

In reply to questions by Senator Mor-gan, he said the committee had plans for six hotels, two of which are ap-proaching completion. He could not tell just how much more accommoda-tions would be required until the type of canal is settled. Concerning the of canal is settled. Concerning the division of expenses in maintaining the railroad, Mr. Shonts said that all that part needed for ordinary railroad bus-iness, exclusive of canal work, should be borne by the railroad, and other work, even the building of wharves, sheuld be paid from canal funds. Senator Gorman said that the general temperator marked of the time Mr.

impression was gained at the time Mr. Shonts went to the isihmus that he had criticised Chief Engineer Wallace for dilatoriness, and that he proposed to make a showing at once. Mr. Shonts denied that he had made a statement at any time.

Senator Gorman conducted an extended examination of the witness con-cerning conditions at the time Mr. Stevens took control. He showed that Mr. Steven, had increased the payroll Mr. Steven, had increased the payroll from \$,000 to 13,000 men in three months without doing anything toward digging the canal. Concerning the expenditure of \$500 by Mr. Wallace to estimate the cost of removing the dirt from Culebra, which had been declared by the pres-ent officials far from what will be the real cost, Mr. Shonts said: "If Mr. Wallace had received no equipment from the French company and had had to wait for suitable equip-ment, he would have spent the time in improving sanitation and for the care of

improving sanitation and for the care of horsers. Then he would have seen that fair weather estimates for the moving of dirt would vary from the cost of moving ft under other conditions.

Mr. Shonts said he did not believe Mr. Wallace's experiments had delayed

sanitary work. Senator Gorman asked concerning the demand for the Importation of women, and the witness replied that this had been brought about by the assurance that better laborers could be obtained if their families were taken to the isth-mus. Mr. Stevens was said by Mr. Shonts to have been responsible for the importation of families, but Mr. Shonts said he had later approved his action, It appeared that the canal commis-sion paid \$7 a head for the importation

of these women, and Senator Gorman asked in what manner it was recov-

ered. "We don't get it back, it is a gratu-ity," answered Mr. Shonis. His attention being called to a state-ment that the steamship fare for these ment that the steamship fare for these women cost the government nothing, he said he had inferred that from you-chers, which showed that only laborers had been brought in by the authorities on the isthmus,

It was remarked by Senator Gorman that the accounting system seemed to be very lax, when a voucher could be made to cover a transaction of that kind. Mr. Shonts replied that most of these women found employment in the hotels and that in fact they were laborers.

It was explained by Mr. Shonts that authority had been issued to Mr. Steterms to the commission, but that his acts were subject to review. Later Mr. Shonts qualified his statement by saying that on all matters of consequence outside of routine, bids for material needed by Mr. Stvens were obtained by the purchasing department. For routine purposes it appeared from Mr. Shont's statement there was no limit concerning the amount of contract en-



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PREPARING FOR STOCKMENS' CONVENTION

Denver, Jan. 27.-President Murao Mackenzie of the American Stockgrow-Mackenzie of the American Stockgrow-ers' association, is completing arrange-ments for the annual convention of that association to be held here Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1. One of the most important questions for consideration at that meeting is the advance in commission charges for the sale of live stock at the Missouri river markets, which is arous-ing the antagonism of livestock ship-pers in the west. Other questions for consideration are the endorsement of President Roosevelt's railroad policy. extending the 28-hour law and increased extending the 28-hour law and increased foreign markets for meat products. All indications point to a very large at-tendance of livestock producers.

KILLED BY A HORSE.

## M. O. Coggins by One He Bought from Vice-President Fairbanks.

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—M. O. Coggins, a commission merchant, was killed yesterday by a horse which he recently purchased from Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks. The horse arrived here about a week are and had been in the stable most

The horse arrived here about a week ago, and had been in the stable most of the time since. Mr. Coggins went out for a saddle ride yesterday. The animal was nervous, and on California avenue was frightened by a street car and ran away. It finally fell, throw-ing Mr. Coggins over its head and then falling on him. He died soon after from a fractured skuli and internal in-juries. iuries Mr. Coggins a few years ago was

credited with cornering the supply of Rockyford melons and was said to have cleared over \$1,000,000 on the Rockyford deal

THE ACTORS' HOME.

## Benefit for it Netted Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

York, Jan. 27.-All stagedom packed Broadway theater yesterday and when the proceeds were all in it was found that the Actors' home had benefited to the extent of \$6,500. It was the biggest of all the long list of benefits.

fits. A quartet from Dockstader's min-strels sang songs, Frank Lincoln gave a "Melo-Monologue." and Margaret Ar-lington and Ernest Lawford acted Su-tro's "A Maker of Men." Elsie Janis gave initations, Blanche Bates, Frank Keenan and J. H. Benrimo acted "My Aunt's Advice." Ethel and Jack Barry-more appeared in Richard Harding Da-vis' playlet "Miss Civilization." Henri vis' playlet "Miss Civilization;" Henri de Vries Introduced parts of "A Case of Arson," Marie Dressler sang songs; Julis Opp recited, Beatrice Herford gave "Kid" monologues, and a dozen Julte gave

others took part. ANTI-CRIME LEAGUE.

## Chicago Clubs and Organizations Take

Up the Movement.

Chicago, Jan. 27 .- Impetus to the movement for a permanent anti-crime league was given last night at a meet-ing of representatives of 28 clubs, iming of representatives of 28 clubs, im-provement associations churches and various civic bodies. The meeting was attended by nearly 100 citizens. Higher licenses for the saloons, sup-pression of crime and enforcement of law at all costs were the sentiments expressed by the speakers. It was decided to circulate petitions asking for signatures of citizens who

asking for signatures of citizens who favor an increase in the saloon Hrayor an increase in the saloon li-cense as a means of raising money nec-essary to obtain a larger police force. To begin with 25,000 names will be se-cured on a petition to be presented to the city council finance committee at its meeting next Wednezday.

on the 27th of December, 1905, Judge George W. Brown, who is one of the trust case, a certain amount of money trust case, a certain amount of money ostensibly as a Christmas present, the exact amount I do not know, and di-rected him to give \$100 of it to a Mr. Elwell, who is a reporter for the City Press of Chicago, and who is also de-tailed to report the court proceedings in this case and whose reports are used by all of the newspapers of Chicago and largely by the Associated Press. Mr. Hasler had intimated to Mr. El-well the day before that he was going to receive a present and on that day met him in the corridor of the federal building and handed him \$100. Mr. El-

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building and handed him \$100. Mr. El-well declined to take it and he pushed it into his pocket with Judge Brown's card and told Mr. Elwell that Judge Brown had sent it to him. Elwell went to his employer and told him about it, and his employer told him to take the money and give it to Judge Brown, which he did.and Judge Brown told him that he did.and Judge Brown told him that he did not mean anything by it: that he just wanted to make him a Christmas present. I then requested Capt. Porter to have an interview with Mr. Hasler, which he did. building and handed him \$100. Mr. El-

On the 4th of January there appeared in the Inter Ocean the article which I in the Inter Ocean the article which I herewith enclose. This morning an ar-ticle appeared in the Inter Ocean, a copy of which I herewith enclose you. The Inter Ocean circulates quite gen-erally among the farmers, perhaps mo, so than any other Chicago daily. Tm-jury impaneled to try the immunity issues appeared in court yesterday morning, but, owing to the illness of Mr. Hines, the hearing was postponed until 2 o'clock today. The jury have been at large since they were first im-paneled. paneled. After Judge Brown knew that I was

familiar with the facts, he came to the office to see me. He had learned that we knew about the matter. His explawe knew about the matter. His expla-nation was that complimentary articles had been written about him in the pa-pers and he thought Mr. Elwell wrote them, and gave the money to Elwell out of gratitude for what he had said. T do not remember any articles especial-ly complimentary to him, but am hav-ing the matter looked up to see wheth-er there were or not. Judge Brown also admitted to me that he gave Hasler money at the same time to retain for imself

The amount he gave Hasler was not The amount he gave Haster was not stated. Judge Brown stated that the money he gave was his own money and that his clients knew nothing about it. We are considering the questions as to whether we will lay the matter before the editor of the Inter Ocean.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that the jury returned yesterday morning and remained in Chicago overnight and had every opportunity to read the article published in this morning's Inter Ocean.

Respectfully yours, C. B. MORRISON, United States Attorney. Department of Justice, Office United

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