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# **ENCAMPMENT** AT AN END

## A Grand Naval Review on the Delaware River.

The New York, Brooklyn, Indiana, Massachusetts and Texas in Line. vanians -- Governor and Party Tendered a Reception.

Philadelphia, Sept. 8 .- The thirtythird encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which began here last Monday, came to an end this afternoon, when a naval review was held on the Delaware river. The ships that were reviewed were those of the North Atlantic squadron, composed of the flagship New York, cruiser Brooklyn, battleships Indiana. Massachusetts and Texas. It was the greatest of the three naval reviews that have been held on the Delaware within a year. The weather was perfect, one number of boats in line was very large and the crowds that lined both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey shores of the river far out-numbered those that

have witnessed the previous reviews.

The squadron was anchored in col-umn the New York had the head of the line. Next came the Indiana, then the Massachusetts, Brooklyn and Tex-as. The parade went up the New Jersey side to apoint above the Texas and then came down on the Pennsylvania side, dismissing about a mile below the New York. The parade was formed off the League Island Navy yard. From early morning until the time for the parade to start arrived vessels of every kind, loaded until their rails almost touched water, started down the river for the city. Every vessel was dressed in colors and the great fleet

#### presented a handsome picture. OFFICIAL REVIEWING PARTY.

The official reviewing party consisted of Governor Stone and Staft, of Pennsylvania: Mayor Ashbridge, of this Senator Holes Penrose, General James
Senator Hol of the G. A. R. As the governor and party stepped abourd the revenue cut-ter Windom the battery at the nave and belehed forth a salute of 17 guns. The Windom returned a salute of 13 guns for Rear Admiral Casey, commandant of the yard. The journey of the more than 100 vessels up the river to the squadron, a distance of seven miles, was a continuous evation. When the head of the parade came abreast of the New York, the latter fired the governor's salute and the Windom returned the salute of the admiral. The gent, the rails being manned, and Rear Admiral Sampson and his staff saluted as the governor's vessel swept by. The other warships also saluted the governor. In the vicinity of the squadron the wharves and buildings for \$23 at Pittsburg, grey forge for \$19.75, were crowded with people and when there, anthrachte No. 1 for \$23.50 at Philthe parade was passing the fighting ships a most deafening noise was made. Every steam vessel on the river let loose its whisile, as did also all the factories along the chore.

Stone and his staff were taken on board the New York where Admiral Sampson tendered them an informal reception. After the governor's party had been shown over the ship it was taken launches.

Camp James A. Sexton in Fairmount park, in which nearly 10,000 veterans had been sheltered during the encampment, came to an end at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Many of the veterans left yesterday, but a goodly number remained in camp until it was formally broken up. The camp was a great success and was one of the big features 164 last year, and 30 in Canada against of the week, The North Atlantic 16 last year. squadron was iluminated tonight for the last time. The fleet will remain here until September 15, the day after the opening of the national export ex- Wins Big Purse of Empire City

### BOGERT'S DEFENSE.

#### It Is Assumed That the Witnesses Against Him Fabricated.

Williamsport, Sept. 8.—The case of E. Bogert, the ex-postmaster of Wilkestarre, went along swimmingly in the United States district court today. The government rested its case at noon and tefense was well along toward the end when court adjourned this evening. As outlined by General MacLean, the defense is assuming that Inspectors Gregory and Gorman have fabricated the case with a view of ruining Mr. Bogert and that in their engerness they have jumped at most of the conclusions. That theory is the corner stone of the defense. It was evident today that some

is mistaken. Mr. Bogert flatly contra-dicted the testimony of both inspectors. He was especially bitter while on the and against Inspector Gregory, Bogert's testimony was not shaken in cross-examination. The case will go to the jury tomorrow.

### Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Sept. 8.-Arrived: Steamers Nomadie, Liverpool; Pretoria, Hamburg Cleared: La Champagne, for Havre Statenedam, for Rotterdam via Bou-logne; Campania, for Liverpool, Lizard --Passed: Friesland, New York for Antwerp, Liverpool - Arrived: Britannia, New York, Cherbourg-Salled: Steamer Bismarck, from Hamburg via Sou hampton for New York

# Angelic Hangs Himself.

Belgrade, Sept. S.-It is announced that Prefect Angelic, one of those accused of attempting to assassinate King Milan, Original widows, Mary II. Hall, Athens, hanged himself in his prison cell today. Bradford, \$12.

#### CHICAGO TO HAVE ONE GREAT DAY

President McKinley, President Diaz of Mexico, Premier Laurier, Dewey, Miles and Other Guests Expected on Federal Building Day.

Chicago, Sept. 8.-The official announcement of the Chicago day programme has been made by the federal arrangement committee. The laying of the corner stone of the new federal building will take place at 10 o'clock in the morning by President McKinley. Secretary Cage will be presiding officer NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON of the occasion and will deliver an address. The oration of the day will be delivered by Chief Justice Fuller if possible and in event of his absence by Justice Harlan or some other member It Seems Evident That His Labors of the United States Supreme court The opening prayer will be delivered Official Reviewing Party Consists by Dr. Frank Gunsaulus and the invocation by Archbishop Feehan. At the of Governor Stone and Staff and close of these exercises the special Many Other Well Known Pennsyl- gues's will be tendered a luncheon at the Union League club. The next event of the day is the day parade with as many military organizations as can be gathered together. General Wesley Merrit acting as grand mar-

The parade will be headed by President McKinley and President Diag of Mexico, riding side by side opposite to Governor Tanner and Mayor Harrison, The Governor General of Canada, Admiral Dewoy, General Miles, Premier Laurier of Canada, the members of the sveral cabinets, diplomatic corps and other bodies will be placed according to rank in other carriages. The day's celebration will close with a banquet at the auditorium at which Melvilic E. Stone will be toastmaster. The speakers will be President McKinley, President Diaz, the Earl of Minto, Justice Faward D. White, of the Supreme Court. Premier Wilfrid Laurier, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Mariscal of Mexico, Secretary Long, Admiral Dowey, General Miles and ex-Governor Stone of Missourt.

#### SKY STILL CLOUDLESS

### No Disquieting Change Has Cone in Business Life During the Past

New York, Sept. 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: The sky is still cloudless and no disquieting change has come during the week. The marketing of domestic pro-ducts, both farm and manufactured con-tinues surprisingly large for the season. The new possessions, taken together, are, returning in revenue already more than it costs to clean and govern them. The west and south still behave as if it would be impertinent for New York to offer money for crop moving and are without pressure means reasonable afety for months ahead.

After a sharp decline wheat has risen tre, this week, with Atlantic exports, 900,965 bushels, flour included, against 325,100 last year and Pacific exports dso taken a start upward rising %c, with exports of 3,651,569 bushels against 2,431,-085 last year. So great a demand for both grains deserves notice, but so do western receipts, 5,945,957 bushels wheat against 6,754,611 last year, and of corn 5,923,457 against 4,208,322 last year. There is no hesitancy in selling or in shipping; with extraordinary foreign demands for the cereals farmers are sending forward at remarkable low prices extraordinary quantities of grain. Neither philosophical explanations of the rise in iron and steel, nor constant addition to the number of furnaces producing, checks the adrance which has made bessemer pig sell adelphia and local coke for \$21.50 at Chl-cago. With the whole output of its furtaces sold ahead for the year the valley association demands \$23.65 at Pittsburg on future contracts and Chicago is selfing mainly for delivery next year. Fin-ished products are advanced in some cases \$5 per ton at a time without checking the demand as for sheets at Pitts-burg, with plates advanced \$2 and wire nails \$1 per top. Large contracts, even at these prices are reported, many run-ning into next year, in Chicago and Pittsashore in one of the New York's burg in bars, and in plates at all points, with 3,000 tons western and large castern bridge contracts taken by works four to five months behind already, and inquir twenty-two miles of pipe for South Africa pending.

Tin is strong at 325c. for spot, with 1.25 tons decrease in all visible supply; lake copper is steady at 18the, with heavy huying for electrical use and lead is quiet at \$4.60. Business failures for the week have been 132 in the United States against

### HAL B. VICTORIOUS.

### Trotting Club.

New York, Sept. 8.—This was the last day's racing of the Empire City Trotting All the races were best two in Hal B., the favorite, took straight eats in the 2.10 pace, purse \$5,000. Time 2.06%, 2.06%. Eyelet got second money.

For the 2.10 trot, purse \$2,000, Monterey was favorite, but after Louise Mac took the first heat. Gayton took the next two easily. Time-2.09%, 2.09%, 2.10%. The 2.05 pace, purse \$2.000, was taken in straight heats by the favorite, Ana-Time-2.03%, 2.07. Roan Wilkes got second money.

The free-for-all trot, purse \$2,000, had

but two starters, the Abbott taking straight heats over John Nolan. Time-

### Twenty Cents on the Dollar.

Pottsville, Sept. 8.—William Shelmer-line, N. Clarence Miller, John W. Grange Pilling and Crane, and other Philadelphia apitalists, have purchased of local banks the outstanding indebtedness of the Pottsville Iron and Steel company at 20 cents on the dollar with the agreement in writing that they will start the works p again. Total indebtedness was over

### Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Postmasters of fourth-class cities in Pennsylvania were appointed today as follows: Patrick Con-nor, Bernice, Sullivan county: E. D. Farrell, Scottsville, Wyoming county.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, Sept. 8 .- Pension certifi cates: Restoration and increase, Melvin I. Foster, Bradford, McKean, \$2 to \$6.

# NO HOPE FOR **DREYFUS**

### General Opinion That the Case Will Be Against Him.

#### LABORI IS DISCOURAGED

Have Been iu Vain - He Does Not Intend to Throw Up the Sponge. The Prisoner Is Exonerated by Germany-Honataux, Dupuy and Casimir-Perier Were Notified by High Officials That the Imperial Embassy at Paris Has Never Had Relations with Dreyfus.

Rennes, Sept. 8 .- That Captain Dreyus will be condemned is the almost universal opinion heard in Rennes tonight. Hitherto there had always been divergence, but now both camps, the Dreyfusards and the anti-Dreyfusards, seem unanimous in the conviction that the verdict will go against him.

Upon just what this is based and the precise reason for the conclusion are mstery, but there is no disguising the fact that, from M. Labori down to the numerous Dreyfusards who crowd the hotels and cafes and who last night were still hopeful that Dreyfus would be saved, all seem now to agree that his last chance is gone.

The one source of hope is M. Labori

himself, who said this evening to the orrespondent of the Associated Press: We fear that Captain Dreyfus will be ondemned, but we do not intend to throw up the sponge. We shall go on fighting for him." M. Jaures, the Socialist leader, and other prominent Dreyfusards expressed

a similar opinion. Excitement is at fever heat, and nothing is discussed but the verdict of tomorrow. Upon M. Demange's request the court adjourned till noon tomorrow, M. Demange not having concluded his speech. The military precautions are of the

tempt at disorder is likely to have the slightest success. Orders have been issued to repress the first symptom of trouble with an Iron hand.

Asserding to the latest report the verdict may be delivered between 3 erument has issued a formal announ

most elaborate character and no at-

#### until 2 o'clock. Exonerated by Germany.

Berlin, Sept 8.—The Reichsanzeiger this evening, in the official portion of the paper, publishes the following

"We are authorized to repeat herewith the declarations which the imperial government, while loyally observing the reserve demanded in regard to the internal matter of another country, has made concerning the French Captain Dreyfus, For the preservation of his own dignity and the fulfillment of a duty to humanity. Prince Von the Associated Press this evening: Munster, after obtaining the orders of M. Hanataux, M. Dupuy and M. Casimir-Perler declarations to the effect that the imperial embassy in France never maintained either directly or indirectly any relations with Dreyfus. "Secretary of State von Buelow, in the Reichstag, Jan. 24, 1898, made the following statement:

"'I declare in the most positive manner that no relations or connections of any kind ever existed between the French ex-Captain Dreyfus, now on Devil's Island, and any German agents." "

### ZIEGLER WHIPS BURNS.

#### The Bout Was Stopped in the Twelfth Round.

York, Sept. 3.-Owen Ziegler, for merly of Philadelphia, but now of Bath Beach, N. Y., turned what seemed to be an inevitable defeat into a victory tonight before the Broadway Athletic club where he met and whipped his old-time opponent, Charley Burns, of Cincinnati. The men had previously fought twenty rounds to a draw. They met tonight at catch weights. Burns had at least ter pounds advantage in weight and was ery strong and aggressive. In the open Ing rounds Burns was the aggressor, and in the fourth round Ziegler went down twice. In the fifth round Ziegler looked sorried and both men seemed tired. Sci nce was cast to the winds completely and they simply slugged each other. In the seventh Eurns with a wiid rush threw Ziegler heavily on the ropes, and with a left to the jaw sent Ziegler through the ropes into the arms of the seconds who shoved him back into the ring at the clams of the bell. In the eighth Ziegler received a lot of punishment. To the surprise of everybody Ziegler in the next round sent a succession of right smashes to the western man's head and face Burns became decidedly groggy. A swing from Ziegler put Burns down or his back and he remained there for ninseends and the bell saved him from ;

Coming up for the twelfth, Burns was almost as good as whipped and Ziegler rushed him, a left to the chin from Ziegler was followed by a right under the heart and Burns tumbled to the floor. bout was stopped and Ziegier got the decision.

### Stove Foundry Burned.

Louisville, Sept. 8.—Fire today destroyed the stove foundry of Bridgeford & Co., causing a loss of \$200,000; insurance about \$100,000. While the Bridgeford fire was in progress, the plant of the Phoenix Tanning company, situated in another part of the city, was completely destroyed by fire owing to the lack of engines. Loss, \$10,000; fully insured.

### DEATHS OF A DAY.

Lancaster, Sept. 8.-John McClovern, retired contractor, who was well known throughout the eastern section of the ountry as a railroad builder, died this

#### HAS DISAPPEARED FROM HOME. James E. Francis Has Not Been Seen

Since Thursday.

James E. Francis, of 1709 Monsey avenue, Green Ridge, Scranton, Pa., live stock purchaser for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, who has been suffering from the ef-fects of sunstroke this last three months, wande ed away from his home, Thursda: morning at 9 o'clock, and has not be a seen or heard from since by his family or any of his friends or acquaintances as far as can be learned.

Any one hearing or having news of him otherwise would be conferring a great favor by letting his family know

Mr. Francis is fifty years of age, about five feet five inches in height, weighs about 140 pounds, medium heavy moustache, black in color, slightly streaked with gray, were a light Fedora, black cutaway coat, black vest, light trousers and black shoes.

#### NEW SCHEME OF THE FILIPINOS.

Evolves a Plan to Tax Chinamen. Foreigners in the Rebels' Territory Must Register-Insurgent Chieftain Appoints Two New Ministers. Has Not Yet Declared Himself Dic-

Manila, Sept. 8.-6.50 p. m.-A Filipino who has arrived here from Tarlac says an extraordinary session of the revolu-tionary congress was held at that place Aug. 21. Aguinaldo presided, and chose Mabini as president of the supreme ourt and Gonzaga as attorney general. Mabini and Gonzaga represent the most onservative and temperate element. The former, who resigned the foreign secre-taryship recently, is the ablest man con-nected with the revolution. Gonzaga was president of the last peace commis-

The proceedings of the congress disproved the report that Aguinaldo had delared himself dictator. A decree has been issued by the Filip-nos compelling the registration of all foreigners in Filipino territory. The Chi-nese, who are a large fraction of the population, are considered foreigners, in-

cluding those born in the Philippines. Applications are to be made on stamped aper, which figures largely in all the ss of the insurrectionary govern-The oldest of compelling the use of the paper is to obtain money, as it is sold only by the Filipinos' agents. The registration therefore is largely a scheme

#### WORKING FOR PEACE.

### Kruger and Joubert Are Both Opposed to War-An Appeal to the

Pretoria, Sept. 8, (Midnight),-The govand 5 tomorrow afternoon, the court | ment that its last despatch was intendadjourning after M. Demange's speech ed as an acceptance of the joint impairy. President Kruger and Vice President ed to work for a peaceful settlement,

> the Dutch Transvaal committee have cabled to Queen Victoria, imploring her in the name of humanity and God's kingdom to preserve the peace

London, Sept. 9 .- Mr. Montague White, the consul general of the Bouth African republic in London, said to a reporter of

"I assure you, on the authority of a the emperor, repeatedly made in De- cabinet minister, that there will be no cember, 1894, and in January, 1895 to war with the Transvaal. In fact that the queen will not permit. I received a telegram from Pretoria assuring me that the Transvaal government quite understands the position regarding the peace party in England and is in to wise misled by specches or demonstrations."

### NO WORD FROM VETTER.

#### He Is Expected to Arrive Monday or Tuesday.

Philip J. Vetter, the Penn avenue druggist, is expected to arrive in this city on Monday or Tuesday next. His family have received no word from him since last Saturday when a telegram arrived announcing that he would leave Seattle last Tuesday. It is thought that he has started and Mrs. Vetter is expecting word from him at any moment announcing the exact time at which he will arrive.

Delegates representing eight lodges of Odd Fellows from various parts of the city met last evening in the Lackawanna lodge rooms to arrange for a recepreception to be tendered Mr. Vetter after he returns.

George W. Skellhorn was elected permanent chairman and C. T. Davis. permanent secretary. It was decided to meet again next Friday evening in the same place. A committee of ways and means consisting of the following delegates was appointed: Messrs, Tinkham, Fowler, Seward and White.

The Scranton Canton of Patriarchs Militant will meet Mr. Vetter at the station and escort him to his home.

### SUPPLIES FOR MANILA

#### Those Lost in the Transport Morgan City Replaced.

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—The army stores and through supplies for Manila that were lost through the stranding of the transport Morgan City have been duplicated by Colonel Baldwin, chief commissary at this port, and placed on the transport Aztec, which will sail for the Philippines within the next few days.

### CITY CONTROLLER'S CLAIM.

The finance committee of the board of control met with Solicitor Reedy last night in the board of control rooms to consider the claim of City Controller Howell for compensation for handling school district matters. A report on the matter will be framed for presentation at the next meeting of the board.

Boggs Jury Disagrees. Chambersburg, Pa., Sept. 8.-The jury in the case of Edward Boggs, charged with killing Jacob Rhone here on Aug. 5. came into court today unable to agree.
Judge discharged them.

#### JACKSON WAS ON A YACHT. Advices from Atlantic City Say It Is

Missing. Newton P. Jackson, of this city, who was on board the yacht of J. W. Mor-gan, of Atlantic City, which is reported nissing, was the organizer and pronoter of the American Mutual Indem nity company, of Scranton, the offices of which are in the Traders' bank

building. His identity with the company ceased over a year ago. During last winter Mr. Jackson associated himself with some Philadelphia nsurance men and they organized in that city the Pennsylvania Mutual Indemnity company, which has not, however, had a very successful experience.

Before Mr. Jackson became manager of the American Mutual Indemnity ompany, he was engaged in the street car advertising business and had his office in this city. Previous to this enture he represented at various times in Scranton several life insurance companies, but among life underwriters he was better known as a broker of all kinds of insurance, life, liability, fire and accident.

The last big deal in which his friends understood he had played a part was the changing of ownership of the Wilkes-Barre trolley system. The impression prevails that Mr. Jackson's share for his part in the negotiations was about \$20,000.

Jackson and his wife and two children resided at 332 Webster avenue, this city, while he was here. Mrs. Jackson and the children spent the ummer at Lake Winola and are still

#### BROWN BLEW OUT GAS.

#### Refused to Say Anything About His Object-Is a Well-Known Character About the City.

Abe Brown, a well known character about town, went to bed in the Arlington hotel at Franklin avenue and Spruce street about 9.30 o'clock last evening.

after blowing out the gas. Persons passing through the corridor n which Brown's room opens, detected the smell of gas and made an effort to orce an entrance into the room. Brown shouted that there was no gas escaping in his room and he would shoot the first man who forced open the door,

The police were notified and Lieutenant John Davis and Patrolman Neuls went to the room and broke open the door. They found the window in the room closed tight and gas pouring from an open et. Brown was lying in a semi-unconclous condition on the bed.

Dr. O'Malley was summoned and succeeded in bringing Brown around all right. He refused to explain his object in blowing out the gas,

#### LITTLE BOY ABUSED. He Was Taken from One of the Homes in This City.

On recommendation of Rev. J. McAndrews, of St. Mary's church, Mrs. Annie McGinty was about four months ago allowed to adopt 5-year-old Johnny McDonald, who was taken from home in Scranton, the child being obtained through the United Charities. Last week it was reported to Father McAndrew that the child was being ill-treated, that it had been tied to a chair and that it was beaten. Other details were given .too. Father Mc-Andrews investigated the case and found the complaint well founded and so he reported to Mrs. Bertels, who has taken the child in charge and the woman arrested. She was given a

hearing before Squire Pollock. The father has begged to have the child returned. It seems that he likes the child very much and that he has treated it well. And the child seems

to like the father. Mrs. Bertels will allow Mr. and Mrs. McGinty to have the child again proided they pay the costs for the suit and if they will sign a certain paper which will enable Mrs. Bertels to take away the child should there he sufficient grounds without requiring the consent of the court or magistrate .-Wilkes-Barre News.

### VERDICT IN RICHARDS CASE. Condemn Practice of Employing

Small Boys on Elevators. The coroner's jury in the case of Fimer Richards, who mut death in the plevator in the Christian building on Spruce street, met on the premises at 1 event of the entertainment schedule, clock last evening and made a thorough examination of the elevator and its entrances. Several witnesses were examined who saw the boy in the elevator after the acicdent occurred, and after due deliberation the following verdict was rendered by the Jury:

We find that Elmer Richards came to his death by being squeezed between the top of the elevator and the landing at the third door of the building at 412 Spruce street. The evidence of several witnesses show that the deceased used a rope outside of the elevator to operate it, and we believe that he either fell in the doorway after starting the levator in attempting to close the door or from dizziness from being unaccus-tomed to the motion of the elevator. We call the attention of the factory inspector to the fact that the bottom of the elevator shaft is not properly nclosed. It is possible to start the levator from the bottom while people re entering or leaving at upper floors. ng small boys for such dangerous oc upation. Eugene H. Call, P. J. Hickey, Will-iam Corless, William Prosser, David Jones and George E. Bugden.

### True Bill Against Costello.

Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 8.-The Lycom ing county grand jury today returned a true bill on an indictment against Michael J. Costello, who is alleged to have at-tempted to bribe Representative John Engler to vote for the McCarrell bill luring the sessions of the recent legisthe defendant by Judge Metzgar.

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for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania-Showers and thunderstorms and cooler Saturthunderstorms and cooler Satur- day: Sunday fair; fresh westerly

# ANOTHER DAY OF HARD WORK

Letter Carriers Elect Officers and Transact a Great Deal of Other Business.

## OUR JOHN H. PHILLIPS HONORED

Nominated for Vice-President but Withdrew to Accept a Place on the Very Important Civil Service Board. President Parsons and Secretary Cantwell Unanimously Re-Elected-Detroit Captures the Next Convention-Initiative and Referendum Clause Indefinitely Tabled-Interesting Reports of Committees.

Iremely busy day for the letter carriers. The only diversion they permitted themselves to include in was a visit to the Correspondence School of Mines and that was made at the expense of the supper recess.

Three sessions were held, lasting from 9 o'clock in the morning till a quarter of an hour past midnight, with only two short recesses for meals. A large amount of business was trans-At the morning session the reports of

ommittees were received and discussed; in the afternoon an executive session considered some constitutional matters and affairs relating to the Mutual Benefit association; in the evening the elections were held. The result of the elections was as

President-John N. Parsons, New York,

Vice President-Charles D. Duffy, Chis-Secretary-Edward J. Cantwell, Brooklyn, (re-elected.) Treasurer - Alex. McDonald. Grand.

av. Bridgeport, Conn.; Al. K. Young innati. O.; A. J. Michener, St. Louis Mo : H. B. Senton, Denver, Col m B. Moyniham, Rochester, N. Y.

Chairman of Legislative Committee.— James Arkeson, Fall River, Mass.; treann. Mass.; Richard F. Quinn, Phila-

Civil Service Committee, - John 11. Phillips, Scrauton, Pa : William H. Flaherty, New Orleans, La.; W. H. Flaherty, New Orle Gees, Baltimore, Md. Board of Trustees, M. R. A.-Charles '. Kelly, New York city. Committee on Constitution and Law.-lames C. Keller, Cleveland, O. James H. Monahan, Boston, Mass.; Melville John

ton. Columbus. O. Detroit was selected as the place for holding the next convention The convention will likely be in sesion all of today as the revision of the constitution is yet to be completed The delegates are beginning to turn homewards, many having departed al-

endy Fully half of them will have left office positions or award for bonus of party service would meet with such a deserving and unanimous disapproval for home before nightfull

ready. Fully half of them will have left

Morning Session. THE morning session was devoted principally to the reports of committees. Chairman Atkison, of the committee on legislation, was the first to report. He read a engthy statement outlining the work the committee accomplished and has on hand, and followed it up with a rednot speech lashing the members who are continually criticizing the national officers and making mean little insign-

ations against their work. This slandering of the national offirs has got to stop," he said with emphasis, "or somebody will be brough up with a very sharp turn." The applause following this utterance showed that the sympathy of the convention was with him. His report in full fol-

Washington, D. C., Sept. 1, 1899. To the Officers and Members of the

N. A. L. C.
"Brothers: In compliance with the
constitution of the National Association your committee begs leave to subtion your committee begs leave to subtion to be a leave to subtion in the state of its labors since the mit the report of its labors since the sideration. On January 18th your com-mittee met in the city of Washington to consider what action congress would be likely to take, on measures which affect directly the membership of this rganization and were very much surorganization and prized to learn, through our friends, that the civil service law was to receive a test, the like of which no similar committee from this association had ever before been called upon to meet. It was then determined that any in-struction given by the last convention should be set aside and the power of this National Association, through this committee should be exerted to rally o our aid those whom we had every reason to believe were friends of civil service during good behavior that the law of civil service demands. To those of our members who have followed the

TESTERDAY was another ex- [reports in the Postal Record we believe that they fully understand what position your committee must have een placed in to find that some of hose from whom we had expected nuch, at this time were not in evidence, and to those who carelessly read our monthly newspaper and pass lightly over its columns we would ask the careful perusal of our report so that they too might know our delicate and

menviable position.
"The first attack upon the Civil Service law was the attempt made to cut off the appropriation for the mainten-ance of the civil service commission, which attack by a yea and nay vote was successful. Congressman William H. Moody, of Massachusetts, immed-iately gave notice that he would de-mand a roll-call on the following day. It was then shown to us, who had been carefully watching the attitude of the members of congress on this most important question, that the friends and foes of civil service were to be placed on record. In this crucial hour 124 members, who were present in their seals refrained from voting, depriying us of the knowledge that we would like to convey to you of their attitudes as friends of the letter carriers. The attack was defeated by the small mar-gin of 27 votes, thus insuring for our service a continued security tion through the kind assistance of many of those who had always remained loyal to our interests. might be interesting to you to right here that of those who voted against this appropriation, ninety-eight of them will not be members of the next House of Congress. Several memhers of congress, who have on many occasions received the warm and loyal support of the carriers and their friends and whom we expected, when our interests were in leopardy would rally to our support, but were much sur-prised to find them among the deserters for reasons which this committee is entirely unable to explain. Well may it be said that the system was attacked, well nigh killed in the house of its friends. False and treacherous friends as has been all to fully proven in this report. But to the carriers or-ganization and to the commercial in-

terests of the country was due the power to make it felt and realized by

the plotters that such attempts would

properly fall by the virtue of interfer-ence and indignation on the part of the

business interests of the country. Any

attempt to break down the civil service

laws for the ourpose of making post-

The visiting musicians and 'der band' were guests of ex-Sheriff Robinson during the early evening and the visiting ladies were treated to a trolley ride last night.

A carriage ride over the boulevard is scheduled for this afternoon but owing to the press of convention business it is likely that few of the remaining delegates will be able to avail themselves of it. The drive is the concluding event of the entertainment schedule.

A deserving and unanimous disapprovat and condemnation that with united action no political trimmer would dard to singe out the postoffice department. However, let us say that the postoffice officials at Washington have lived strictly up to the letter of the law.

"Another measure which attracted the attention of the carriers of the country was the appointment of a committee which was known as the postal commission and whose duty was to examine into the constitution of the postal aervice in different parist of the country, the cost of transmission of the mails, etc., and to suggest. sion of the mails, etc., and to suggest a remedy or a relie from the enormous amount paid by this government for the carrying on of the postal services and a recommendation whereby a pro-posed modification of the eight-hour aw for letter carriers could be brought about. This commission traveled extensively made careful examination in many of the large cities and small ones too, and evidence was submitted by postmasters, superintendents and uniformed men and it was supposed by the commission that all interested parties had been heard, but it was only when the attention of a member of that commission had been called that the letter carriers who were directly affected had not been heard that the commission realized that the uniformed men above referred to and who were supposed to be letter carriers

were nothing more than carrier sergeants from Chicago.
"Your committee received from over ninety-five per cent of the branches of the country a protest against any al-teration of the eight-hour law, and let me say right here that there was no desire on the part of the post office of-ficials at Washington to modify or in any way interfere with the eight-hour law for carriers, only in so far, in my opinion, by the encouragement given o them by the great applause and theers given to the proposition at the Foledo convention and other state convenion held spring, and it would be well for the carriers to reserve their enthusiasm on those occasions until such times as they will have time to study the proposition submitted. I annot forecast what measure affectthe one thing will be taken of the carriers by this commission until your representatives will be given the chance to state your side before any measure is

submitted to congress. "The postoffice appropriation bill re-ported to the house in February con-tained a larger amount for horse hire

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