

SENATORS SMITH, of New Jersey, and Aldrich, of Rhode Island, sailed for Europe, on the 29th, on the steamer New York.

THE president left Washington, on the 29th, for Gray Gables, accompanied by Secretary Lamont and Private Secretary Thurber.

SIMON STEVENS, well known in public affairs in New York city, died, on the 28th, aged 68. He was a first cousin of the great Thad Stevens.

THE St. James Gazette of London says that George Gould will revisit England next spring with a new twenty-rater designed by Herreshoff.

COUNCILMAN DOUGHERS, of New Orleans, was arrested, on the 29th, with the marked bills upon him with which he had just been bribed to vote for an ordinance.

THE United States has demanded an immediate, open and fair trial of the American citizens arrested at Bluefields and carried to Managua, Nicaragua, in default of which their instant release will be demanded.

AFTER a pastorate of forty years Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, brother of the late Henry Ward Beecher, has retired from the active duties of pastor of the Park church in Elmira, N. Y., preaching his farewell sermon on the 26th.

HUGH ANNANDALE, now living in Quebec, Can., who was arrested some time ago in Baltimore for one Peter Arnold, who resembles him in appearance, has entered suit against the United States government for \$10,000.

THE government of Nicaragua has decided to banish British Vice-Consul Hatch and nine others of the Bluefields prisoners. Messrs. Lampton and Wiltbank, American citizens, will also be banished. Patterson, Ingram, Taylor and Brownrigg will be kept as state prisoners.

THE committee in charge ordered the great "white bordered flag," "The Flag of Human Freedom," floated from the national liberty pole at the Navesink Highlands entrance to New York, on the 29th, in honor of the meeting on that day at Antwerp, Belgium, of the international peace congress.

OFFICIAL reports received at the state department indicate quite a serious situation in Peru. It has been found necessary to suspend several articles of the constitution, including the writ of habeas corpus, and the president of the republic is practically clothed with dictatorial power.

CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER CURTIS of Milwaukee was attacked by a mob of women, on the 28th, while moving a smallpox patient, and badly hurt. Fifty policemen arrived five minutes later, and after a pitched battle, dispersed the mob. Over 100 officers were required to patrol the riotous districts.

On the 29th a dispatch was received at the navy department from Commodore Carpenter, at Nagasaki, Japan, announcing his arrival at that point. He has just taken command of the Asiatic squadron, and sailed on the Monocacy from Nagasaki to Chemulpo to join the Baltimore, which will be his flagship.

At Asheville, N. C., on the 29th, Louis Belrose, Jr., aged 45, of Washington, D. C., in a fit of mental aberration as a result of his brain being affected by tuberculosis, placed the hilt of a sword against a tree and fell on the point of it three times, fatally injuring himself. Belrose was formerly in the United States navy.

In response to a call issued by the Good Citizenship league of Indiana, 300 representatives of churches of all denominations, temperance and other societies, met at Indianapolis, on the 29th, to take action in regard to the organization of the movement independent of the old political parties, in the interest of public morality and reform.

PUBLIC PRINTER BENEDICT has made a sweeping reduction in the force of the government printing office, about 500 employees receiving notice, on the 30th, of dismissal. About 200 printers are affected by the order, the others being bookbinders, folders, pressmen and other employees naturally affected by the suspension of the Congressional Record.

THE British garrison has been temporarily withdrawn from the island of Cyprus. This action has no political significance; nevertheless commercial circles there were thrown into a panic, and the Christians resident upon the island are also greatly agitated over the report, to which they give credence, that Cyprus is to be restored to Turkey.

THE change from the McKinley tariff to the new tariff law, involving great reductions in rates of duties and numberless alterations in matters of detail, because of the well-oiled wheels of government machinery, was accomplished, on the 28th, as far as the treasury department was advised, all over the United States, without a hitch or break.

THE Co-Operative Rolling Mill Co., which was organized several months ago to operate the idle mill in Hubbard, O., has declared its first dividend. The amount is 1 per cent. All the employees of the mill, except the bookkeeper, have left 50 per cent. of their earnings in the general fund of the company since it was started, and they are not at all satisfied with the amount received.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 27th, the short session of an hour and a quarter was held behind closed doors. There matters of a legislative character were disposed of, none of them of any general interest. There were but twenty-three senators present. In the house the galleries were crowded by visiting Knights of Pythias and the seats were almost deserted. No business of importance was transacted. Mr. Haughey announced the death of his late colleague, A. B. Shaw, at his home in Wisconsin, and after the adoption of the customary resolution and the appointment of a committee to represent the house at the funeral the house adjourned.

In the senate, on the 28th, no business was transacted during the two hours the body was in session; but to relieve the weariness of the waiting no less than three recesses were taken, and when the vice-president made his farewell speech and declared the senate adjourned without day, the speech and declaration were heard by only twenty senators. In the house, after the return of the committee appointed to wait upon the president to notify him that congress was ready to adjourn and ask if he had any further communication to make, Speaker Crisp, with no ceremony whatever, declared the house adjourned without day.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," entered upon his eighty-sixth year on the 29th. To say that he is in the enjoyment of good health is no exaggeration. It is a rare day that he does not walk a mile or more, and a still rarer one that he does not drive from 6 to 10 miles.

THIRTY-TWO deaths from cholera and sixty-eight fresh cases were reported throughout Germany for the week ended the 27th.

THE steamer Tom Spurlock, belonging to the Little Kanawha Lumber Co., was burned to the water's edge at Vancleburg, Ky., on the 29th, from an exploded lamp. Capt. Johnson and the crew narrowly escaped, so rapid was the progress of the flames. The steamer is a total loss, with light insurance.

MADISON CHEADLE, a farmer in Morgan county, O., was taken from his house by white caps, on the night of the 29th, beaten almost to insensibility and then hanged to the limb of a tree. A tramp in a neighboring barn cut him down in time to save his life. The offense charged against Cheadle was theft.

FIRE originated in Brooks Bros.' lumber yard, Union Park, St. Paul, Minn., on the 29th. There were 10,000,000 feet of lumber in the yard, making the loss about \$115,000; fully insured.

THE secretary of the treasury has decided that under the terms of the new tariff bill payments of sugar bounties on claims already filed can not be legally made.

FIRE destroyed the largest creamery in Hamilton county, Ia., at Stratford, on the 29th. It was supposed to have been of incendiary origin. The loss was total.

A MAMMOTH powder-house at Miller's Station, Ind., was wrecked by an explosion on the 29th. Two men were instantly killed and three other employees were seriously burned. The force of the explosion demoralized a number of buildings.

THE veteran railroad official, John C. Gault, died in Chicago on the 29th. He never recovered consciousness since he was first stricken.

RECEIVER McNEIL of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. has notified engineers and firemen that the proposed reduction in wages will go into effect September 1.

THE challenge of Miss Tillie Ashley, of Hartford, Conn., to row a single scull race against any female sculler in America has been formally accepted by A. J. Bromley, manager of the Central Rowing club of St. Louis, on the part of Miss Rose Mosenstein, the belle of "Little Oklahoma."

NEARLY all the members of the cabinet are preparing to take advantage of the adjournment of congress to secure vacations. It is probable that within a very short time Washington will be almost deserted by higher officials of the government.

JAMES FOSTER, colored, an employee of the American wire nail works, at Anderson, Ind., announces that he is rightful owner of Price's Hill addition to the city of Cincinnati. He says his father was a free negro and owned it, but was ejected out of it by fraudulent deeds.

AMBROSE LEKIDDER and Robert Tuchs left Huron, O., on the 29th, for Havana, O., with two casks of ammonia in a wagon. Later the casks exploded with terrific force and both men were instantly killed.

ABBE BRUNEAU was executed at La Vall, France on the morning of the 30th. The Abbe was vicar of En-trammes and was convicted at the assize court at Magenne on July 13 last on the charge of murder, arson and robbery. Thousands of peasants witnessed the execution.

O. J. SACKMAN's general store at Burdick, Ind., was burned, on the 29th, together with his residence and granary. He lost over 800 bushels of wheat in the warehouse. The residence and barn of Mr. Reynolds were also destroyed. Total loss estimated at over \$14,000; insurance small.

TRAMPS seem to have taken possession of the Lake Shore road. Near Hudson, Ind., on the night of the 28th, they fatally shot an unknown man and threw another man from a west-bound freight, after having robbed him of his possessions and battering his face badly. Another man was forced to jump for his life while the train was in motion.

FOREST fires, which have burned with intermittent vigor, have pretty thoroughly swept all of the territory lying between Harrisburg, Mich., and West Branch, 84 miles distant, along the line of the Michigan Central railway. Many families have lost everything and are suffering from exposure and hunger.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER ROOSEVELT and First Assistant Postmaster-General Jones put in a full day, on the 30th, investigating the charges against Postmaster Malone, of Lancaster, Pa., of violations of the civil service law. The investigation was secret and none of the details leaked out.

THE handful of recruits now at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, will soon be replaced by the Third cavalry, four troops of which will be sent thither. It is also said that the Sixth cavalry, two troops of which are now at Fort Niobrara, Neb., and four at Fort Sheridan, will be ordered to Fort Ethan Allen, near Burlington, Vt.

THREE men arrested in Lincoln county, W. Va., charged with murder, were released, on the 30th, and allowed to run to the mountains to save themselves from a mob thirsting for their blood.

BUSINESS men from the southern states met in convention in Washington, on the 30th, to devise methods for the investigation and development of southern investments and resources.

INTERNAL revenue receipts for the fiscal year up to the 30th, reached \$54,000,000, against \$36,000,000 for the corresponding period of last year.

VICE-PRESIDENT STEVENSON arrived at Sorrento, Me., on the 30th, where he will spend the remainder of the season.

RICHARD McAVOY shot and fatally wounded George Thomas, at Hartford, Kas., on the 29th, during a quarrel over chickens. McAvoy was then shot three times and almost instantly killed by Fred Rhodes, brother-in-law of Thomas.

THE Pittsburgh Press club has organized a reception and entertainment committee for the purpose of looking after visiting newspaper men during the coming G. A. R. encampment, the committee including all of the prominent journalists of the city, and preparations for entertainment and facilities for press work will be arranged on an elaborate scale.

HENRY C. TRENEAR, a farmer, residing near Holton, Kas., was robbed of \$1,000 on a public street of Topeka, on the 30th, by a stranger who played the "gold brick" confidence game on him. The stranger was promptly arrested by officers who were watching him.

Gov. McKINLEY and his staff were tendered a grand ovation at Ironton, O., on the 30th, fully 7,000 people greeting his address to the Society of the Army of West Virginia. The society re-elected Gen. W. H. Powell, president; Hon. E. S. Wilson, secretary.

J. NELSON, of Trout Creek, Mich., threw dishes at his wife and children and ended by trying to empty a shotgun at them. He was arrested, but a gang of about twenty whitecaps took him from jail and gave him 100 lashes on the bare back and left him tied to a tree.

A POST-OFFICE inspector arrested Rev. G. R. McKinney, postmaster at McKinney, Okla., on the 30th, for alleged tampering with some registered letters in his office. McKinney is a well-known preacher and a candidate for the legislature. His arrest has caused a sensation.

THE authorities of Lake county, Ind., have unearthed the existence of a factory for the manufacture of sausage and dried meat from carcasses of horses. Two Lake county men are the promoters of the scheme.

GEN. SCHOFIELD issued several army orders on the 30th, of which the most pleasing to the army was one which increased regimental bands from sixteen to twenty pieces. Army men say that sixteen pieces are not sufficient to make a creditable appearance.

E. H. PARMLEE, of Bergen, N. Y., who was arrested, on the 28th, on a charge of transacting a fraudulent business and released on bail, committed suicide, on the 30th, by throwing himself in front of the west-bound St. Louis express. He was 60 years old.

#### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

JUDGE JOHN E. HANNA, the oldest practicing lawyer in Ohio, died at his home in McConnellsville, on the 30th. He was in his ninetieth year, and had been an active politician since 1830, and had held many offices, the last being postmaster under Cleveland's first administration.

THOMAS RYAN and Ed Weaver, counterfeiters, were arrested in Windsor, Ont., on the 30th. A search of their apartments revealed molds for coining American dollars and quarters, a quantity of metal, a melting pot and other equipments necessary for making spurious coin.

THE big Cunard ocean greyhound Lucania arrived at New York, on the 31st, from Liverpool, her time from Queenstown being 5 days, 8 hours and 38 minutes, beating the best previous record, made by her sister ship Campania two weeks before, by fifty-one minutes.

Mrs. WILLIAM THORP, wife of a merchant of Carnegie, Pa., returning from a trip to Europe, died suddenly of heart disease while the ship was in mid-ocean. Her death and subsequent burial at sea caused her daughter Etta's mind to go away.

SECRETARY GRESHAM received a cable dispatch from Minister Baker, at Managua, on the 31st, simply stating that a decree had been issued banishing the Americans and English accused of fomenting the trouble in Bluefields.

DUNN WILLIAMS, an Ohio farmer, suddenly became insane, on the 31st, while visiting the state capitol at Columbus and leaped through a window, falling upon a stone-flagged court. He is probably fatally injured.

At Fort Wayne, Ind., on the 31st, C. J. Hamlin's wonderful pacer, Robert J., was sent against his record of 2:04 1/4, and finished the mile in 2:03 3/4, the greatest record in the history of light harness pacing.

On the 31st Dr. S. A. Steele, secretary of the Epworth League Society of America, officially announced that the next international conference of the society would be held in Chattanooga, June, 1895.

EX-PRESIDENT BENJAMIN HARRISON, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. McKee, arrived in New York, on the 31st, and put up at the Fifth Avenue hotel. The general refused to discuss politics.

FAILURES for the week ended the 31st were 188 in the United States, against 356 last year, and 40 in Canada, against 29 last year.

## STATE TELEGRAMS.

### Important News from Indiana Cities and Towns.

#### Rains Help Vegetation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 30.—Cool nights and local rains in most localities several days have improved corn, pasturage and vegetation in general. Only few correspondents report a continuance of the drought in their locality. Corn is much improved, that which has been utterly ruined excepted. It is maturing well and earing better than was expected. In several counties the crop is reported to be better and larger than for years, even that on clay ground has improved in some localities, but in others much is being cut. A fair crop of clover is being hauled; the seed is of good quality. Millet in some localities is a good crop, in others not so good. Much is in the barn. Tobacco cutting continues, a fair crop being harvested. Buckwheat makes a good crop. Late cabbage and the immense fields of tomatoes have been much improved by the rains. Pastures look less brown, but on some farms stock water is still scarce and has to be hauled, and the stock is being fed on wheat. Hail and strong winds in the northern portion of the state did some damage. Fall plowing and seeding progress more favorably.

#### Tells a Strange Tale of Abuse.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Aug. 30.—Deceatur is excited over the return of Mrs. Eli Middleton, who mysteriously disappeared from home a week ago. She says she was abducted by two men, who confined her in a house closely guarded by two negroes. During daytime she was locked in a cellar. Friday night she was placed in a carriage and driven within a few miles of her home, when she was put out and told to go. The woman is almost dead from repeated abuses. A posse of citizens has been organized to search for the abductors.

#### Burned to Death.

WARSAH, Ind., Aug. 30.—The 5-year old daughter of Leander Alger, who lives 5 miles north of Warsaw, was burned to death Tuesday. With her brother and father she was in the field burning stubble, and while her father was away firing the straw the flames surrounded the child. She tried to fight her way through, but was driven back, and when her father, hearing her screams, reached her she had fallen over and was unconscious, dying an hour after she was removed.

#### Fatal Ending to a Carriage Ride.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Emma Newton, aged 79, in company with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jane Gray, started in a buggy to a neighbor's Tuesday when the horses became frightened and ran away, upsetting the buggy and mangle both the occupants in a horrible manner. Mrs. Newton died and Mrs. Gray is so badly hurt internally that she cannot recover.

#### Reunion of Temperance Workers.

WARSAH, Ind., Aug. 30.—The fifth annual reunion of temperance workers was held at Lakeside park Tuesday. Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana were largely represented, about 1,300 being present. The following officers were selected for the ensuing year: President, Judge Ryan, Fort Wayne; vice president, D. J. Welch, Chicago; secretary and treasurer, E. B. Bennett, Chicago.

#### Died in a Hotel.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 30.—Philip Innis, who has been living the life of a recluse in a hotel at No. 123 Fort Wayne avenue, with his 12-year-old son, was found dead Tuesday morning. He was 57 years old and worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000. He leaves everything to the boy.

#### In Great Luck.

ELWOOD, Ind., Aug. 30.—John J. Jones, a Welsh tin-plate worker employed in the factory here at a salary of seven dollars a week, received word from Wales Tuesday that an uncle had died and bequeathed him money and estates amounting to \$4,000,000.

#### A Fatal Runaway.

FAIRLAND, Ind., Aug. 30.—In a runaway near here Tuesday Mrs. Lizzie Newton and James Gray, aged 65 and 78 years respectively, were thrown from a buggy. The former was instantly killed and the latter so badly injured that his life is despaired of.

#### Scalded with Coffee.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Albert Stevens was scalded to death here Tuesday evening. She was pouring boiling coffee at a picnic, and, falling, the contents of the large pot were emptied over her head and shoulders, scalding her to death.

#### Trotting at Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 30.—This was the second day of the Fort Wayne Driving club meeting. The summaries: 2:28 Trot—Purse \$1,000. Otellus won. Eva Clay second. Liva third; best time, 2:23. 3-Year-Old Pace (2:14 class)—Purse \$1,000. Ethel A. won. Sidmont second. Rokeby third; best time, 2:11 1/4.

#### Gold Found in Indiana.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Aug. 30.—While digging a well Monday William White, a farmer residing several miles west of here, found several pieces of gold-bearing quartz, the deposits being distinctly marked and the gold being of a rich quality.

#### Took Her Own Life.

WOOSTER, Ind., Aug. 30.—Miss Orly Raridan, of this place, committed suicide Tuesday by taking poison. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause.

#### Receiver for a Notion Company.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 30.—George J. Eacock was appointed receiver of the Scott Notion company Tuesday. Liabilities, about \$20,000.

#### Died of Hydrophobia.

HARTSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 30.—Charles Barnes, aged 13 years, died here Tuesday of hydrophobia. A small dog bit him two weeks ago.

## A THOUSAND LIVES.

Flames Destroy Hundreds of Chinese Flower Boats Moored Along the Canton River—Over a Thousand of the Occupants Fleeing, Being Either Burned to Death or Drowned in Efforts to Escape the Flames.

HONG KONG, Sept. 1.—Over 1,000 natives perished in a fire which broke out in the flower boats which line the estuary of the Canton river, which empties into the sea at Hong Kong.

Flower boats are moored in rows in the river along the sea wall of the island in which the city is situated, and by thousands of natives, who make their living by selling flowers, these boats are used as places of residence.

In some way not known fire broke out in one of these floating houses, and the spread of the flames from one to the other was so rapid that the unfortunate had no time to cut them from their moorings, a strong wind materially helping the increase of the fire.

Hundreds of persons on board leaped overboard and were drowned.

But many others had no time to avoid the spreading fire, and were burned to death on the boats.

The flames swept along the shore, defying the feeble attempts of the natives to subdue them, until hundreds of the frail habitations had been consumed.

## ACCOUNTANT BAY AT BAY.

Arrested After Two Years' Search by the Officers of Arkansas.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 1.—J. L. Bay, wanted at Little Rock, Ark., to answer charges of grand larceny and embezzlement to an amount ranging from \$14,000 to \$100,000, was captured here yesterday, after having for two years evaded the Arkansas officers. In 1891, when Treasurer Woodruff of Arkansas was found to have wrecked the exchequer of that state, J. L. Bay, an expert accountant, who had held the honorable positions of clerk and recorder of Pulaski county, was called in to audit the books. He had been at work only a short time when it was found that another \$100,000 of state scrip was gone. Bay was arrested for the theft, but was discharged. Then it was found that some \$14,000 of the stolen scrip had been hypothecated in Louisville, Chicago and elsewhere. Bay was then indicted by the grand jury of Pulaski county on four counts charging grand larceny and embezzlement. He was not to be found when officers went after him, and for two years he has been missing. He says he has been living at Hot Springs ever since, and further that he did not steal anything as there was nothing left in the state treasury to steal.

## CRAZED WITH GRIEF

Over the Death and Burial of Her Mother at Sea.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 1.—Mrs. William Thorp, the wife of a merchant of Carnegie, who was returning from a trip to Europe, died suddenly of heart disease while the ship was in mid-ocean. Her daughter Etta was with her at the time, and was prostrated. Her death occurred on August 22, when the steamer Black Prince, of the American line, was 1,500 miles from land. The body was put in a sack, weighted and cast overboard with the attendant impressive sea funeral ceremony.

This following so closely upon the sudden death of her mother, was too much for the daughter and her mind gave way. She tried to follow her mother's body into the sea, but was prevented and put under restraint. She was sent from Philadelphia to Carnegie in charge of an employee of the steamship company, and with her arrival came the first news to the family of the death of Mrs. Thorp. They had been expected home and a happy time was anticipated by those at home on their arrival. The girl is in a dangerous condition and her recovery is problematical.

## TERRIBLE DEVASTATION

Wrought by a Cloudburst in Texas—Several People Drowned.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 1.—The terrible deluge which occurred west of here early yesterday morning wrought fearful havoc. The first reports of the calamity were received here last evening, and further particulars reached this city this morning. In addition to one-half of the town of Uvalde being flooded and six people drowned, there is a settlement of seventy-five families a few miles below the town which is believed to be under water to a depth of 25 feet, and it is feared many people were drowned. This settlement is directly in the path of the Leona river, which is still a raging torrent of water. Three families of Mexicans living near Uvalde were drowned, 30 miles of track of the Southern Pacific railroad are under water, and about 10 miles are washed away. Another heavy rain is falling and further damage is feared.

## Will Not Enforce the Reduction.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 1.—The Evening Wisconsin, a non-union office employing about forty printers, of whom less than half a dozen are union men, has decided to rescind the reduction of wages ordered a week ago, and contested by the International Typographical union, the latter being supported by the trades unions of the city in its demand that the paper should pay the union scale.

An Increased Output Noted in the Connellsville (Pa.) Region.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 1.—The Courier says: Coke production showed a decided gain last week over the production of the previous week; there was an increase of nearly 14,000 tons. The detailed report of the operation and output of the region for the week ending Saturday, August 25, shows 12,073 active and 4,811 idle ovens with a total estimated production of 121,065 tons. The shipments for the week aggregated 6,321 cars. Compared with shipments of the previous week this was a net increase of 300 cars.

One Thousand Hebrew Tailors Strike Against "Task Work."

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—At sundown last night 1,058 Hebrew tailors of Williamsburg, including 200 women, began a strike to relieve themselves from what they call the "task work" imposed upon them by the employers, the contractors. The decision was arrived at about midnight Thursday night by a meeting of about 400 tailors held in Bauer's Union Sanger hall.

The strikers say they will have the moral support of 30,000 tailors of Brooklyn, Jersey City and Philadelphia.

## A ROTTEN BOROUGH.

Wholesale Indictments of New Orleans Councilmen Charged with Selling Their Votes—Many Others Believed to be Guilty Against Whom the Necessary Evidence Could Not Be Secured—A Scathing Denunciation.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 1.—After indicting eleven members of the city council, including its president, and, besides, the city engineer, the term of the grand jury expired yesterday and it was discharged by Judge Moise after presenting a report which is a most scathing denunciation of the crookedness rampant in the city hall and explains why several indictments which were expected could not be found, owing to the inability to get evidence on which a conviction in the court would be certain to follow.

The first subject treated of is the sale of railroad franchises by the city council for ridiculously low prices. An investigation of the books of the New Orleans Traction Co., which now owns nearly all the street car lines of the city, shows remarkable discrepancies. For instance, there is the sale of the extension of the franchise of the New Orleans City & Lake railroad, for which the city received \$700,000. The Traction company's books show that \$800,000 was paid to Henry Bier, the broker, for it, besides a commission of \$80,000. The books of Mr. Bier do not show where the \$100,000 went to, and he could not produce his ledger, as he said it had been lost. The Traction company's books show the disappearance of \$65,000, which was paid to Maurice J. Hart, who is the manager of the Rosetta Gravel Co., and who is generally supposed to have engineered the railroad deal through the council.

The gravel company's books do not show any entries of these checks. As to contracts, the report refers to the jail contract and recites all the crookedness connected with it.

A deal, which failed to go through, in connection with this contract was to have netted this official and the members of the special committee of the council \$5,000.

Favored legislation in the interest of a certain paving contractor is strongly commented on, but there was no possibility of getting at sufficient evidence to indict for bribery. The fact that not one member of the city council responded to the request of the grand jury to assist in exposing the crookedness among their colleagues is cited, and then the new garbage scheme is treated to a severe roast. Franchises granted to the Illinois Central road are shown to have been given regardless of the public interests.

Two indictments for bribery accompanied the report. One was against Councilman Dan A. Mayer and the other against Alderman John M. Clark. The former was charged with feloniously and corruptly proposing to receive a bribe from Narcisse Lucas, for a steam boiler privilege in the saw mill at the corner of Marais and St. Ferdinand on December 6, 1892. The consideration was \$200.

The indictment against Clark was for receiving a bribe of \$25 from W. M. B. Vardell, clerk of the National Rice Mill Engine Co., September 12, 1892, for favoring an ordinance giving the company permission to lay a pipe from its mill to the river. Mayer has been indicted before, but this is the first indictment against Clark. He is the representative of the Ninth ward.

## GEN. N. P. BANKS DYING.

The Sad Work of Dissolution Begun With the Intellect—His Life Despaired of.

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—Gen. N. P. Banks, is dying at his home in Waltham. The brain trouble which has caused him two years' suffering is expected to result in his death in a very short time, in fact it is expected that he will not live out the night. Dr. Cutler is in constant attendance and will not leave him until the end comes or, as