the accommodation of hotel guests was a necessity but that an open shop for the convenience of the public was in violation of the state law so the controversy is limited to the question whether Manager Smith maintained his honorarium department for the high priced patrons of the Midland or for the general public. From the present indications it is probable that the result of the case will establish the right of hotel proprietors to keep open and forbid all the other barber shops from shaving their patrons on the Sabbath day and thus practically "knock out" the Sunday closing law as far as barber shops are concerned. It would be a manifest injustice to permit the Coates and Midland proprietors to conduct a business refused to less wealthy and influential citizens.

One of the amusing incidents of the trial was the sensation caused by Henry Withers refusing to pay a fine of \$2 imposed by the court for being late yesterday morning. The ex-county prosecutor is a man of great dignity and when the fine was announced he smiled blandly and delayed liquidating until this morning when as he attempted to leave the court room he was stopped by Deputy Marshal Jim McGowan and informed that he must pay or be locked up. Mr. Withers made a strenuous kick but was told by Judge Wofford that no exceptions were made in the case of great men in his court after which Henry paid his fine and departed. He denounced the matter as a "dumb" outrage after leaving the court room and took the next dummy for the city.

AFTER THE GAMBLERS

Crap and Poker People Hauled up in Police Court.

The proprietors of three crap games and one poker game were fined by Police Judge Johnson this morning. About 10 o'clock last night several

LAST EDITION

MAKES MURDERERS.

The Beautiful Way the New Liquor Law Works in South Carolina.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 28.—Last night Constables Blanton and Jackson went to the house of a negro Henry Palmer, in search for whiskey. He resisted the search, shooting Blanton in the stomach. Blanton returned the fire blowing off the negro's head. The affair is creating great excitement.

RUSHED TOO FAST

People in Kansas City Failed to Observe What the Architect Saw From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The annual report of Jeremiah O'Rourke, supervising architect of the treasury, has been made public and shows many large buildings were constructed so hastily during the initiatory stages that a thorough examination was necessary when he took office in April. This applies particularly to buildings in Kansas City, Omaha, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Washington and New York. During the year ending September 1 the expenditures of the office for sites, new buildings and repairs were \$1,100,000. Contract obligations at end of the year are \$3,340,000.

Sensational Charges Made

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 28.—Hon. Silas W. Pettit of Philadelphia filed sensational charges before Judge Jenkins in the United States court, asking for the removal of the present receivers of the Northern Pacific and for the appointment of other receivers in their places on the ground that the stockholders of the road had no hearing and that its managers had in less than a year saddled it with \$60,000,000 of valueless properties. Judge Jenkins issued an order to show why the petition should not be granted.

Trouble Over Sailors

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The information from San Domingo that two members of the crew of the American schooner Henry Crosby were dangerously shot by the authorities is likely to precipitate international complications.

Today's Markets

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Wheat, weak, lower; May 64½c. Corn, dull, lower; May 38½c. Oats, weak; May 20½c. Provisions, steady; May pork \$12.55, lard \$7.75, ribs \$6.55.

Foreign Flashes

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Empress of Germany at noon received Minister and Mrs. Ranyon.

HANOVER, Dec. 28.—Count Bismarck's son of the Prince has received a letter threatening his life.

That Receivership

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Counsel for the New England road will ask the court