DESERET EVENING NEWS. The Descret News Offers to the Adver-tiser a Publication of Influence and Circulation—An Irresistible Com-Why Not Make a Test of the "News" Want Ads? Think it Over, Then bination. TRUTH AND LIBERTY. 10 PAGES-LAST EDITION SALT LAKE CITY UTAH FIFTY-SEVENTH YEAR FRIDAY JUNE 12 1908 . . HOMES FLOODED BUTTON, BUTTON, **GREAT FIRE IN** BILLEK ESCAPES UTAH DEMOCRATS HUGHES' FRIENDS THE PRESS OF LONDON And The Latter-Day Saints BY CITY CREEK WHO HAS BUTTON? PACKING PLANT GALLOWS AGAIN ARE VERY ACTIVE SOLID FOR BRYAN Illustrated. Forms an interesting feature which will be presented in the Waters Rush Over Flumes and Morris & Co., at Kansas City, All the Leading Republican Can- Making Use of His Victory Over Judge Landis Grants an Appeal Indications Point Strongly That Saturday News **Fill Cellars in North** didates Have and Are Dis-**Bace Track Gamblers to Ad-**Kan., Sustain Loss of Between From His Decision Refusing a **Delegation Will Go So** tributing Them. Temple Street. **Tomorrow Night** vance His Cause. \$250,000 and \$300,000. Writ of Habeas Corpus. Instructed. Wm, Howard Taft of Ohio, illustrated, forms a second exclu-CAUGHT WHILE SLEEPING. TAFT'S FACE IN TERRA COTTA SEVERAL BOOMS REVIVING. CAUSED BY TWO EXPLOSIONS. NEAR EXECUTION THREE TIMES COMMONER'S NAME CHEERED sive feature. Other articles prepared for this ssue are as follows: Utah Art-At 2 O'clock This Morning Resi-On Tin Plate Size of a Saucer-Hughes Two Men Killed, Two Others Seriously Taft Delegates Win in Texas-Convicted of Poisoning to Death Mary ist Paints a Portrait for the State. Judge Powers Sounds Keynote of illustrated: The Fourteenth Re-Buttons Small, of Dark Injured-Plant Being in Flooded dents Were Driven from Vzral and Accused of Causing Death Virginia Cases Con-**Convention and Speech** publican National Convention, il-Blue Color. District, Hard to Fight Flames, Of Five Members of Family. Their Beds. lustrated; Buddhist Priest Plans solidated. Is Demanded. to Convert Heathen America, illustrated; Lady Mary's London Kansas City, Mo., June 12 .-- Two la-

Belief Methods Bring Suffering to People Living on West Side-May Take Matters to Court.

Again has City creek overflowed its banks and, as in past years which should have taught the city council what action is and for a long time has been necessary, the property owned by residents of west North Temple street is flooded and the temporary method of relief in use by Jake Raleigh's aggregation of shovel men makes the suffering of the people all but unbearable. The street car tracks are inundated and this morning it looked as if traffic would be stopped entirely, though it vas not interrupted for any considerable length of time. The continuation for warm weather can spell only misery for the west side people.

It is not only the flood of water that has brought again much suffering vo the people of the west side today. To bank the turbulent stream, Jake Raleigh's gangs are using foul manuretons of it have been placed there today. This is piled up in some cases three feet high and in widths varying from three to five feet. With the excess of water soaking into this and the sun beating down on it, the air in the vicinity is made heavy with a malodorous scent that makes life only miserable in the district in North Temple streets between Fifth West and Tenth West streets. This morning a visit to the section showed that every window and door in the district was closed tightly and no woman nor child could be seen abroad.

FLOOD COMES AT NIGHT.

At 2 o'clock this morning people on the west side were awakened by a rush of water into their cellars. The first to discover the condition soon alarmed their neighbors and by 3 o'clock 50 men

their beighbors and by 3 o'clock 50 men and boys were at work with shovels and teams banking the stream. Women and children were terror-stricken un-til they saw that the water was being controlled. The men continued work until dawn and later were reinforced by others. At noch there was no prospect of fur-ther floods during the day. In the night, however, when more surplus water is turned into the creek floods are expected and uneasiness prevailes among the unfortunate residents of that section.

WOMAN TELLS OF MISERY.

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dark blue color, bearing the likeness of Gov. Hughes, and attached to vari-colored ribbon. The Philander Knox buttons are The Philander Knox buttons are about three inches in diameter, with the face of Knox set inside a large keystone, representing his state— Pennsylvania. Attached to one side of the button is a red, white and blue slik ribbon. The word "Knox" appears on the upper part of the keystone

The Fairbanks button is similar to the Taft button in size, color and ma-terial. Foraker and La Follette but-tons also appeared.

SENATOR PLATT WILL NOT ATTEND CONVENTION

New York, June 12.—When the Re-publican national convention convences in Chicago, there will be missing one of the "old war horses" of the party, one of the men who has been a figure in Republican national conventions for many years. United States Senator Thomas C Platt will not go to Chicago. Instead he will remain in his lonely apartments in West Eleventh street, and there will hear of the action taken by the first important Republican meet-ing from which he has been absent for years.

For more than a score of years the ruler of the Republican organization in New York state, for nearly 30 years a dominant actor in the party's delib-erations in the nation, the aged senator has now put politics behind him, and, broken in health, his power gone, he has withdrawn to his apartments where he sees only a few friends. "No, I'm not going to the conven-tion." he said to a reporter. 'I have other things to do." Although not one of the "blg four" from the state, Sen-ator Platt was chosen as a delegate from an up-state district. Some weeks ago he notified his alternate that he would not be able to serve.

TAFT GAINS.

The crowds that hung about the committee room early in the week had en-tirely disappeared and the only men present were those connected directly

to the national committeemen, who would, in turn, provide each delegate and alternate with the means of gain.

ing admission to the convention hall.

borers lost their lives, two others were seriously injured, and property loss estimated at between a quarter of a million dollars and \$350,000 was caused by two explosions, followed by a fire in the packing plant of Morris & Co., at Riverside in Kansas City, Kansas, this morning. The force of the explosions, which were felt all over both Kansas Citys, ruined the cold storage building and the fire that followed destroyed the smakehours, with thole contexts smokehouse, with their contents. An explosion of sewer gas resulted when a watchman in one of the cold storage departments lighted a match. This was followed by another and much more serious explosion caused by the igniting of a quantity of ammonia

near by, and a stubborn fire soon start-The Morris plant is located near the The Morris plant is located near the channel of the Kaw river and being in the center of the flood district is in a swift current of water from 6 to 8 feet deep. This condition made the task of fighting the fire most difficult, and it required five hours to place the fiames under control. For a time the entire plant seemed doomed. Fire apparatus was transported to the scene after much delay by means of flat cars. There Alaska, Arizona and Oklahoma. When all these had been argued, the long list which originally confronted the committee would have been wiped out. Despite the action of the committee which has aiready resulted in the seat-ing of at least 539 delegates favorable to Taft, there was revival of president-ial "booms" foday. The friends of Gov. Hughes of New York showed especial activity, the result of the fight in the legislature of that state over the gov-ernor's anti-betting measure being the lever which they are already using to advance his cause among the delegates already in the city.

much delay by means of flat cars. There were 50 men in the plant when the explosions occurred, but all except four

Two of these were instantly killed and two others badly mangled. It is impossible at this time to estim-ate the loss on the meat destroyed, but that on the buildings is estimated at the one already in the city. "The passage of the governor's anti-betting bill means simply that there is almost nothing now remaining to make him desire another term as govat \$200.000

At \$200,000, When the plant was completed Jan. 7, 1905, it was valued at \$2,225,000, of which the building represented \$1,245, 000, the machinery \$488,000, and mis-cellaneous equipment \$482,000. is amost nothing now remaining to make him desire another term as gov-ernor of our state." said A. B. Hum-phrey, manager of Hughes' headouar-ters here. "The argument has been advanced that the party needs him more in New York than the country at large. This was based largely upon the allegation that he had been unable to complete his legislative program in New York. Now that legislation has removed the obstacles and the result cannot but prove beneficial to his cause before the national convention." The caucuses of state delegations were held today. The Louisiana rep-resentatives met last night and com-pleted part of their work by selecting Pearl Wight as national committeeman and by naming a chairman and secre-

cellancous equipment \$452,000, The daily slaughtering capacity of the plant was 1,500 cattle, 2,000 sheep and 3,000 hogs. The refrigerating ca-pacity was 5,000 cattle, 2,000 sheep and and 3,000 hogs. The refrigerating ca-pacity was 5,000 cattle, 2,000 sheep and 10,000 hogs. On Jan. 29, 1908, fire damaged the plant to the extent of \$750,000. The loss of meat in the present fire was enormous. The coolers were washed to their canacity as the food

was enormous. The conters were packed to their capacity, as the flood had interfered with railway traffic long before the water shut down the plant.

THREE GUESTS MISSING.

Pearl Wight as national committeenan and by naming a chairman and secre-tary of the state central committee. Harry S. New, chairman of the na-tional committee, expected to take ad-vantage of the close of the committee and work on contests to clear up a bit of the routine work which devolves upon him. He announced today that he would distribute tickets and badges Leading San Francisco Hotels Expressing Anxiety.

San Franscisco, June 12 .- Much anx-San Franscisco, June 12.—Much anx-lety is expressed over the disappearance of three guests at one of the leading hotels in this city. They all disappear-ed about 10 days ago, each one leaving baggage in the hotel more than suf-ficient to pay his bill. The manager is now alarmed at their disappearance and has detectives out ryping to leaving and has detectives out trying to locate them, fearing that they may have met with foul play. One of the men is a commercial man of Chicago named N. S. Dewey, who represented a fur house.

Race Track Affairs, Are Abroad

In New York.

not been heard from since

Chicago, June 12 .- Herman Billek, the Bohemian fortune teller condemned to death for the murder of five members of the Vzral family, was today granted a stay of execution until he has been afforded an opportunity to appeal his case to the supreme court. Judge Landis of the U.S. district court, who yesterday declined to grant a writ of habeas corpus in favor of Billek, decided that the prisoner had the right to appeal from his de-

cision denying the writ. The case will now be carried to the higher federal tribunal and Billek will be given a respite until that body has passed upon the constitutionality of the question involved.

Although it had been agreed between Judge Landis of the federal court, and the sheriff of Cook county that the execution of Billek should not take place until the court had passed upon the right of Billek to appeal from the decision of Judge Landis in refusing to grant a writ of habeas cor-pus, a tremendous crowd gathered around the jail at an early hour. A pus, a tremendous crowd gathered around the jail at an early hour. A detail of policemen was constantly em-ployed in keeping the throng moving. Herman Billek, a Bohemian fortune teller, was tried and convicted of polsoning to death Mary Vzral, 22 years of age, and was accused of di-rectly causing the death of five other members of the Vzrai family. Mrs. Rose Vzrai, the mother of Mary Vzral, committed suicide when she was ar-rested as an accomplice of Billek. The deaths in the Vzrai family all occurred within a period of two years. The testimony at the trial, which was held before Judge A. G. Barnes, showed that Billek went to the Vzrai residence with his alleged charms and a remarkable series of deaths follow-ed. The alleged motive was the life insurance money in each case, the amount varying from \$100 to \$625. As the result of the trial, Billek's punish-ment was fixed at death. Since then, he has been within the shadow of the gallows three times besides today; the first date for the hanging had been fixed as Oct. 11, 1907, and the other dates were Nov. 8, 1907, and April 29, 1908.

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1908. The postponements fin each case The postponements fine each case were to permit further investigation, it having been charged that Billek's con-viction was the result of perjured tes-timony due to suggestion and intimida-tion on the part of the prosecuting at-torneys and the police. This charge was made through the pulpit of St. Mary's church, by the Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, superior of the Paulist fathers in this city. Principally through the efforts of Father O'Cal-laghan an affidavit was recently made by one of the principal witnesses against Billek, Jerry Vzral, 18 years of age, a survivor of the Vzral family, that testimony against Billek by affi-

Real Business of Convention Begins in Afternoon Session-Will Probably Send Twelve Delegates.

When the Democratic state delegates' convention adjourns today. William Jennings Bryan will probably lack only 11 votes of having the neessary two-thirds assured to him hrough instructed delegations. In the notion at large at noon today. Bryan lacked 17 votes.

He was cheered when the convention convened at 11 o'clock this morning, and cheered again when it took a recess at 12 o'clock to allow its committees to prepare reports for the fternoon.

Besides being a strictly Bryan conention, so far as the speeches were oncerned, Bryan was favored in the lecorations, for his portrait and that of Thomas Jefferson, were all that vere honored by position on the stage. Decorations in the national colors Decorations in the national colors were draped in profusion, both from stage and balcony, Held's full mil-ltary band was on hand to dispense lively tunes. The theater was well packed with delegates, and the en-thusiasm whenever the growing strength of the Democracy was men-tioned, or the principles to which its adherents claimed they had stood loyally through adversity, was of a demonstrative character. demonstrative character.

POWERS SOUNDS KEYNOTE.

This morning's session lasted an hour and ended in a ringing demand that Judge Powers make a speech, and that Judge William H. King escort him to the platform to do it, the demand fol-lowing a remark from Judge Powers that he thought the platform ought to pledge the delegation to Bryan, reaf-firm principles already established

that he thought the platform ought to pledge the delegation to Bryan, reaf-firm principles already established, and let it go at that. The total number of delegates was 747, and most of them were present. each section had a candidate anxious for the honor of visiting Denver to vote for Bryan, and each candidate had a host of friends who kept up a lively canvass before the morning ses-sion commenced, and again after it had taken the noon recess. The work of this morning's session was of a routine nature, preparatory to the nominations this afternoon. From the latest indications, it seems that Utah will follow the example of other states near to Colorado in send-ing a dozen delegates, each with half a vote, so that those most anxious to go, may be accommodated. CONVENTION CONVENES.

After considerable knocking on the front door of one home in the west side today, a "News" reporter was greeted by a woman's voice from with-in the house, with an invitation to seek admittance at the back door. Not knowing, at the time, why this mode of reception prevailed in the west side, but being desirous of talking with the woman, he complied and found her waiting for him when he reached the back door.

'I hope you will pardon me for ask-"I hope you will pardon me for ask-ing you to come to this door," she said most graciously, "but my little girl is quite sick, and is sleeping in the front room on a couch, and I didn't want to open the front door to let in that bad air from the creek." When the woman learned that the purpose of the visit of the "News" man was to ask concerning the atti-

man was to ask concerning the attitude of the west side people with re-gard to the conditions obtaining this morning, the manner in which she talked was sufficiently convincing. She talked was sufficiently convincing. She denounced everybody connected with the city misgovernment for permitting such a condition to exist after atten-tion had repeatedly been drawn to it.

PEOPLE ARE POOR.

"We people down here are mostly poor and unable to bear the expense of fixing the creek like it ought to be." "but we have asked so many she said, times for the council to do something for us that we are almost tired of it. All our requests for consideration have been lost sight of, and nothing has come of them. Once or twice some councilmen have come down to look at the creek, and they have promised to do so much for us. You can see that they haven't done a single thing. can see that single thing.

When we saw how long the rain kept coming down this spring, we were afraid we would have to move out, because we knew that as soon as warm because we knew that as soon as warm weather set in, the flood would come. This morning about 2 o'clock, the wa-ter started to overflow right into our homes and front yards, and over the car tracks. It only lasted a little while or we certainly would have been flooded out of our homes or penned in and unable to get out. Soon there was a big lot of men with teams here with wagon loads of that stuff and they began to pile it up on both sides of the creek. The smell was so bad that we all had to lock our doors and stay in the house. All my neighbors are up town to escape the misery, but I had to stay with my little girl.

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and Lizzle Gibson of Sugar House, and Jacob Gibson of Nephi. Another son, Abraham Gibson, died some years ago. The funeral will be held from the Sugar ward assembly hall Sunday at noon.

IS ALIA INSANE?

SARAH BITTER GIBSON.

Venerable Member of Sugar House

Ward Ends Useful Life.

Mrs. Sarah Bitter Gibson, wife of the

late Jacob Gibson, a respected resident

of Sugar House ward, passed away at

ter residence, 1067 Bain avenue at 4:30

The deceased lived in Sugar House most all her life and for 33 years was president of the Relief society there. Some six years ago, owing to her fee-bleness, she was released from her du-ties, although to the last she main-tained an active interest in charitable undertakings. Mrs. Gibson was born Aug. 3, 1823, in Chester county. Pennsylvania, and

Chester county, Pennsylvania, and joined the Church in May, 1840, coming to Utah ten years later. One of her cherished recollections of her early life

this morning.

Gov. Buchtel Petitioned to Institute

Inquiry Into Mental Condition

Inquiry Into Mental Condition. Denver, Colo., June 12.—A petition signed by the mayor of Pachino, Italy, and 50 prominent citizens of that city, requesting Gov. Buchtel of Colorado to hold an investigation into the sanity of Gulseppi Alia, who has been sentenced to death for the murder of Father Leo. has been received by Baron Gulseppi Gustavo Tosti. Italian consul, and will be presented to the governor next week. "Several weeks ago," said Baron Tos-ti. 'I received a letter from the wife of Alia, who said Alia was insane and that his desertion of herself and the murder of Father Leo were attributable to the condition of his mind. This was followed by the petition. "If shall present both to Gov. Buch-tel," he said, "and if he refuses to in-terfere we shall carry the case no fur-ther." sidy.



To Instil Pinciples of Good Citzenship in Them.

New York, June 12 .- Signor Rabaele Palizzola, for 20 years a member of the Italian chamber of deputies from Palermo, who is now in this city, declares that his mission to America has for its main object the instilling into his Sicilian compatriots the principles of good citizenship. As for his visit having any connection with the Maña, Signor Palizzola laughed:

ago he notified his alternate that he would not be able to serve. "I don't want to talk politics," he said to the reporter, nervously opening and closing his eyes. "I haven't any-thing to say. The days are past when the public or politicians care anything about what I say." "This is the first time in a good many years you have stayed away

many years you have stayed away from a national convention of your par away "Yes, I went to a good many con-ventions—a good many of them, but those days are past—they're all past."

MERGER OF MEXICAN RAILWAYS

Mexico City, June 12.-It was an-nounced last night that when Pablo Macedo returns from New York the merger of the Mexican Central and Na. tional railways will be put into effect immediately. This step is made ur-gent because the Mexican Central has been running at a loss for some time, having to depend on its government subsidy to meet operating expenses With the merger the road will pay ex-penses without dependence on the sub-

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF BEING A MURDERER

San Bernardino, Cal., June 2.—Sus-picion aroused by the discovery of bones believed to have been portions of a hu-man frame on the Duncanson ranch, near China, have led to a closer inves-tigation of the premises and the owner of the ranch is now under arrest charg-ed upon the statement of August Phil-lippi, an 11-year-old boy of abusing him and another orphan, a 7-year-old girl. The investigation today resulted in the discovery of a trunk filled with women's apparel which Detective Baldwin of this city employed on the case, do not belong to Mrs. Duncanson, but the be-lief is they belong to a patient of Dr. Duncanson, who has never been seen to leave the ranch and who the authori-ties are now trying to locate. A well was found abandoned near the house and this will be emptied of its contents, perchance it may give some clue to a number of mysterious circumstances in connection with the case. The Pasadena Humane society will assist in the future investigation.

NEARLY DECAPITATED HIMSELF

Cleveland, O., June 12.—Returning from Alliance last night with his wife and four children, Joseph Parolulakt committed suicide by practically decap-itating himself with a razor. As the family reached their home Parolulski manufold with big wife desart the proquarreled with his wife, drew the razor and attacked the woman, who fied with the children. The frenzied man was not fleet enough to overtake them. Then with a powerful sweep of the keen edged weapon he slashed at his throat. The stroke carried the blade clear through to the outer skin. When the police arrived Parolulski's head mere-ly dangled from the torso.

A ZEBRA FOR BRONX ZOO.

New York, June 12 .- Quarters are be ing prepared in the Bronx zoological gardens for the reception of what is said to be one of the rarest animals in the world, a greze zebra recently purchased in Abyssinia for the collec-

tion. Dr. W. Reed Blair, the zoo physician, will make arrangements today to trans-fer the zebra from the Atlantic trans-port steamship on which it arrived yes-terday to the Brenz. This is the second animal of the species to be imported into this country, the other having been presented by the king of Abyssina to President Roosevelt three years ago. It is now in the national gardens in Washington. It is now in Washington.

Contrary to the with the hearings. general expectation, the contests in the Second and Twelfth Texas districts were not dropped today, but went before the compiled today, out went be-fore the committee for a hearing along with the other five districts. The Baum faction, whose delegates are generally supposed to favor the nomination of Vice President Fairbanks, were given the first opportunity to present their

from him since. So far the police have been unable to find any trace of the Mr. Baley, one of the counsel for the Mr. Baley, one of the counsel for the Baum delegates, addressed the com-mittee, speaking for the delegates from the First, Second, Firth, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth districts. He occupied the 20 minutes allotted him, and was followed by H. A. Macauley who spoke for the Baum delegates on the Second, Fifth and Twelfth dis-tricts. men. "TO BET OR NOT TO BET All Sorts of Rumors, About Future of tricts.

The national committee decided in The national committee decided in favor of the Lyon delegates in all of the seven districts considered today. This gives the Taft people a clean sweep of the state on the temporary roll call. The arguments for the anti-Taft peo-pe in the First Eighth Tenth and

The arguments for the anti-fait peo-pe in the First, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth districts were made by Thomas Bailey. In the Second, Fifth, and Sev-enth districts the anti-Taft people were represented by A. J. Macauley. National Committeeman C. A. Lyon

represented the Taft delegates in all of the contests.

VIRGINIA CALLED.

VIRGINIA CALLED. The state of Virginia was called im-mediately following the decision in Texas. The contests here are for del egates at large and in the first to eighth districts inclusive. The at large contests was first taken up, it being generally understood that all of the district contests with the exception of those from the fifth and seventh would be heard at the same time. The race question was the underlying cause in all of the Virginia contests. D. Law-rence Greener of Norfolk, who made the opening arguments for the Taft people said that representation of the negroes in Virginia on the Taft dele-gation is fully proportionate to the number of negro votes in the state. Maj. Bryan made the arkuments for the anti-faft delegates. He said he did not regard the case of his client, who favored Foraker, as "being partic-uary strong."

fore the national committee in the Virginia case announced that he would withdraw the contest against the Taft delegatesa-at large, there being no evidence and none of the delegates had

The First, Second, Third, Fourth Sixth and Eighth district contests were then consolidated, 20 minutes be-ing given to each side for arguments. Mr. Greener opened for the Taft dele-cates

HUGHES INSTRUCTS SHERIFFS TO ENFORCE LAW

Albany, N. Y. June 12.-In a lette today addressed to the various sheriff, in the state Goy, Hughes calls upo those officials to see that the provision of the Agnew-Hart anti-race track gam bling laws are enforced.

POSTMASTER FOR AUDERA.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., June 12.—Willard B. Johnson has been appointed post-master at Audera, Sevier county, Utah, vice C. Christensen, resigned.

that testimony against Eillek by affi-ant was wholly untrue. He arrived at the hotel on May 27. He has not been around there for the past 10 days. Another is M. Howard, an Englishman who registered at the ho-tel 10 days ago. The first day he went out with \$2,000 in his pockets. He has

TERRIFIC RAINS LIKE CLOUDBURST IN KAW VALLEY The other is that of N. S. Thompson of Ocean Park. He disappeared mys-

Topeka, Kan. June 12.—A terrific rain which amounted to a cloudburst in many portions of the Kaw valley and which was accompanied by the heaviest which was accompanied by the heaviest who was accompanied by the heaviest who was accompanied by the heaviest bours of 3 and 7 o'clock this morning. It is feared this will tend to oheck the inch an hour fall of the Kaw which at 10 o'clock today registered 19 feet and 4 inches. At Topeka two inches of rain fell this morning. A small boy named Skib-bee was drowned here this morning by the upsetting of a boat in the Asylum grounds. teriously two weeks ago, leaving his baggage and not a word has been heard

The wind was in the nature of a top-the data the set of the set o New York, June 12 .- Whether or not

U. P. SUBSCIPTIONS CLOSED.

New York, June 12 .- Subscriptions for \$25,000,000 of the new bonds amountin to \$50,000,000 issued by the Union Pa cific Rallroad company closed tod At the office of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., was stated that the amount offer today was stated that the amount was heavily over-subscribed. offered

JURY INSTRUCTED TO ACQUIT CAPITOL CASE DEFENDANTS

Harrisburg, Pa., June 12 .- The jury it the capitol conspiracy case retired shortly before noon, after having been instructed to acquit former State Treas urer Snyder, former Auditor-Gen. Mat thues and former Supt. of Grounds and Mat. Buildings Shumacher, on the ground that the evidence did not tend to show conspiracy. The jury will determine the guilt or innocence of Congressman Casset and Joseph M. Huston, the arhitect.

RAILROADERS ON JUNKET.

Harriman Officials Will Inspect Many Other Systems.

A great trip is to be made by Harriman officials from Salt Lake, Ogden and other points on the Oregon Short

Thinkin officials with easy based of the constitution of the committees on credentials and other points on the Oregon Short Line; A. F. Brewer, superintendent of the fidable division of the Oregon Short Line; E. W. Newcomb, signal engineer at Oginer at Ogine; G. H. Smith assistant attorney of the Oregon Short Line here; S. E. Canady, trainmaster and W. J. Stanson, chief dispatcher of the S. P. at Sparks. The trip begins June 14, and will be made in Superintendent Armisteads private car. From this citty the spect steel works and terminals. From Pueblo they go to Fort Worth, Dallas, Galveston, Housion, San Antonio, El Paeo, over to Los Angeles and back home. A number of roads will be covered in this wide traveling and much will be learned about openating methods of different systems.

CONVENTION CONVENES.

CONVENTION CONVENES. The convention this morning was called to order by State Chairman L. R. Martineau. In introducing Frank B. Stephens as temporary chairman, he made a brief speech in which he felici-tated the convention on its size, on the good weather and on the growing en-thusiasm within the party. "We can recognize a feeling of unrest," he de-clared, "that is expressing itself in the press of the country, and that demands a change in the national administration both as to the party in power and the both as to the party in power and the principles of conducting the govern-ment. I am glad to see here the old

principles of conducting the govern-ment. I am glad to see here the old men who have been stalwart to Demo-cratic principles for a score of years or more, and the young men just out of their 'teens, anxious to get their first political experience under the stan-dard of Democracy." Prayer by Chaplain Joseph Kimball of Salt Lake, preceded the speech of Temporary Chairman F. B. Stephens, Mr. Stephens declared that he was es-pecially pleased to be temporary chair-man of the convention because the con-vention represented a strength born of devotion to principles. Bryan, he said, had polled the biggest vote the Demo-cratic party ever polled, and he did it by standing for principles which since then have come to be adopted by the rival party in power, or at least by its president and put into force with the aid of Democratic votes. "The Republican party," he declared, "represents not social progress, "but which examples the advanced of the hard score to the hard of the the advance of the score the hard and the big progress. "but which and put into force with the aid of Democratic votes.

"represents not social progress, "but selfish corporate greed. It has bragged for nearly 40 years about freeing the black slaves, but in the past 30 years it has made more white slaves than it freed of the black." After explaining the principles of Demorsory on the cutrency on sovern-

Demoracy on the currency, on govern-ment by injunction, and on the income tax, the speaker called for the appoint-ment of committees. After they had been named Judge

After they had been named Judge Thurman suggested that a platform committee be named by the chairman, and Judge O. W. Powers in favoring the motion caused a storm of applause which ended in calls from all parts of the house that he come forward and make a speech. As the time was ex-hausted, however, he asked to be ex-cused until this afternoon, when he promised to make his speech. At 12:10 o'clock the convention adjourned till 3 p. m.

p. m. The temporary organization of this morning consisted of A. B. Morgan of Utah county as secretary, in addition to Chairman Stephens. The convention call was read by John E. Clark, state ecretary

CONVENTION COMMITTEES.

liarly strong." Maj. Bryan on his appearance be

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MISSISSIPPI RISING.

At Flood Stage at St. Louis and Rising

Rapidly.

Rappiny. 81. Louis, Mo., June 11.—The Mis-sissippi fiver, which has been practical-is stationary for the past week. al-though at flood stage danger mark, is beginning to rise rapidly. The gaze this morning marked 30.7 feet, a rise of four-tenths of a foot in the past 24 hours. The danger line is 30 feet. The weather bureau this morning predicted a stage of 31.2 by tomorrow morning and a flat stage of 35 feet by Sunday, marking the crest of the flood that is pouring down the Missouri river from Kansae City and vicinity.