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THURSDAY MARCH 26 1908 SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

FIFTY-SEVENTH YEAR

S. C. WING BLOWS OUT HIS BRAINS

Pulls the Trigger in Atlas Hallway.

LEAVES LETTER FOR HIS WIFE

Went Into Barber Shop and Got Shave Then Stepped Out Back.

Next Instant Shot Rang Out-Made All Preparations-Illness Believed To Be Cause of Act.

secause of despondency brought on esumably by illness, S. C. Wing, aged years, residing at 1809 Eleventh East reet, committed suicide at 7 minutes o 12 today in the Atlas block by shooting himself with a 32 caliber revolver. Wing placed the muzzle of the revolver In his mouth and pulled the trigger. act was committed in a narrow illway at the rear of a barber shop the Atlas block. The unfortunate an fell to the floor with a groan and blood gushed from his mouth, nose and ears. A porter in the barber shop eard the shot and quickly notified the Within three minutes after ord was received at police headquarrs of the suicide, Chief Pitt and Offiers Moore and Golding and a "News" eporter were on the scene. Mr. Wing was still alive, but unconscious, when the officers arrived, but died about two minutes later.

NOTE OF INSTRUCTIONS.

It is understood that the dead man had been ill for some time with kidney trouble, and this believed to be the ause of his rash act. He left a letter ddressed to his wife and also a note reading as follows:

"March 25, 1908.
"Please deliver my body to Mr. S. D.
Evans (the undertaker) and notify Mr.
Maxwell R. Brothers, 1172 East First
South street (Ind. phone 2022) and Mr.
John D. Bransford of the Tribune who
will notify my family and deliver letter
in my pocket to Mrs. Wing."

The first person to recognize Mr. Ving as his body lay cold in death on the floor was Mr. Bransford. The after was almost completely overcome

the right over the tragedy.
"My God!" he cried, "what shall I
"We were raised together and his
ther and my father were partners
business in Ohio. How can I tell

FAMILY NOTIFIED.

Mr. Bransford took the letter addressed to Mrs. Wing and left to notify the family. The dead man leaves a wife and two daughters.

After the police were notified of the suicide, Justice Dana T. Smith was summoned and he ordered the body temoved to O'Donnell's undertaking parlors. There, the note was read and remains were taken to Evans' es-

MADE PREPARATIONS.

Wing had evidently prepared him-elf for self destruction. From a re-eipt found in his pocket it was arned that yesterday he purchased .32 caliber Iver-Johnson revolver. his morning, 15 minutes before he red the shot that ended his life, he cent into the barber slap, and was cent into the barber shop and was laved. Walking out of the rear loor into the hallway of the Atlas cleck, he blew out his brains.

ARTICLES FOUND.

The articles found in the dead man't iothes by Chief Pitt, consisted of he note referred to, the letter to Mrs. Ving. a knife. a few old coins, 60 onts, and the receipt for the revolver. addressed to Mrs Ving was the following:

"Deliver in person to Mrs. Wing. Tab? south Eleventh East." This was addressed to Mr. Brothers and Mr. Bransford. The latter took the letor to Mrs. Wing.

INSURANCE AGENT.

The deceased had been a resident of this city for many years. He was in the real estate and insurance business, and was connected with the Mutual Life company and had an office at No. 10 Commercial building. About two years ago Mr. Wing went east and married. By his first wife he had two daughters. After his second marriage he returned to Salt marriage he returned to Sall umber given.

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S. C. Wing was well known among the insurance men of this city and was the oldest agent of the Mutual Life in the control of service in Utah. He was sorn Jan. 1, 1854, in Owensboro, Ky., and came to Utah a number of years ago. He leaves a policy in the company with which he was connected for 5,000 in favor of his wife, Mary Manching Wing, and his daughter, Marcelle Wing, who is a nurse at the Dr. Groves L. D. S. hospital and a daughter by his first wife. He also leaves a little daughter was the control of th first wife. He also leaves a little daugh-ter, two years of age.

LAUGHING AND JOKING.

Itulon S, Wells, the local representative for the Mutual Life, stated this afternoon that Mr. Wing was in his office shortly before the tragedy and was joking and laughing at the time.

In answer to a question Mr. Welz stated that Mr. Wing had always been above the berath of suspicion, his accounts were always straight and he counts were always straight and he was a typical polished and courteous southern gentleman; of late he had been alling in health, but through it all he had kept his sunny disposition.

MEAT OF ALL GRADES TAKES AERIAL ROUTE

New York, March 26.—Retail prices of meals of all grades have increased two cents a pound within the last week and before a week has gone by it is very likely that prices will go from three for five cents a pound higher as a result of a strange combination of circumstances which has affected the cattle raising industry of this country. In fact, local packers say that if conditions become much worse it will be necessary for the big packers of this country to import sheep and cattle from the Argentine republic, England and Australia.

AFFIRMS INFANT WAS STRANGLED

Places Gun in His Mouth and County Physician Tells of Marks On Throat of the Reeves Baby.

AT PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Colored Woman Charged With Murdering Her Boy Appears Before Judge Diehl This Morning.

In Judge Diehl's court this morning the case of the State vs. Gertrude Reeves, charged with murder in the first degree, was begun in preliminary hearing. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant County Atty. Farnsworth and the defendant is represented by Atty. Sam King.

Mrs. Reeves, who is a colored woman, is charged with murdering her infant boy on Feb. 23 last. The baby was born about 3 o'clock in the morning and a few hours later was dead. Mrs. Reeves and her husband had been separated for several months and when he learned of the birth of the baby he declared he was not the father of the child. An examination of the infant showed that it had been strangled. Mrs. Reeves was arrested and charged with killing the baby.

UNDERTAKER'S STORY.

The first witness called this morn ng was E. J. Marnell, an undertaker

ing was E. J. Marnell, an undertaker, who took charge of the child's body and prepared it for burial. Mr. Marnell said that when he went to the Reeves home, No. 7 Washington avenue, Mrs. Reeves stated to him that the child had been "still born."

Dr. T. C. Gibson testified that he was called to attend to Mrs. Reeves and that when he arrived at the house, the baby was lying on the floor crying, and Mrs. Reeves was in bed in another room. Dr. Gibson testified that the baby was apparently normal and afflicted with no disease.

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Mrs. Coleman, colored, testified that she was with Mrs. Reeves shortly after the baby was born and that the in-fant was alive but made a noise like

it was choking.

"Mr. Reeves was there," said the witness, "and he told Mrs. Reeves he would send a telegram to her mother. He also said the child was not his." DR. CALDERWOOD'S TESTIMONY.

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Dr. Calderwood, county physician, was called and stated that he performed an autopsy upon the body of the infant, and that on the neck were evidences that external force had been used and that the baby had been strangled to death. Dr. Calderwood said the child was fully developed and normal, except for the marks on the throat, and the condition of the heart. Which was abnormal. On cross-examination. Dr. Calderwood said that in his best judgment the child died as a result of strangulation.

WHAT SHE TOLD OFFICER.

Deputy Sheriff Emery testified that Mrs. Reeves told him that shortly af-ter the child was born she went to sleep and when she awakened the babe

sleep and when she awakened the base was dead.

The woman told Deputy Sheriff Emery that she did not tell her husband of the child's death because she was afraid to. She also said if she told the undertaker the infant was "still bern" she was mistaken.

The case was continued from the

session to this afternoon a

NIGHT OF CRIME ENDED BY DEATH

Three Men Who Commit As Many Robberies Desert Dead

Criminal.

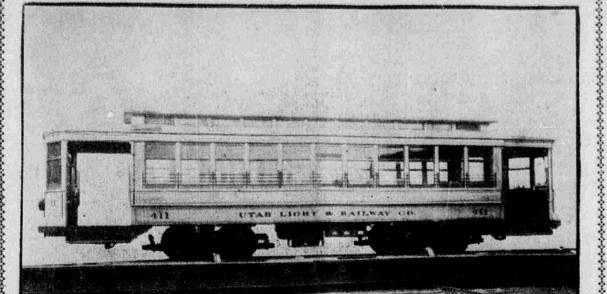
Chicago, March 26.-James Kane wa found dead in a cab at Eighteenth street and Calumet avenue early today with a bullet through his head. He is believed to have met his death from wounds inflicted by a policeman who tried to arrest him after he and two companions had beaten a cab man stolen his cab and held up and robbed two pedestrians in the course of a wild dash through the streets of the north and west sides of the city.

Kane and his companions engaged Robert Campion soon after midnight at State and Madison streets to drive them in his cab to an address on the north side. At Rush and Ohio streets, he was attacked and robbed and left he was attacked and robbed and left unconscious at the basement entrance to a hotel. An hour later the three neu, one of whom acted as driver, robbed and beat William Willard, 96 Dearborn avenue, at North Clark and Kinsec streets, and still later treated in a like manner at West Monroe and Halsted streets, George Morris. The policeman who fired the fatal shot ordered a halt as they drove furiously through

man who fired the fatal shot ordered a halt as they drove furiously through Halsted street near Archer avenue and opened five in response to shots with which the men answered his command. The jaded horses and the partially wrecked cab, with the dead body of Kane within, was found by the police at daybreak. Kane's companions escaped. Kane, who was 18 years old, has a police record. police record.

UNION PACIFIC WILL TRY TO ISSUE BONDS

New York, March 28.—The directors of the Union Pacific Railroad company of the Union Pacific Railroad company of their meeting an official statement was made announcing that the atockholders will be called to meet on May 5 to authorize an issue of bonds, amount not stated, to be secured by mortgage on the company of the company's unmortgaged lines, including the Legyenworth, Kansas & Wastern, and the Topcka & Northwestern, and the Topcka & Northwestern. The stockholders will be asked to ratify the taking over of these two



BEAUTIFUL NEW CARS PASS OVER CITY'S STREETS

Longer in dimensions both as to body and the vestibules at each end, the new Salt Lake street cars were seen this morning for the first time. At 10:30 o'clock this morning the first of the shipment now in the North Salt Lake yards made its way on its own power east on First South street to the car barns. While passing through the business district it was a center of general notice, and everyone who saw it looked with approval.

An indicator of the route in the car's center designated that it was for the Ninth avenue line, which is yet to be built. On the rear end of the indicator was marked "Warm Springs route." Both of course interchange at will, so that they carry no significance.

The coming of the new cars to Salt Lake has been an anxiously waitedmoment. When almost a score of years ago the first electric cars ran over Salat Lake's streets, it meant the passing of the frontier village days, and the beginning of Sait Lake's career as a western town. The arrival of these cars marks the passing of "town" days, and are a hopeful symbol of the coming "Greater Salt Lake" that a hundred forces are conspiring to make an event of positive certainty,

Coming latest, Salt Lake's cosmopolitan airs are put on with the most recent advances in science from the building of cars to the erection of sky scrapers.

KANSAS CITY BANK WILL OPEN MONDAY

Kansas City, March 26.—All the requirements laid down by the comptroller of the currency for the re-opening of the National Bank of Commerce of of the National Bank of Commerce of this city were compiled with when Re-ceiver George T. Cutts today received \$2,870,660 in cash from a syndicate which took over all the slow paper of the bank and all the assets termed "bad" by the government officials. The bank will open next Monday with 47 per cent of its deposits in its vaults and with Comptroller Ridgely as its president.

ANARCHISTS STOPPED BEFORE THEY STARTED

Chicago, March 26.—Three boys who were distributing circulars announcing an anarchists' meeting tomorrow evening were arrested by the police in the Ghetto lat night. The bills advertised that William Nathanson would speak. They also said that Knute Hanson would speak on "Hunger." The meeting will be held, according to Mr. Nathanson, at Mathews hall, Miller and Taylor streets, under the direction of the Edelstadt group.

LOSE WHILE IN SCHOOL

New York, March 26.—Mrs. M. M. Caldwell of Ohio, in a lecture on "Life as a Fine Art—In Relation to the Arts as a Fine Art—In Relation to the Arts of Life," to an audience composed exclusively of women, said:
"Boys have to work too hard at school, thus unfitting themselves for the real business of life. They work for the glory of graduation, and true education is lacking in them."

Mrs. Caldwell declared education was bought, too often with an impaired physical section.

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THIS EAGLE FLEW HIGH.

Butte, Mont., March 26.—Phil Miller, secretary-treasurer of the local acris of Eagles and well known in the circles of that organization throughout the northwest, was placed under arrest yesterday afternoon, charged with the embezzlement of \$206 of the funds of the local aerie.

EXCLUDED FROM THE MAIL.

"La Questione Sociale" Will Hereafter Be Barred as Anarchistic,

Washington, March 26.—Postmaster General Meyer today issued an order annulling the second class mailing privilege granted in 1905 to "La Questione Sociale," an Italian publication issued by an alleged anarchist group at Paterson, N. J. The order was issued because "the publication is not a newspaper within the meaning of the law, but is devoted to what the editor terms the "science" of extolling assassination as a virtue."

EIGHTY YEARS SHOULD BE MAN'S PERIHELION

Chicago, March 28.—Three score and ten years of earthly existence is an old fashioned allotment of a man's life, according to Bishop Samuel Fallows, People ought to be aslamed that they do not live to be loo or 120 years in this age, he holds.

At 80 a man should be in the prime of life, whereas now 40 or 45 is declared to be the climax.

oe the climax.

Bishop Fallows was speaking on "The Mission of Pain." at the St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church. BURROWS OBJECTS TO SWEARING SMITH

roads by the Union Pacific. It is said that the amount of the bond issue has not yet been determined. It was reported unofficially that preliminary steps were taken to the issue of from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in bonds. This issue, it was stated, would provide for the company's financing for a considerable period and only a portion of the bonds would be offered in the near futurt. FOR "UNCLE JOE"

Venerable Speaker Endorsed for Successor to Roosevelt At Springfield.

FAVOR TARIFF ADJUSTMENT

Platform Contains Many Planks Looking to This End-Need of Financial Legislation Recognized.

Springfield, Ill., March 26,-At 16 o'clock today the Republican convention, which is to send four delegates and alternates at large to the Chicago onvention was called to order by Roy
O. West, chairman of the state centrat
committee. The original hour was
noon, but last night it was decided
to move it forward by two hours for the
purpose of allowing delegates to catch
the afternoon trains. George Bucking-O. West, chairman of the state centrat the afternoon trains. George Buckingham of Danville, was made temporary and permanent chairman.

The convention was solidly for Joseph G. Cannon for president, and endorsed his candidacy in as strong terms as language permitted. It also upheld the administration of Governor Deneen and commented his conduct of public affairs. All other state officers of the party were indorsed, as were United States Senators Cullom and Hopkins. The administration of President Roosevelt was also highly praised. The tariff plank of the platform was the subjet of much discussion and nothing definite was done with it until Chairman foutell arrived late at night with the las Washington ideas of the best way in which it should be worded. The final draft of the plank did not, however, differ greatly from the original wordin. It declared in favor of tariff "adustment" in place of "revision," it beng the idea of its framers that the frimer word is the more comprehensiv.

The platform adored by the convention was as follows: United States Senitors Cullom and

TRUST LAW.

That we approve the vigorous enforcement of the interstate laws against all combinations, monopolies and trusts, and we support the enforcement of such laws until justice

We urge that I the laws fow on the statute books re not sufficient to reach every case & extortion or dis-crimination, additioal laws be enact-ed by Congress util no guilty com-hination or trust capes.

ENDORSE ACCULLOM.

That we endors the Republican members of both ranches of Congress who have sood firmly by the president and have enacted into laws so many measure recommended by him, for the common good, and also have enacted into aw many other excellent measures riginating in Cangress. That we bartily endorse our senior senator, Hn. Shelby M. Cullom, for his long able and spoties public life, and with him many years of health and neas. We also endorse the record of oursunfor senator, Albert J. Hopkins, who has given all the record of our union senator. Al-hert J. Hopkins, who has given all matters pertaining to the interest of the whole countr, especially to Illi-nois, quick and efective attention and has shown himse one of the ablest senators Illinois is sent to the upper house of Congres." house of Congres.

The state admistration is con-mended and the latform continues;

STAND FR CANNON.

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The loyal and able services of Speaker Joseph (Cannon are well known, also his forts for good sovernment, for safebusiness and better conditions of laborand his loyal support of President Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Hasson, McKinler and Koosevelt, are maters of history.

He has advocted, voted for, and put his impress you all the laws for public welfare witten upon the statute books of the United States for

and moves forward.

And believing that Speaker Cannon is eminently fitted in every way to be the party's national standard bearer in the campaign of 1908, therefore we unequivocally instruct our delegates and alternates to the national convention to convene in Chicago part June

Cannon, who always faces to the front

and alternates to the national convention to convene in Chicago next June 15. to cast their votes for Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, and fo use every honorable means to secure his nomination, and we earnestly request our district delegates to use their united influence in support of his candidacy.

It was generally believed until just before the convention met, that the tariff plank would declare for "adjustment" but at the last minute, it was, after debate, stricken out, and revision alone was asked. The suggestion was also made that legislative committees of the national house and senate proceed immediately to gather necessary information loking to such revision.

HALTED IN PRAYER.

The first mention of Speaker Cannon was in the prayer of Rev. J. M. Francis, who invoked the divine blessing upon him and his career. He was instantly interrupted by an outburst of applause which put a 10 second halt in his prayer.

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At the conclusion of the invocation Chairman West introduced as the chairman of the convention George T. Buckingham of Danville, who made a

the next president of the United States," and the delegates went wild. The speaker concluded his address by declaring that Gladstone was premier at 83 and that Bismarck did his greatest work when he was 80 year age. "We offer to the country," he said.

a man as wise as Gladstone and brave as Bismarck. There were no contests. Pending the reports of the committees on permanent organization and resolutions, an address was made by Congressman Henry S. Boutell. The temporary organization was made permanent.

THE PLATFORM.

The Republican party of Illinois, in convention assembled on this 28th day of March, 1908, would remind the Re-publicans of this state and the nation, that 52 years ago our great party founded on principles that are as e nal and as necessary in Republi government as our axioms in mathematics.

matics.

The Republican party, now composed largely of sturdy men who have come to manhood since the war of the '60's, most of that great host of patriots having pitched their tents on fame's eternal camping ground, pledge that we will ever salute the dead patriot hosts of all our wars and will continue to remember in the most substantial manner, the soldiers and sailors of all our wars who are yet living, and also their widows and orphans, knowing that we can never repay their services to the can never repay their services to the country. Republican principles are as vital in 1908 as they have been in previous years. They must guide us in the future as in the past, in meeting and solving the questions now pending, and those which may arise,

OMNIBUS PLANK.

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We therefore again announce our fatth in Republican principles and policies and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to elect the presidential nominee, and all our state Republican nonlinees on next Nov. 3. Believing in Republican principles of the past, in protection to American labor and American industry, in sound money and in the power of Congress to Improve the nation's natural highways of commerce, and the equality of all citizens of making new or novel declarations to attract temporary support to continue Republican administrations.

ENDORSE ROOSEVELT. ENDORSE ROOSEVELT

That we endorse the administration of President Roosevelt for its energy and success, for recommending to Congress many, measures of the greatest benefit to the general welfare, and for benefit to the general weitare, and for vigorously enforcing the law on statute books and striving to bring about that ideal condition of the nation, where-in each citizen shall be equal before the law and give equal obedience to the law. His administration will stand as one of the greatest in American history.

MCKINLEY TARIFF. The present tariff law, which

history

THREE MEN GET

Penalty for Crime of Attempted Burglary.

THE MEN ALL PLEAD GUILTY.

They Waive All Rights and After Sentence is Imposed Are Taken at Once to Penitentiary.

George Morris, R. E. Sherwood and Patrick Mullen, the three men who or the night of March 17, 1908, entered the fur store of 1. Glosz, for the purpose of burgiary, and who were caught and turned over to the police by officers, as sisted by ex-Chief of Police George Sheets, received a stiff sentence from Judge Armstrong this morning, to-wit five years each.

The men appeared in court at 16 o'clock, entered pleas of guilty, waived all rights and were given the terms indicated, at hard labor in the state prison. They were taken at once to the place of confinement.

our domestic commerce has expanded beyond all expectations, the volume of our export trade has constantly increased until within the past six months it has reached the high water mark; the ratio of our manufactured exports has steadily advanced; our farmers have received the highest price and our mechanics and other workmen the highest wages that have ever been paid and our cifizens of all classes have enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity than has ever prevailed during a like period in any country.

NEEDS ADJUSTMENT

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The broadening of the home market and the increased foreign demand for our products have stimulated competition and this competition has brought out manifold new discoveries and inventions which have materially altered the cost of production both at home and abroad of almost every article of commerce. The long continuance of the benefits conferred by the present tariff has produced an industrial situation that suggests the possibility of securing by the revision of the tariff additional benefits for the people of the United States through a wise continuance of the policy of protective tariff. It is now apparent that in order to maintain the scientific accuracy of the tariff, remove inequalities and prevent injustice, some new schedules must be added to the law, some of the present rates must be lowered while some must be repealed altogether. The very success of the present tariff demonstrates the wisdom of revising it to conform to the improved conditions, which it has produced. We believe that the people of the United States will profit by a new tariff, but it must be a Republican tariff, a protective tariff, a tariff which recognies in all its parts the difference between American and foreign wages, the difference between wage earners and the scale of living imposed by insufficient wages upon foreign workmen. We therefore recommend to our delegates to the Republican national convention that they urge upon the convention the wisdom of declaring for a revision of the tariff to be made at the next session of Congress or at a special session of the to be made at the next session of Congress or at a special session of the Sixty-first Congress to be convened immediately after the inauguration of the next president. March 4, 1909.

FOR AMERICA FIRST.

We believe that our tariff should contain a provision for minimum and maximum rates—the minimum rates giving full pretection, the maximum rates to be invoked for retaliating upon foreign countries that discriminate against American products. We upon foreign countries that discriminate against American products. We believe that the two main ideas should pervade all the provisions of the tariff: First, that the protective principle, so prevail in all the schedules that the American farmers, workmen and producers shall be given the first call on the home market, and, second, that no illegal or unjust combination, trust or monopoly shall find encouragement or shelter in any of its provisions.

SOME PRELIMINARIES.

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To the end that the revision of the tariff may be accomplished with the greatest possible gain and the least possible loss, we suggest to our senators and representatives in Congress, that they seek to secure at once the passage in their repective houses of resolutions directing the proper committees to proceed immediately to collect the preliminary information necessary for a revision of the tariff that when the work is entered upon all parties in interest may be heard and the law framed, discussed and passed without delay and without any disturbance of the financial and industrial interests of the country. of the country.

FINANCIAL

We favor such financial legislation as will give to the country districts the same protection as to the central re-serve cities and prevent the recurrence of financial disturbance and we have confidence in our chosen leaders in Congress that proper financial laws will be suncted. be enacted.

IOWA DEMOCRATS.

Gedar Rapids, Ia., March 26.-The Democratic state convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national convention convened at 10:30. Claude R. Porter was selected as temporary chairman and called the convention to order. The caucuses held at 9 o'clock developed some spirited contests but the Bryan men were clearly in the majority. The fight against Charles Miller, led by George F. Rinchart of Des Moines, resulted in changling the meeting place of the next state convention from Sioux City to Des Moines.

. BANQUET FOR BRYAN

Kansas City, March 26 .- Twelve hun dred tickets, 1,000 of which have been sold to out-of-town people, have already been disposed of for the Young Men's Democratic club banquet which is to be held here in Convention hall on Monday night next. William J. Bryan and Judson Harmon of Cincinnati will be the guests of honor.

TAGGART MAY CONTROL

Indianapolis, Ind., March 28.—The second day's session of the Indiana Democratic convention opened today with its work well defined. The Indications were that National Chairman Taggart was in control of the convention and that his wishes would be followed. tion and that his wishes would be fol- | give a

CHIEF VAIL IS FIVE YEARS EACH SURE TO REMAIN

Judge Armstrong Inflicts Severe Uncovering of Facts in His Record Will Be of No Effect.

BLUNDERS OF SEARS FIRE.

They Helped as Much as the Redman and Kopp Fires to Put Insurance Men on Guard.

Whatever the Facts and However Ex. pensive Vail Proves the Persuader Ring Demands His Retention.

For the past week business men who pay insurance rates have been able to get an illuminating insight into the way of Chief Vail's fire fighting, and the impression his record has made upon those with power to make high or low rates according to their faith in the Salt Lake fire department.

In some quarters a slight suspicion has arisen that since the developments showed that the business men ments showed that the businsss men were the people asked to pay for an official's incompetency, they might with propriety ask for the reorganization of the fire department. To such people it may be explained that no fight can be made upon Chief Vall which will succeed. After all the information is published, in which the public has a rightful interest, they will merely have the privilege of knowing that with all these facts known, Chief Vail is still the best that they can hope for, and the only chief that there is likely to be in Salt Lake for a long time.

MAYOR IS POWERLIESS

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The reason for this fact is merely that The reason for this fact is merely that the only power in Salt Lake that could move Vail from his position, will not do it. Mayor John S. Bransford is as powerless his lany other citizen not holding actual power of government, to remove the fire chief, and reorganize the department in the interests of the efficiency that has long since ceased to be one of its qualities. That Mayor Bransford is willing to remove the chief has been known for a long time, just as has been the fact that other authority higher up is positively determined. as has been the fact that other authority higher up is positively determined upon retaining him, and this authority is not one recognized in any of the statute books, or created by any ordinance, or built so that any judge or jury may pass judgment on it, or eliminate it if it should cease, as it has in this case, to work for the people, instead of against both them, and the party in which the power was created.

VAIL WILL REMAIN. City Councilman L. D. Martin, head of the city council committee on fire matters, is enthusiastically for Vall, and so is David C. Dunbar, who shares with the other potentials, ability to have their desires carried out regardless of opposing opinion among such men as Mayor Bransford. These men are the assurance that Vall will be retained, so it is a mistake to assume that any uncovering of his record means a fight to remove him, or that any showing that he is expensive for the people to pay for, is leading up to a readjustment of matters in his

department. A THIRD FIRE BLUNDER.

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From Karl A. Scheid, manager of the board of fire underwriters, the view of this board has been secured, and it was clearly a view without political color for a mere purpose of putting on record the fact that insur-ance rates must necessarily be high where a fire department's afficiency is where a fire department's efficiency is low. Mr. Scheid based his opinion of the reports made to him by the insur-ance writers engaged in the Redman

ance writers engaged in the Redman loss.

Since then Eli H. Peirce, an insurance writer, cas joined in giving his experiences with paying a loss on the Kopp property, where Vail made a serious blunder. The statement of Mr. Peirce was merely putting on record a fact which had a value to all business men who have to pay fire unsurance. Yet, refusing to hold the argument to this fact, the persuader organ, seeking not the good of the city or the "American" party, but of the persuaders, launches into a malicious and cruelly venomous attack on Mr. Peirce it having previously shown that only fear held it back from similar attacks upon Mr. Red-nan, and the fire insurance companies that had previously let their position that had previously let their position

THE FORGOTTEN NOZZLE.

It is now possible to show that other fires than ether of these two were factors in breaking the department's factors in breaking the department's reputation, and destroying its prestige. A very few days after the Redman fire, a fire broke out in the Sears residence on the northeast bench. No defender of Chief Vail dare to justify the helplessness displayed on that occasion. The department was called to the fire, and a supply of nozzles was not brought with it. Stories were given out that those which were taken there broke, but the fact was that while the firemen were suding back to headquarters for nozzles, the most necessary of all their equipment, the fire burned metrily on while helpless firemen had to stand by and see the damage done.

SOLICITING AFFIDAVITS.

SOLICITING AFFIDAVITS. Could Chir Vail go to aged women and housewives near the Sears residence and secure from them affidavits

such as he solicited after the Redman The option of insurance men who looked over the Sears fire for their own purposes of determining how much they could depend on Vail to prevent fires from spreading, was identical with the opinion of other insurance men who looked over the Redman fire, and still others who inspected the Kopp premises. The raising of the rates on risks was the only possible result, and it is a candition as certain as the fact that Vall will be retained regardless of his record.

MORE HELPLESS CITIZENS.

John S. Bransford, mayor, is not the only helpless citizen, who wants to see fire insurance rates in Salt Lake what they would be if the increase in the water supply had not been offset by a decrease in the fire department's skill.

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The Salt Lake Commercial club's board of governors met this morning and talked over ways and means to save to Salt lake the \$190,000 loss in premiums per annum that an inefficient department entaits. 'We don't give a cent who is appointed, or who isn't just so the man that is will bring