DESERET EVENING NEWS. TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17 1906 SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR

HOW SHEETS TRIED TO SMOTHER ROBBERY NEWS

TRIAL OF POLICE CHIEF BEGINS

straightforward and Unshakable Story of Victim in \$10,000 Holdup Case.

MOST EXTRAORDINARY CRIME.

Sheets' Amazing Solicitude at Keeping Information From Newspapers.

pealled Narration of How the Whole Benco Game Was Worked From Beginning to End.

Thiags did not look well for George sheets in the first session of his preiminary hearing today, on the charge compounding a felony. Alexander MeWhirter was on the stand, and infeed of finding an ignorant Scotchran, looking foolish and without ordnary intelligence. McWhirter turned out to be a well dressed, slightly-built yours man with a trim mustache, a vel fitting tailor made suit, the latest est of collar and the, and a general appearance of intelligence and clev-

In his testimony he told a straight, clean cut story, from which he could not be driven by cross-questioning, and was so accurate in his details that his words carried great conviction with them. Few, if any, of those who heard him will doubt the truth of each incident which he narrated in the process f fiching him out of his money. The featch temperament of closely observing things, failing to show great emo. tion, and telling the truth with complete attention to the smallest details, minently noticeable.

Mowhirter made a strong case gainst the pollee department. He welared this was his first visit to actared this was his first visit to imprice, and this his first experience with American methods. Wisdom had quickly followed this first brush with bunko men, for McWhirter ex-hined that when he came back he haw enough not to accept the offer of this of police to help him locate be men "as his experience with the set take police department had sait Lake police department had

SHEETS LAUGHED ONCE. Through the examination Chief

very friendly handshake and said h was sorry we could not go with him. He asked us to just go up to Col. Rice's room just a few minutes in order to meet the colonel so that the latter would not think that the fellow had misrepresented to him about the two Scotelfmen. We could not get away, so went with the fellow and he took us up to the Antler rooming house. MEETS JOHN O'BRIEN. "He knocked at the door and there "He knocked at the door and there was no response, then he knocked again and the door was opened by a fellow who afterwards proved to be John O'Brien. He asked if the colonel was in, and O'Brien said that he was out just at present, but would be back in a few minutes. We went in and a few minutes. We went in and Morris introduced himself to the two men who were in the room waiting for the colonel. O'Brien introduced himthe colonel. O'Brien introduced him-self as a mining expert and the other man as a dactor, but 1 forgot the names they used. The mining expert showed us some ore which he had on the table and asked us to draw our chairs up so that we could examine it. He then pointed out the gold and silver and told us the value of the ore.

TELLING POINTS IN TODAY'S TESTIMONY.

When, on the night of the rabbery, the Mell'hirters sat in the office of Chief of Police Sheets, while he poured out \$750 in gold coin on his desk, the chief advised them to pick it up as quick as they could before any reporters came in.

While the McWhirter Brothers were waiting for Bell to go out under the advice of Chief Sheets, to get more money, Reporter Philipps of the Tribune entered, produced a note book and read an accurate account of the robbery. Chief Sheets denied to Philipps knowing anything about the story, although McWhirter had recently told him the same details.

When waiting, half broken down and puzzled, at the police station, Officer Hempel advised the McWhirters to be calm, to rest easy, and to be assured, because Chief Sheets had the case in hand and would bring things out all right for them. He also advised them not to talk to any other officers,-this after they had encountered Detective Raleigh in the hall, and started to tell their story to him. Raleigh went at once to Hempel, and the advice followed.

On leaving the station for the train, Chief Sheets advised the McWhirters that above all else they must not talk to reporters. He said the reporters would probably be around the Cullen hotel, waiting for them, and they must not say a word.

Bell shook hands with Sheets when he left to escort the Me-Whirters' to the train, after Sheets had said he could not get their tickets extended, and they had decided to go on rather than stay over here, completely stranded, leaving their address with Sheets, who promised them he would speedily "get the gaug."

were strangers and did not know how to reach the springs. He said that he was a stranger and did not know how to reach the springs. He said that he to reach the springs. He said that he way a stranger, too, and that be had only one acquaintance in the city, a Col. Rice, who was a mining man. The colonel, he said, was a very busy man, but had shown him about the city for an hour on the day before. He said that he was lonely and that and would be glad to go with us and show us the city. That was agreeable to us, so he took us up to Brigham Young's grave, Eagle Gate, the temple and a few other took us up to Brigham Young's grave Eagle Gate, the temple and a few other places of interest.

"COLONEL" GOING TO SALTAIR

"He told us that the colonel was going to take him out to Saltair in his automobile the next day and he would like for us to go with them. We prom-ised to go as we were at liberty the next day. He was with us for about two hours and gave his name as Morris. The next day we left a note for him with the clerk at the hotel, telling him that we could not go out in the automobile with him and we then went out to Ft. Douglas in order to escape him. We came back about ten minutes past 2 o'clock, and were about to enter the Royal cafe to take lunch when he

approached us and greeted us with a

Springs. My brother told him that we | would be quite disgraceful for Col. Rice If the public knew what had been go-ing on in his room and that to avoid too much publicity he would not send too much publicity he would not send for the patrol wagon, but would take us to the station in batches. Then it would not attract attention and there would be no crowd following us. The two offi-cers then searched my brother and my-self and took the money out of my poc-ket and laid it on the table where he counted out eight \$1,000 bills, three \$100 bills and \$75 (n small bills and \$157). bills and \$75 in small bills and silver. WANTED A RECEIPT.

"I told him that if he was going to

take my money I wanted a receipt for it. He asked the men if there was any paper in the room, but they could not find any, so my brother took a piece of paper out of his pocket and Hemingway made out that receipt and signed it. I have since identified Hemingway as a man whose true name is Davis. He then took the money and said that he would go first and take Morris and the "doctor." Morris ob-jected but the officer told him to come along and not sulk or he would shoot him. Hemingway then started out with Morris and the "doctor." and I started to go out with them but Hemingway shoved me back in the room and told me to do as he instructed.

"I stayed with my brother and the spert and the bogus officer, Bell, Be-



Photo by Johnson "DOCTOR" JIM DONALDSON.

Gambler, Fake Prize Fight Promoter and All Round Sport. Who is Being Brought Back to Salt Lake for Trial.

If he said another word they would brain him. Under the shadow of the building, Bell gave to Davis a roll of bills, and asked for \$20 in return. A gold piece was handed to him, and partment. The man said he didn't know him, and didn't know if he was a policeman. McWhirter then toid him he had been robbed by the man, Bell came out and with the two brothers proceeded to the corner, where then Bell said: McWhirter insisted on taking a street McWhirter insisted on taking a street car, as the grips wer so heavy. The three got on, and the car had gone 309 yards, picking up full speed, when the fake officer jumped off. "I went after him." said McWhirter, "looked around and saw my brother getting off with me. I motioned him to stay by the grips and I followed up Bell. Bell explained that the reason for his action was that the doctor was a friend of his, and he didn't want to get him into trouble."

"We will be quick enough in get-ting to the station now." "Yes.", was McWhirter's retort. "After you have walked me all around town, to give the gang time enough to

get away, and have relieved yourself of my money." WHERE SHEETS CAME IN.

Chief Sheets came into the narrative

at this point The man led me straight up to the "The man led me straight up to the police station." said McWhirter, and entered it by a back way. A group of officers were talking in the hall, and among them was a tall one, whom I now know to be Chief Sheets. Bell mo-tioned to Sheets, and the chief came over to us. He could be canned to see

three hours on the way to this station while you let the rest get away, and got rid of my money. I was broke down got rid of my money, I was broke down by now, and I started to cry, saying I was left penniless in a strange city. "Bell said, 'If it's as bad as that, here's \$20 of my own money,' and he handed me the \$20 in a gold coin I had seen passed to him at the post-office. Sheets turned around to Bell, and said to him. 'Can't you get some of the man's money back. Bell answered, 'Give me an hour or two, and I think I can. I'll telephone you every hour I am gone until I return.' MADE A FALSE STATEMENT.

MADE A FALSE STATEMENT. Sheets asked me if this was agree-ble. I said it was, if he would send able an officer or a detective along. The two went out together and Sheets returned in a mnute, saying the man had a proposition to make. Bell followed him in and made it. offering to loan me \$1.000 of his own money, out of his account at the Commercial bank. his account at the Commercial bank, if I would repay it when I got my money, and sign a note for it. I agreed to this, and he left. Then sheets told me I needn't worry about paying back the \$1,000. He told me these men had bunkoed me and when I got the \$1,000 to stick to it. I asked Chief Sheets if he had sent an officer with Bell and HE SAID HE HAD SENT AN OFFICER.

SHEETS WENT TO DINNER.

Continuing the slory, it was narrated that Chief Sheets then went to dinner, while the witness went out to find his brother. He located the grips at the Cullen, but not the brother. He then went back to the Chesapeake bar, where he asked the cigar seller again about the men and told him about the robbery. Then he returned to the po-lice station.

Capt. Burbidge met him, asked what he wanted, and when he told him he had been robbed, he said the Chief knew about it, and passed on. Sergi, Hempel then came out and escorted him behind the counter in the front office. Hempel advised him ON NO office. Hempel advised him ON NO ACCOUNT TO OPEN HIS MOUTH TO ANY OF THE OFFICERS, assured him that the chief had the case in hand, and would fix it up all right.

brother arrived shortly a Hempel took both of afterthen wards. wards. Hempel took both of them into another room. Here Detective Raleigh met them. They sat there 40 minutes. Then Detective Raleigh and Hempel passed by them. Hempel as-suring them that everything was all right, and not to feel worried.

RALEIGH WAS THERE.

Chief Sheets came back from dinner, and asked the MeWhirters into his office. Hempel and Raleigh followed them in. The officers spoke together for them in. The officers spoke together for two or three minutes. "THEN MY BROTHER SAID TO CHIEF SHEETS," continued McWhirter in giv-ing his evidence "I saw one of the gang drive out of the stabling place next to the Cullen in a buggy with an-other man, and I learned from the sta-ble keeper that they had hired the rig to drive to the New England addition, west of the city.

west of the city. "I interrupted my brother to ask Chief Sheets IF THIS OTHER MAN WAS THE DETECTIVE HE SAID HE

WOLLD SEND ALONG, AND CHIEF SHEETS SAID HE WAS. "We then asked the chief if we hadn't better go to dinner as we had had nothing to eat since dinner.

The McWhitters then went to dinner. They ate at the first restaurant en-countered and returned in half an hour, and sat down in the office of Chief Sheets, to await the return of Bell with

GOV. BROOKS **ASKS FOR TROOPS**

Wants to Remove the Marauding **Ute Indians From State** Of Wyoming.

THEY ARE IN AN UGLY MOOD.

Are Heavily Armed and Carry an Abundant Supply of Ammunition.

Refuse to Move on-Claim They Were Forced Off Their Own Reservation by Government Treaty.

(Special to the "News.") Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 17 .- Gov. Brooks this morning made a request upon the Indian department at Washington for the immediate removal of the band of maurauding Utes, numbering 200, who are a part of the band of 700 that was camped near Douglas several weeks this fall and who are intimidating ranchmen and the city authorities of Millette in Crock county, northern Wyoming. The Indians are accused of slaughtering cattle and sheep and committing other depredations. They are in an ugly mood and refuse to move on. The request of the governor this morning carries the suggestion that United States troops be hurried to the scene at once to forcibly remove the redskins from the state. The answer of the department will be received some time today. It is expected that troops will be ordered out from Fort MacKenzie near Sheridan, there being a sufficient force at that post to take care of the Indians.

The Utes are heavily armed and carrate clear are nearly arminition. They claim they were forced off their own reservation by the treaty with the gov-ernment and the settling up of a portion of their reservations by the whites.

of their reservations by the whites. That they are entitled to a living and as the white man had killed off all the game they are compelled to do the best they can. Henry Red Shiri, the paleface hater, is in charge of the Gil-lette contingent. He is an inveterate drinker and when full of liquor is hard to handle. Every effort is being made by the Gillette people to keep whisky away from the redskins. The more timid among the residents of Gillette are leaving their homes by every train, for in the event of an outbreak many whites would be slaughtered before troops could reach the scene.

mets sat shrunk down and sprawled we sat shrunk down and sprawled win a chair, behind his counsel, ide Varian and Soren X. Christen-m During the telling points of the tellowny he shrunk still further eva and the only bright thing about in was the glistening diamond in M the Several times he looked up thenty at the witness while he was willing a vital point in his story, but If the clear statement rounded into telling blow, the chief's eyes would all to the floor and the expression of hen interest would leave his face. Once, when McWhitter identified Detailson as the "Doc." Sheets joined is the general laughter, but that was the only time he could be that was time he smiled.

the only time he smiled. MeWhitter is not so Scotch as he was a month ago. Instead of telling shout men weighing "10 stone" and "riding to Fort Douglas in a tram." he spoke today with a free use of Americanisms, and remarked when he saw Donaldson's picture and was ask-ed if that was the doctor, "Sure-that's the doc all right."

WHEN HEARING COMMENCED.

When Judge Armstrong ascended the bench at 10 o'clock and Deputy Sheriff Fred Butler announced that the court vas in session, the courtroom was well invided with spectators and within a very short time there was hardly stand-ber room.

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MeWHIRTER'S STORY.

McWHIRTER'S STORY. Alexander McWhirter, the eldest of the vobers, was the first witness call-ed for the state. He detailed the move-must of himself and brother from the time they arrived in New York up to the vobers, was the first witness call-time they arrived in New York up to they arrived in this eity, and told of the state of himself and brother from the anter experiences with the gang of men who feeced them out of \$10,200 in the Anter roominghouse on Sept. 19. Mr. Way a interruption by the attorneys ex-ments of known, with a view to mak-ter the made a good appearance on the stand and impressed all with the traightforward manner in which he

TESTIMONY IN DETAIL.

TESTIMONY IN DETAIL. After siving his name he testified and I came here from Scotland about two months ago. We arrived in New York on Aug. 31, and arrived in Salt Lake on Tuesday. Sept. 18, and stopped at the cullen hotel. We had tickets to hotel and went to have lunch. Af-her buck we were standing on the cor-ner of Second South and Main when we were approached by a young man who inquired the way to the Warm

THE QUIET GAME.

"The expert then said perhaps you gentlemen will excuse us, we were just having a quiet game of cards while waiting for the colonel and we will go ahead with the game. He said that they thought that we were the doctor's wife when we knocked, so that was the reason they were so slow about opening the door. The expert and the docto: then started to play cards and Mortis asked if he could not get in the game, but they refused. Finally they consented to let him in the game and he asked for \$10 worth of chips, which they gave him, but he did not pay cash for them. They played until Mor-ris won \$40 and then he paid back the chips which they gave him in the start. INVITED TO PLAY. "The expert then said perhaps you INVITED TO PLAY.

"Morris then invited my brother and I to play, but we told him that we did not know anything about the game. He said that I could have \$20 worth of his chips and if I lost it would not make any difference, as he had already won \$40. I still refused, but he said I will give you all the chips and let you take my hand, and I will tell you how to play, so I took his cards. The other fellows kept raising the bid until if reached \$50 and Morris wanted to put down the money for me but the others objected and said that if I was going to play I should put down the money. Morris said for me to put down the money as I could not possibly lose on the hand I held, so finally I put the money down. "Morris then invited my brother and money down.

RAISING THE BIDS.

"They kept raising the bid until it reached \$500, and as I did not have any smaller amount I drew out a \$1,000 bill and placed it on the table. They bill and placed it on the table. They kept raising the bid until I had two of \$1,000 bills on the table, when the "doc-tor" reached across the table and snatched the money, saying that he had won it. I rose to my feet and pro-tested and said that it was a game of robbery and told my brother to go and call the police, but Morris said that he would get the police, so he went out. BROUGHT THE OFFICERS.

"When he came back he brought two

"When he came back he brought two men with him who said they were offi-cers. I said how am I to know that you are officers and with that one of them said that his name was Heming-way and the other man's name was Bail and they pulled back their coals and showed their police badges. Hem-ingway told the "doctor" to give him the money and informed us that the laws in this state were very strict against gambling and that we had been gambling and that all of us were under arrest. arrest

"WHAT A DISGRACE!" Hemingway then suggested that it

ore the other fellows went out Hemingway took a revolver from the ex-pert. After they left Bell searched the pert. expert and the latter said that he took, \$2,200 from him. After a few moments Bell said that it was time we were goseen said that it was time we were go-ing. The expert said that the officer should not take him, as he already had \$2,200 of his money, which would be bail and he would come to the station within an hour, but that he want ed to wait for Col. Rice and explain the matter to him. He was then left in the room, and we went out.

AFTER THE CHIPS.

"After we got down on the street Bell said that he must go back and get the chips and cards to use as ev-idence and with that he started up the sairs, but I followed him, and when we arrived at the room the cards and chips were gone, and Bell remarked that that was too bad, as we needed the things as evidence that there had been gambling. It was only about five minutes from the time we first left the room until we returned and found the things gone. We then went down and started towards Main street. When that he wanted towards Main street. When, we reached the Cullen hotel Bell said that he wanted a drink and took us in the Chesapeake bar, where Bell or-dered whiskey, and invited me to take a drink, but I refused.

He explained that instead of wanting to take a drink he wanted to go to

"O, I'll get you to the police station "O, I'll get you to the police station soon enough," was Bell's answer, and then McWhirter told how he walked out in front, and asked the man at

words

DRINK AND POLICE.

out in front, and asked the man at the cigar stand if he knew Bell, and if he was connected with the police de-

"He thought he could fix it all unwithout making any arrests. We then went down to the Sanitarium rooming house, where Bell asked for Mr. Davis. The girl said he was in but probably wouldn't come down. Bell said that she was to tell him Mr. Bell wanted to see him. She did so, and I was sur-prised to see the other policeman come down stairs. I expressed this surprise, this being the first time I knew the names of the men. Davis explained he was now off duty, that I was in charge of Bell, and that he would attend to

FIXING BUSINESS.

get him into trouble,"

was now off duty, that I was in charge of Bell, and that he would attend to me alright, and that he (Davis) had been to the police station with the others. The two then withdraw and talked together in the hallway. The three of us then went out, going to the corner drug store, where Davis stepped to the telephone.

CALLED SHEETS NUMBER. "Did you hear the conversation." put

"Dia you hear the conversition," put in Atty, Brown, "No. I did not," answered McWhirter, "BUT THE NUMBER HE CALLED WAS NUMBER 75-or something very like that." Number 75 is the number of the private office of Chief-of-Police deorge A. Sheets.

ON THE WAY.

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CHRISTMAS NEWS

Will be Issued

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1906.

The theme of the issue will be

UTAH AND HER NEIGHBORS: Their Growth and

Development During 1906, and Their Prospects for 1907.

CHRISTMAS NEWS PRIZES.

exceed 8,500 words, about seven columns, or one page, of the Deseret News. Second - A Prize of \$25.00 cash for the best Christmas poem not to exceed 1 200

must be addressed the Deseret News. Christmas Department. Salt Lake City. Utah.

They must be signed with a nom de plume, or a fictitious name, and a separate envelope

must be forwarded containing the real name of the author. Manuscripts not accepted will be returned on receipt of postage.

In conformity with its custom in the past, which has proved so popular with the

First-A Prize of \$50.00 cash for the best Christmas Story submitted, not to

The competition will close on Nov. 20th, 1906. All stories and poems submitted

The number will be issued in colors and enclosed in illuminated covers.

public, the Deseret News announces the following prizes for its Christmas issue.

Taking up the tale, McWhirter de-tailed the movements of the tria "on the way to the police station." The two men led him south to the Federal building. On the way McWhirter asked two mail carriers, and a citizen if they knew his companions, and if they were policemen. All answered they did not, the citizen said he didn't want to mix in the case. He had also asked the man in the drug store if he knew them, and he had answered in the assettion.

over to us. He said he wanted to see Sheets in his private office, and we went in. When the three of us were alone. Eell said, 'This young man has been gambling and has lost \$10,000. He asked me to bring him here, and see if you could do anything." "That is untrue, I declared, for I was astonished at the declaration, and I

astonished at the declaration, and I added, IS THIS MAN AN OFFICER.' 'I SHOULD SAY NOT,' was the reply of Chief Sheets. Has any man deposite ed \$10,000 to my name here this afternoon, I next asked, and Chief Sheets said no. I then turned on Bell and said to Chief Sheets. This man here 's one of a gaug that has robbed me of \$10,000. He pretended to be an auxiliary officer.

"Chief Sheets interrupted me. He aid. Yes. 1 know all about t. Your brother has been here ad told me, and I sent him out with an said. flicer to try and identify the robbers. asked if he could not find the rob-ers by tracing the one thousand dollar bills. He replied that he could not because thousand dollar bills were common around town.

POOR EXCUSE OFFERED.

"I then asked Chief Sheets to give me then asked this sheets to give me an officer and let me go out as 1 thought I could locate some of the men. He said I had better stay there till my brother came back, as ALL, THE OFFICERS WERE OUT. Bell then joined the conversation, and Sheets asked how Eell was part of the gang. 'Did he handle your money?' said Sheets. Was he the one that robbed you?' What had I to do with it?' put in Bell. 'I didn't take your money, did I?. Now what did I have to do with

"You're one of the gang," I declared, "and you walked me around two or

Sheets, to await the return of Bell with the money. Philipps of the Tribune came in, produced a note book, and read an accurate story of the robbery. 'Can you tell me anything about this,' the reporter asked Sheets, and Sheets replied 'I cannot. I know nothing about it and have nothing to say. The reporter never once looked in my direc-tion," continued McWhirter, "and went out asking the chief to keep it from the other papers, as he had a scoop. other papers, as he had a scoop.

MORE CONVINCING TESTIMONY

"At 10:39 o'clock Detective Raleigh entered, but didn't speak to us at all. About 11 o'clock my brother asked the chief if he had done anything about our tickets. I pulled out mine and showed it. The chief handed it back and said he had not done anything. and said he had not done anything. Raleigh was then there, and he re-mained until the end. I asked the price is new tickets to the coast, in case we staid over to follow up the matter, and the chief said they would cost over \$40 each. My brother then said he was afraid we had better go on, as we had no friends here, and were without a cent. In Son Francisco we had friends. cent. In San Francisco we had friends I asked the chief if he thought Bel cent. In san Francisco we had friends. I asked the chief if he thought Bell would return and he said he thought he would not, as he had promised to be back in an hour, and that was several hours before. The robbers, he thought would be scattered by now. I asked Chief Sheets what he thought the chances were of our getting our money back, and he said they were 10 to one against it. My brother then said we had better take advantage of our tickets to get to our friends before we were stranded in a strange community. I asked the chief to take our address. He handed me a sheet of paper from his desk. I wrote on it the address I ex-pected to go to in San Francisco, and the chief promised to send for us if there were any developments, and to let us know about them soon. We promised

us know about them soon. We promised to return at once if he ever wanted

RETURN OF \$1,000,

"During this conversation Beil re-turned, with his coat bulging out, as turned, with his coat bulging out, as though holding a weight under it. He did not knock, and came straight up to me, sitting beside me on the couch, and began to talk to me. He said \$750 was all he could get, and I said in answer to Chiefs Sheets that \$1,000 would be the least I could get along with in San Francisco. 'Well,' said Hell,'I think I can manage that other \$250 if you will give me a little time.' "Bell left the room, and I said to Chief Sheets that he had better search Bell. "Bell left the room, and I said to Chier Sheets that he had better search Bell, and take away that \$750 he already had. He agreed, and followed Bell into the hall. Then he came back with his coat bulged out as Bell's had been, and spread out on his desk \$750 in gold coin. 'Pick it up,' he said as we started is count if thefree any of these remotito count it 'before any of those report-ers come in.' While we were counting it, Bell returned with the other \$250 having been gone just a few minutes. He put it down on the desk, and gave me a note to sign for \$1,000. I signed it and he put it in his pocket.

ADVISED TO KEEP QUIET.

It. In leaving the station for the train. Bell SHOOK HANDS WITH SHEETS AND RALEIGH, and then Bell went out with the two McWhirters, to accompany them to the train.

In trying to tell what Bell said on the way to the train, the witness was the way to the train, the witness was stopped by Atty, Varian several times, with objections. These resulted in a passage with Atty, Brown, and finally the court sustained the objection.

NO FAITH IN POLICE.

Brooks left this morning for Douglas but is carrying on the corre-spondence with the department at Washington by wire.

BANKERS' MEETING.

Gov. Folk and Others Deliver Addresses of Welcome

St. Louis, Oct. 17.—The opening and regular session of the annual conven-tion of the American Bankers' asso-clation was called to order today by President John L. Hamilton, of Hoopeston, Ill.

The many different meetings of various branches of the parent conven-tion divided the attendance yesterday into groups, but today the full at-

into groups, but today the full at-tendance of delegates was centralized in the general convention, David R. Francis of St. Louis, Gov. Joseph W. Folk of Missouri and Mayor Rolla Wells of St. Louis, delivered welcoming addresses. President John L. Hamilton replied and delivered his annual address.

SENECA, S. G., **REDUCED TO ASHES**

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 17 .-- A special to the Journal from Greenville, S. C., says:

As a result of race troubles, Seneca, S. C., is in ashes. The work is alleged to be that of incendiary negroes, seeking revenge for the dynamiting of the negro college here last Friday night. The fire started early today and burned rapidly, consuming the entire business section of the town, which has a population of about 2,000, No fire fighting apparatus was available and citizens were powerless to stop the flames. As a last resort dyna-mite was resorted to. The superintendent of the Seneca

cotton mills, who was an eye witness, brought the first news to Greenville. He says it is a matter of common He says it is a matter of common belief that the town was fired by negroes.

Among the bulldings burned ar two hotels and a hardware store. The hotel residents were all saved. Every thing is quiet this morning, although some feeling is still shown by the ne-groes. No arrests have been made. groes. No arrests have been made. The loss is estimated at \$150,000 with insurance of \$50,000.

PYTHIAN COMPETITIVE DRILL. New Orleans, Oct. 17 .- Seven states

New Orleans, Oct. 1, ---seven states are represented in the competitive drills which begin today at the Pyth-ian blennial encampment throughout the week to determine which is the best

CHIEF SHEETS THEN SAID WE WERE REQUIRED TO KEEP VERY QUIET about it all. If it comes out, the chief declared it would hurt his standing, and on no account were we to talk to any reporters who would probably be at the Cullen waiting for

The rest of the story was concerned

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Life Insurance company.