

COMPERS IS RE-ELECTED.

American Federation of Labor Chooses Officers.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY DEMANDED.

Two Unions Selected to Make the Fight. If Necessary—All Organizations to Be Appealed to For Financial Assistance.

Dec. 16 the American Federation of Labor discussed the wisdom of organizing a general strike for the eight-hour day in May next. No action was taken in the matter. The printers and machinists settled their differences. The printers agreed not to interfere with the machinists who are in charge of linotype machines. The machinists agree not to interfere with the combination men who are in charge of plants in small offices. Both agree not to declare any newspaper or office unfair without the consent of the presidents of both organizations.

The International Printing Pressmen's Union and the International Association of Machinists have been selected by the American Federation of Labor as the two organizations to make the fight for an eight-hour day at the beginning of next May. Unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are to be appealed to to donate money to assist in making the fight.

An amendment to the constitution of the United States to enable congress to legislate on the subject of hours of labor for women and children was recommended.

The convention reiterated its action of a year ago, earnestly advocating the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents.

The American Federation of Labor elected the following officers: President, Samuel Gompers; first vice-president, P. J. McGuire; second vice-president, James Duncan; third vice-president, James O'Connell; fourth vice-president, M. M. Garland; treasurer, John B. Lennon; secretary, Frank Morrison. Andrew Parneseth was elected a member of the legislative committee, and may be located in Washington. The convention decided to send a delegate to the next Canadian trades council.

The Federation of Labor Dec. 20 endorsed the bill pending before congress favoring the establishment of postal savings banks, with the clause relative to the national banks stricken out, and was adopted. The resolution in reference to the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 was taken up and a substitute upon the Gage bill was adopted, declaring the federation most positively opposed to the bill recently introduced in congress by the secretary of the treasury, claiming it is a measure that, if adopted as a law, will only all the more firmly rivet the gold standard on the people of the country and perpetuate its disastrous effects in every form. The convention decided to increase the per capita tax to 2 cents, and the change goes into effect Feb. 1, 1898.

Government Should Own Railroads. Oliver Wilson Putnam was elected master of the Illinois State Grange. Patrons of Husbandry. The committee on transportation recommended government ownership of railroads.

Heavy Fire Loss at St. Louis. A fire in the building occupied by the Mermod & Jaccard Jewelry Company at the corner of Locust street and Broadway, St. Louis, caused a loss of \$335,000, fully covered by insurance.

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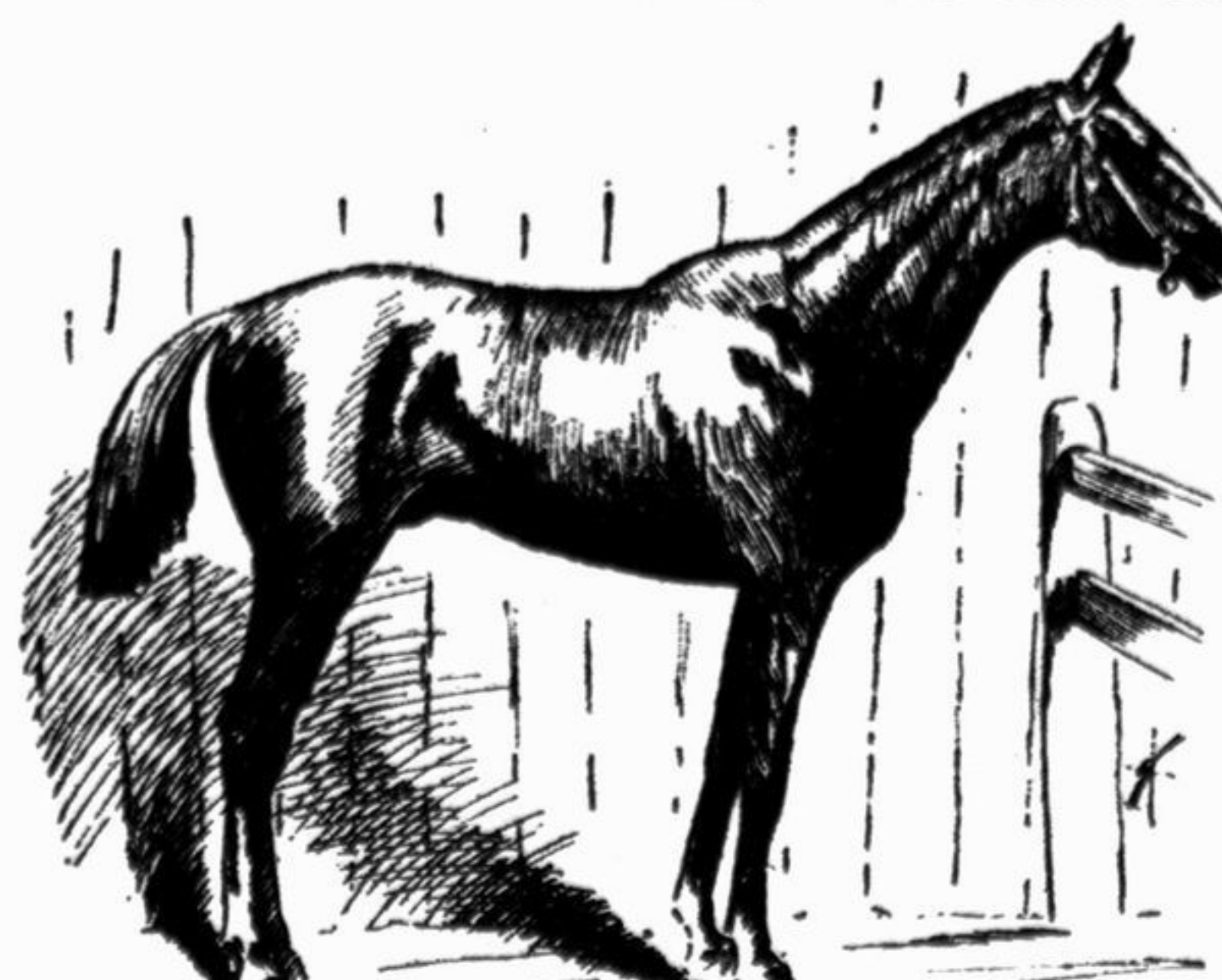
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Monument to Gen. McClelland. The Society of the Army of the Potomac will erect a monument at Washington to General George B. McClelland, the first commander of that army.

Brazil and Italy Agree. The Brazilian and Italian governments have signed an agreement settling the incident of the killing of the Italians at Espirito Santo last month.

THE COLT THAT SOLD FOR \$60,000 THE OTHER DAY.

Hamburg, the \$60,000 colt, the animal of the year, is an outcast. Nobody will claim him. He was sold through a New York agent in Louisville last week for the above price. The agent refuses to tell who the real purchaser of the colt is. Any number of names of prominent turfmen and breeders have been suggested as possible purchasers. The right one has yet to be made known. The sale was a sensational one. Hamburg was a great sensation himself last year, and it is but fitting that his first season on the turf should have such a climax. In the meantime nobody will claim Hamburg. It is entirely probable the name of the man who made such a daring investment will not be known much before next spring.



English Actor Assassinated. William Terriss, the well-known English actor, was assassinated at London Dec. 16 by a "super" whom he had offended.

Work for 2,000 Persons. The Cumberland Moore-Jones window glass factories at Bridgeton, N. J., employing 2,000 persons, will start Jan. 2.

Famous French Author Dead. Alphonse Daudet, the famous French author, died at Paris, Dec. 15.

McKenna Made Associate Justice. Joseph McKenna, of California, has been appointed associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

CASUALTIES.

Montgomery, Minn.—While Timothy Carroll, a prominent citizen of Killbuck, was driving home his team ran into a rut, his wagon was overturned and his neck was broken, causing instant death.

West Point, N. Y.—Lieut. Joseph T. Crabbs, 18th cavalry, was thrown from his horse and badly hurt internally and externally.

Janeville, Wis.—Peter Jameson of the town of Harmony, was burned seriously while playing the part of Santa Claus at a school entertainment.

Oskalooga, Iowa.—Richard DeLong was shot and killed by James Smith. They were scuffling for possession of a revolver and it was accidentally discharged.

Sheboygan, Wis.—William Strecker, 16 years old, fell fifty feet in an elevator shaft. His injuries consist of a broken arm, dislocated shoulder and a broken nose.

Holyoke, Mass.—Miss Amella Koegel, 35 years old, attempted to light a gasoline stove, when there was an explosion. She and a 2-year-old child named Alfred Kenell, were killed.

Muscatine, Iowa.—In a collision at Fruitland Fireman Ed Towers was severely bruised. The damage done will not be less than \$6,000.

Dubuque, Iowa.—Charles Miller fell from the railroad bridge, and striking the ice below, was instantly killed.

Bloomington, Ill.—Joseph Shelby was instantly killed at his home in Bloomington by the accidental discharge of a rifle.

Kewanee, Ill.—Mrs. Margaret Ericson of Galva, Ill., was killed by a passenger train.

Flora, Ind.—While out hunting Richard Soules accidentally shot and killed his brother, Willis Soules.

Pittsburg, Pa.—One man was killed, one fatally injured and a number slightly hurt by the bursting of a fly-wheel at the South Third street plant of the Oliver Iron and Steel Company.

Niles, Mich.—William Cole, aged 70 years, a wealthy Bedford township farmer, was crushed to death by a falling tree.

St. Paul, Minn.—An elevator in the wholesale millinery establishment of Robinson & Strauss fell six stories, instantly killing E. J. Munn, a traveling salesman, and fatally injuring William Schaller.

Muskegon, Mich.—Hiram Shears and Frank G. Geddes were arrested, charged with attempting to wreck a Muskegon, Grand Rapids & Indiana train Thanksgiving day.

CRIME.

Scrusehanna, Pa.—Flora Sweet, aged 40 years, shot her mother, Mrs. Elvira Sweet, aged 60, inflicting a wound from which she died. It was the result of a quarrel. The daughter was temporarily insane. Mrs. Sweet and her daughter were at one time residents of Chicago.

Camden, N. J.—Frank Kirby, a Christian scientist, who refused to call in a physician when his 2-year-old daughter was taken sick with diphtheria, was held by the coroner in \$500 bail to the grand jury.

Auburn, Ind.—John Kinne committed suicide at Fort Wayne by cutting his throat.

Danville, Ky.—At Alstott's store, Casey county, John Alstott shot and instantly killed his brother Claude.

Flora, Ind.—Burglars entered the residence of James B. Smoction and secured about \$250 in cash and \$75 in goods.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Mrs. I. F. Squires, a dressmaker, committed suicide with poison. Family troubles caused the act.

Warren, Mo.—Louis Yura of Warren, on trial for killing Isaac Hill of Farmington, was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

Auburn, Ind.—The 107 pieces of silverware which were stolen last July from ex-Gov. Matthews, near Clinton, was found beneath a haystack.

Ripley, W. Va.—John Morgan was hanged for murdering three members of the Green family. Surrounding the scaffold in the vast field were about 10,000 men, women and children.

Hamburg, Ark.—In Moorhouse parish William Wilkins, a young planter, was struck by his brother, Jasper Wilkins, the blow causing death in six hours.

Denver, Colo.—Harry N. Clark, formerly cashier of the First national bank of Bridgeport, O., who is accused of having embezzled \$3,000 of the bank's funds, is in custody here.

Oakland, Cal.—The police are convinced that Patrick Murphy of Temescal, who was assassinated Wednesday, was killed by Frederick Uhl, a maniac, who also attempted to kill Edward Kearney and Constable Gus Koch.

Marion, Ind.—Isaac Bradford, who was accused of embezzlement, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the penitentiary.

Salt Lake, Utah.—James Z. Bacon was found guilty in the United States circuit court of making false entries in his reports to the comptroller of the currency when president of the American national bank of this city.

Columbia City, Ind.—Jacob Hook, DeKalb county, indicted and tried here before Judge Adair on a charge of appropriating public funds, was acquitted.

St. Louis, Mo.—The grand jury has returned an indictment charging Dely, the ex-pugilist, with murder in the first degree. Dely shot and killed Lulu Clark.

Marion, Ind.—John T. Fugh, of Upland, is showing, and it is said that he is about to be indicted by the grand jury for the murder of George M. Booth, who was shot and killed at Upland.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lima, Ohio.—John Strawman, a Seneca county farmer, threw a cartridge into the fire. It went off, killing Mrs. Strawman's breast with shot and causing her death. Strawman's right hand was blown off by the explosion of the percussion cap as he was taking the shell from the fire.

Oshkosh, Wis.—The present city administration has declared war on slot machines and they must all go Dec. 25.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Charles F. Weidner, ex-supervisor from the 8th ward, died suddenly of heart failure. Mr. Weidner was 54 years of age.

Marquette, Mich.—D. H. Ball, a leading Marquette lawyer, who has been mentioned as a candidate for the supreme bench, says such talk is not authorized.

Denver, Col.—Gov. Adams appointed Col. Irving Hale of the 1st regiment, Colorado national guard, brigadier-general to succeed the late Gen. H. J. Brooks.

Omaha, Neb.—The jury in the case of the city against the bondsmen of ex-City Treasurer Henry Bolln returned a verdict in favor of the city for \$71,000.

Champaign, Ill.—The call has been issued here for the general annual meeting of the Illinois Republican Editorial association at Springfield Jan. 11.

Brillion, Wis.—In an altercation at a dance in Rockland between Edward Coucher and F. Wagner, Gust Prochnow interfered, striking Coucher with a club, splitting open his head. Prochnow is in jail.

Pueblo, Col.—The Rev. T. S. Rooks, aged 45, late of Steelburg, Neb., where he was pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church, and Mary Johnson, aged 15 years, were arrested here. It is alleged that they eloped from Steelburg, where Mr. Rooks left his wife and three children.

Atlantic, Iowa.—Thomas H. Smith of Harlan, candidate for senator in the Cass-Shelby district, was defeated by M. J. Emmett and will contest.

Kaukauna, Wis.—W. H. Brokaw of the Kaukauna Fiber company has begun to receive hemlock pulp-wood for papermaking to take the place of spruce.

Shelbyville, Ind.—Wilbur Sanders has suddenly disappeared from here. Two forged notes for \$25 each have turned up. Sanders holds a township office.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Insurance Commissioner Pricke has made a demand on the plate glass insurance companies doing business in this state to pay the state license of \$300 a year.

San Francisco, Cal.—Mrs. Lars Anderson and her husband have returned from their honeymoon trip in the orient. Mrs. Anderson, who is not yet 21 years of age, is said to be the heiress of \$50,000,000.

Lima, Ohio.—About \$1,500 worth of clothing stolen from Stapleton's store at Cridersville was found secreted in a schoolhouse.

Marion, Ind.—David Mittank, a farmer, was found dead in the woods. The coroner's verdict was death from natural causes.

Des Moines, Iowa.—The governor has appointed T. S. Gates of Manchester state dairy commissioner.

South Bend, Ind.—J. Otis Andrea & Sons, wholesale grocers, have failed. The assets will more than pay the debts.

Bloomington, Ill.—Shelton Weakly, deputy clerk of the circuit court, is dead. He was prominent in Republican politics.

Crown Point, Ind.—Dr. Allie M. Day has been appointed, over several men applicants, to the position of physician and surgeon at the county hospital and asylum by the commissioners of Lake county.

Kenosha, Wis.—Mrs. Louisa Spicer dropped dead while sweeping.

Waukegan, Ill.—The county supervisors offer a bounty of 4 cents a head on crows.

San Francisco, Cal.—Theodore Durant says: "I will never be hanged. I know that help is coming once more, as it has always come to me before in my extremity." This statement has caused a revival of the opinion that he will commit suicide if possible.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

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You For Cost Cut in Wages.

Notices of a 10 per cent cut in wages have been posted in the Amory, Jefferson and Stark mills at Manchester, N. H. These mills employ 11,000 men, and with the Amoskeag crews, this makes 20,000 in that city affected by the cotton manufacturers' reduction. The employes will accept the cut.

Favor Railroad Pooling.

The national board of trade will petition congress to permit pooling by railroads under the supervision and control of the interstate commerce commission. Resolutions were adopted deprecating government ownership of railroads and favoring amendments to the interstate commerce law to enable the commission to enforce it.

Favor Postal Savings Banks.

At the meeting of the National Building Trades council it was decided to memorialize congress to do all in its power to defeat the anti-pooling railroad bill now pending. A resolution was adopted favoring the proposed postal savings bank system.

Curfew for Indianapolis.

The city council of Indianapolis, Ind., by a vote of 12 to 7, two members being absent, passed a curfew ordinance prohibiting children under 15 from using the streets after 9 p. m. in the summer and 8 p. m. in the winter.

Special Session in Illinois.

In the senate Dec. 16 the house bill appropriating \$60,000 to the soldiers and sailors' home at Quincy was referred to the committee on appropriations, which later ordered it favorably reported. The house transacted no business.

Must Withdraw from the Middle.

Every trades unionist who is now a member of the Illinois National Guard will be requested to secure a discharge from the military service at once. The Federation of Labor so decided at a meeting Sunday.

Would Be Governor of Michigan.

Ex-Congressman James O'Donnell, editor of the Jackson, Mich., Citizen, has declared himself as republican candidate for the next nomination for governor, in opposition to Gov. Piggree.

China to Be Divided.

St. Petersburg newspapers say the absence of protests from the other powers of Germany's evident determination to remain at Kiao-Chow bay indicates that the partition of China has actually begun and will proceed quickly.

Trust is an Assured Fact.

The consolidation of the three great cracker companies of the United States is now an assured fact. The capitalization of the big combine will be \$55,000,000, and it will be in operation by Jan. 1, 1898.

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Rheumatism

Hood's Sarsaparilla Gives Complete Relief, Also Cures Catarrh. "I was troubled with rheumatism and had running sores on my face. One of my friends advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, which I did. After taking six bottles I was cured. Hood's Sarsaparilla has also cured me of catarrh." Mrs. MARY BRADMAN, 4408 Moffett Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Under an old bequest, half a guinea is left for the annual sermon at Torrington, in Norfolk, England. According to the London Christian World nobody went to hear it last year, and the vicar took the sermon home unpreached. The trustees refused thereon to pay him the half guinea. This year the sermon was duly preached, but the trustees still held back the half guinea, professing fear lest the vicar himself being a trustee, the payment might be illegal. The vicar sued for a guinea, both for last year's sermon and this, in the King's Lynn County Court, and the judge ordered the money to be paid. He only allowed half a guinea costs, however, on the ground that the vicar ought to have preached last year, whether there was anybody to hear the sermon or not.

How's That? We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Welling, Kinsan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

And She Jumped at the Chance. Miss Youngly—So you've only known him a month? Don't you think you're taking a great many chances in marrying him? Miss Oldwaite (candidly)—Dear me, no. It's the only chance I've had in ten years.

Do You Dance To-Night? Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

A Shocking Affair. Judge—"What's the prisoner charged with?" Officer—"Electricity, your honor." Judge—"How's that?" Officer—"He stole a battery."

Lane's Family Medicine. Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

Love and war go hand in hand. Even the din of battle has a sort of engagement ring.

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Humble wedlock is far better than proud virginity.—Augustine.

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

Married in haste we repent at leisure.—Congreve.

What do the Children Drink? Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/2 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

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