

## TO MAKE BID FOR WATER CONTRACT

Although Company Is Not Highly Pleased with the City's Proposal.

The Richmond City Water Works company will submit a bid for the water works contract on the date set for receiving bids, October 30, 1912. Superintendent Howard Dill stated this morning, but whether the rates would be increased or decreased in the bid of that company under the conditions provided by the city authorities, he said he was unable to state now. The board of directors of the company will soon be called together to consider the matter, after which the work of preparing a bid will be undertaken.

It would have been much more satisfactory to the company if it could have had the opportunity to bid on a proposal which did not provide for free water for the city's use, Mr. Dill said. He stated that the water the city used would have to be paid for by some one, and that the other consumers, the citizens, would be the ones to foot the bill.

The provision in the city's proposal which requires the water works company to furnish without cost water used in automatic sprinkling devices for fire protection only, will have some effect on the bids, Mr. Dill also stated. The issuance of bonds for the \$100,000 or more which the successful bidder will have to place to make the improvement required under the contract proposal, will also be a factor entering into the water rate question, Mr. Dill stated.

## DISPUTE THE REJECTION OF ONE DELEGATE

J. W. Loney, of Ft. Wayne, contested the report of the credentials committee of the State Federation of Labor this afternoon regarding F. T. Schwanz. He argued that the Indiana State Federation had received no official notification of the American Federation of Labor that Fort Wayne local No. 811 did not have a charter, and that Schwanz was entitled to a seat in the convention.

The federation adopted the report of the credentials committee and then heard the appeal of J. W. Loney. He cited proceedings of the American Federation of Labor in support of his contention that the charter of the local No. 811 International Association of Steam, Hot Water and Power Pipe Fitters and Helpers of Ft. Wayne could not be revoked. Mr. Loney said that the state federation should not force out this local, but incorporate it in the state association.

Other delegates answered Mr. Loney, saying that the State federation has no jurisdiction and that the Fort Wayne local should appeal to the national body which has power.

A Fort Wayne member maintained that only the State federation has the right to revoke the charter by a roll call vote.

A. B. Atchinson, delegate of Indianapolis, said he was delegated to the American Federation and that the national body authorized the national executive committee to revoke the charter.

The State federation voted not to seat Schwanz.

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## GRAND JURY WORKS

On Criminal Cases Through-out the Entire Day.

The grand jury today continued the examination of witnesses in the criminal cases before it. The investigation of the charge of criminal assault against "Jack" Lewis, of the Lewis-Oliver repertoire company which played at a local theater this summer had not been concluded up to a late hour this afternoon. Edith Moon, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moon is the prosecuting witness against Lewis.

The grand jury has also heard a part of the testimony in the Saunders murder case. Another case which will come before the jury, according to Prosecutor Allen, is the Tracy case, Walter Tracy being charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

It is likely that the jury will not conclude the hearing of these cases today and that the work will be postponed until Saturday or Monday, owing to the annual reunion of the Sixty-ninth regiment and the state convention of county commissioners, both of which will be held at the court house tomorrow.

Following the completion of this work the jury will investigate conditions at the county jail, Insane ward, county infirmary and Home for Friendless Women.

The report of the county board of charities and corrections, presented to the county commissioners some recently in regard to the alleged filthy condition existing in some rooms at the county infirmary will also be taken up by the grand jury.

## HOLD COMMERCE CONFERENCE

(National News Association)

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 24.—When opening session of the Fifth International Congress of Chambers of Commerce and industrial and commercial organizations was called to order here this morning by Charles S. Smith, the big hall room of the Copley-Plaza hotel was filled to its utmost capacity by more than six hundred delegates representing commercial bodies in all parts of the civilized world. M. Louis Canon-Legrand of Brussels was introduced as the presiding officer of the Congress by Mr. Smith, whereupon Charles S. Nagel, secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, welcomed the delegates from other countries on behalf of the United States. Several of the foreign delegates responded.

The Congress will remain in session three days, with meetings every morning and afternoon and will close on Thursday with a monster banquet at the Copley-Plaza hotel, with President Taft as the principal speaker of the evening. It is expected that nearly one thousand delegates and other invited guests will take part in the banquet. The list of speakers includes, in addition to President Taft, Governor Foss, of Massachusetts; Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston; M. Louis Canon-Legrand, president of the permanent committee of the International Congress; Angelo Salmoiraghi, president of the Milan Congress, and F. Faithful Begg, on behalf of Charles Charlton, vice president of the London Chamber of Commerce. President Joseph B. Russell, of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, will preside at the banquet.

This is the first time that the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce is held upon American soil. The former sessions were held at Liege, Milan, Prague and London. The attendance at the congress opened today is greater than at any previous congress and it is expected that the present gathering will also surpass its predecessors in the importance of the results of its deliberations.

Many subjects of great importance to the commercial interests of all nations will be taken up for consideration and thorough discussion. M. Canon-Legrand will speak on the subjects of establishing a fixed date for Easter, reforming the calendar and regulating international expositions. Prof. Dr. Max Apt, of Berlin, will open the dis-

cussion of the proposition to establish an international court of arbitral justice for suits between individuals and foreign states. The unification of legislation relating to checks will be discussed by Dr. Hans Trumper of Frankfort-on-Main and Prof. Dr. Apt of Berlin, Dr. Alfred George, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce of Geneva, Switzerland, will be the principal speaker on the subject of international postal reform in view of the next conference of the Universal Post Union in 1913.

The subject of commercial statistics and the immediate institution of an international office will be introduced by Eugene Allard, president of the Belgian Chamber of Commerce in Paris. Charles S. Haight, of New York City, will deliver the principal address on the subject of the desirability of an international conference upon the validation of through-orders, bills of lading and of legislation and other means for making the system more effective. Mr. Wilbur J. Carr, director of the American Consular Service, is scheduled to speak on the subject of the desirability of international uniformity, is scheduled to speak on the subject of the desirability of an international conference on prices and the cost of living.

During the three days following the close of the Congress the foreign delegates will be the guests of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and an elaborate program for the entertainment of the visitors has been arranged. On the following Monday the delegates will board special trains and start on an extensive tour with stops at Worcester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dayton, O., Pittsburgh, Washington, Philadelphia and New York, where the tour is expected to end about October 20. At the various cities mentioned the delegates will be entertained by the commercial bodies of these cities and the citizens in general.

Most of the foreign delegates in attendance are leaders in the commercial life of their home cities and countries, many of them having national and even international reputations. Half of their number have served in national legislative bodies and are thoroughly versed in commercial matters as well as in the methods of legislative deliberations and actions in their respective countries.

## SANTO DOMINGO TO RECEIVE SPANNING

Seven Hundred Marines Ordered to the Island by President.

(National News Association)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—President Taft this afternoon wired an order for 750 American marines to be sent to Santo Domingo to guard the custom houses and foreign property. This action was taken following a conference with assistant secretary of the navy Winthrop, who reported that the revolutionary situation in Santo Domingo is very serious.

The president sent the order when his train reached this city. The marines will sail from Philadelphia on Thursday and upon their arrival in Santo Domingo they will be scattered throughout the island wherever danger threatens. The marines will be under command of Col. F. J. Moses.

Not all of the troops will be recruited from the League Island navy yard but detachments will be rushed here from New York, Annapolis and Norfolk. The gunboat Wheeling is under orders to cruise in the Dominican waters.

## JUDGE GROSSCUP NOW PROGRESSIVE

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Peter S. Grosscup, former judge of the United States circuit court, has joined the Bull Moose party (Progressive). The attitude of the party toward the trust question was the particular thing that interested the former jurist.

He said: "On the social justice of this new political movement and on its purpose to restore to the visible agencies of government the real power of government, Mr. Wilson says Mr. Roosevelt the unconscious tribute of trying successfully to imitate him."

"It is this same, simple, sober, but effective method of dealing with big national business that the Progressive party has adopted. It proposes to keep the Sherman act in force—the general injunction of the law to keep to the right."

"Upon this fundamental economic issue, Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party are wrong and Mr. Roosevelt and the Progressive platform are right. And so believing, I cast my lot with the Progressive party."

## A BIG SUGAR COMPANY

(National News Association)

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Articles of incorporation were filed today by the Central Union Sugar company with offices in New York. The concern has a capital of \$2,000,000 and will refine and deal in sugar and molasses. The directors include several prominent financials of Havana, Cuba, and Cubans living in New York.

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## 69TH. REGIMENT TO HOLD ITS REUNION

Famous Fighting Command Survivors to Gather Here on Wednesday.

One of the most interesting of the conventions which are being held in this city during September is the 28th annual reunion of the 69th Regimental association which will be held on Wednesday, the 25th.

Colonel Oran Perry, one of the best known G. A. R. men in the country, and formerly a resident of this city, is president, and Major M. M. Lacey, is the secretary.

The meetings will be held in the court house. At eleven o'clock promptly there will be an automobile ride, if the weather is favorable, and the Women's Relief Corps will serve lunch at noon. There will be a session of the Association and a campfire in the afternoon but there will be no evening meeting.

The 69th, which did distinguished service in the Civil war, was mustered into the United States service August 19th, 1862, and fought its first battle on August 30th, 1862, at Richmond, Kentucky, so that this reunion will really be its fiftieth anniversary.

The majority of the members of the regiment were furloughed and came back to Camp Wayne in November, 1862. Later the regiment went down the river and were with Sherman in the rear of Vicksburg and went up the Yazoo river, where repulsed, going afterward, up the White river in Arkansas where they took the rebel post, Fort Arkansas, where two thousand prisoners were taken.

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## RAN BLIND TIGER, DRAWS STIFF FINE

Squire Jones, Colored, Was Caught in the Act by Police Officers.

Squire Jones, of North F street, colored, was fined \$50 and costs in police court this morning for operating a blind tiger at his home. He was several others living nearby have been suspected by the police for some time, and Sunday afternoon when he sold a half pint bottle of whiskey to John Turner, colored, for forty cents, he paid the way for admission to jail for sixty days, unless he pays or stays his fine.

John Turner, the prosecuting witness, was watched by police who saw him go to the Jones home, come away and give a bottle of whiskey to a white man from Cambridge, who paid forty cents for the booze. Turner was taken to the office of Chief of Police Gorman and admitted his part in the transaction. He consented to prosecute.

Jones was arrested last night. Jones had two witnesses in court, both testifying that Turner was drunk when he came to the Jones home, and did not secure any booze, although he asked for it. But one of the witnesses saw four women there, and the other did not. One of them stated he left the Jones home at five o'clock, and the other said he departed between nine and ten o'clock, but both said they left together.

His Honor opined there was room to distrust their stories. "It was a poorly patched up job, I see," said Mayor Zimmerman and fined Jones \$50 and costs.

Turner said Jones kept his "blind tiger" tied in a corner of the kitchen hidden under a tub.

## HANDEL'S TEMPER.

Surely Tried by a Jester Who Knew the Composer's Weakness.

The celebrated composer Handel had such a remarkable irritation of nerves that he could not bear to hear the tuning of instruments, and therefore this was always done before he arrived at the theater.

A musical wag who knew how to extract some mirth from Handel's irascibility of temper stole into the orchestra on a night when the Prince of Wales was to be present and tuned all the instruments. As soon as the prince arrived Handel gave the signal of beginning, con spirito, but such was the horrible discord that the enraged musician started up from his seat, and having overturned a double bass, which stood in his way, he seized a kettle-drum, which he threw with such violence at the leader of the band that he lost his full bottomed wig in the effort.

Without waiting to replace it he advanced bareheaded to the front of the orchestra, breathing vengeance, but so much choked with passion that utterance was denied him. In this ridiculous attitude he stood staring and stamping for some moments amid a convulsion of laughter, nor could he be prevailed upon to resume his seat until the prince went in person and appeased his wrath.

## THE PLANET MARS.

Its Orbit and Its Distance From the Sun and Earth.

While the astronomers are still debating and weighing the problem of Mars and its inhabitants a few words about the distance of the planet from the sun and earth may be of interest. The average distance of Mars from the sun is 141,500,000 miles. The distance from earth to sun is 93,000,000 miles. When sun, earth and Mars are in line, with the sun and Mars on opposite sides of the earth, Mars is said to be in "opposition," and it is then closest to the earth. If earth and Mars both moved in circles about the sun the distance from earth to Mars at opposition would be forty-eight and a half (141 1/4 - 93) million miles. But neither of the orbits is circular, that of Mars being much more elliptical than that of the earth, with the result that at opposition Mars may be as far away as 61,000,000 miles from the earth when there is an unfavorable opposition, or Mars may come as close as 35,000,000 miles away, when it is as near as it can possibly come to the earth, and its opposition is then the most favorable possible. At such times Mars is brightest in the sky and appears of greatest size.—New York World.

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