

ferred stock was erroneous. A cash dividend of \$1 per share on the preferred stock was declared on Nov. 19, and the company began paying it yesterday to all holders of record on Dec. 11.

General Manager H. A. Fisher is authority for the statement that the St. Louis, Alton and Springfield Railroad, commonly known as the "Bluff Line," is about to be sold at receiver's sale to satisfy the judgments against it. As the Wabash is the heaviest creditor, it is understood that it will be the purchaser, and will use the line for direct fast freight traffic from Springfield to St. Louis.

Western roads report a decided falling off in grain shipments during the week just ended. There is no longer a scarcity of cars, but a scarcity of business. This is due partly to the decline in market prices, but chiefly to the diversion of traffic to the Southern routes. New-Orleans is the port toward which the great volume of grain freight is now moving.

A RAID ON BOOKMAKERS.

GAMBLERS DOING BUSINESS AT GUTTENBERG ARRESTED.

The crowd of gamblers and thugs who hold revel at the Guttenberg race track daily were treated to a sensation yesterday. Just before the second of the so-called races was to be run, a lot of special constables who were at the track, armed with warrants, began serving these on the twenty-seven bookmakers who were doing business in the betting ring.

There was a row at once, and the crowd of gamblers in the ring, angered at having their game interrupted, started to make an assault on the officers of the law and threatened to throw them off the track. The managers of the track interfered in time to prevent this, however, and the bookmakers were taken from their boxes and placed under arrest. The officers proposed to take all of the arrested men, each of whom was charged with keeping a disorderly house, before a Justice of the Peace—Frank Lockwood—in Jersey City. The bookmakers and their friends protested against this, and demanded that they be taken before the nearest Justice, one Connery, who has been on duty in the clubhouse for a couple of weeks ready for just such an emergency as this.

To this the officers finally consented, as it was plain that there would be a riot unless they acceded to the demands of the angry mob. Each of the men arrested was released on furnishing bail in \$200, the bondsmen being also ready for the emergency. These were ex-Assemblyman Lawrence Fagin of Hoboken and J. C. Carr, manager of the track, and one of the political "Big Four" of Hudson County. Among the bookmakers arrested were Gottfried G. Walbaum, President of the Hudson County Jockey Club; "Bismarck" Corn and B. J. Lackman, who also "make a book" for Walbaum; William Riley, Ike Thompson, J. J. Carroll, George Lovell, C. B. Wilson, Fred Lowe, and a lot of men who make a book under the name of "clubs" of various designations.

After bail had been furnished the bookmakers returned to their stands, and the gambling went on as if nothing had happened. Mr. Carr laughed at the arrests as a good joke, and said that they would amount to nothing, as it would be impossible to get indictments before the Grand Jury of the county. He also claimed that the arrests were illegal, because the warrants were made out in blank by Justice Lockwood and the names filled in by the constables, contrary to law. Mr. Carr said that he expected that there would be trouble every day during the coming week, and that the jockey club would protect the bookmakers as long as the "persecutions" were continued.

Warrants were issued on the complaint of Capt. John Graham, a constable of Jersey City, who has been engaged several days in securing evidence against the violators of the law.

VANNESS THE BIGAMIST.

HE ABANDONS HIS SECOND WIFE AND TELLS HER TO GO HOME.

Alice McGuire, the daughter of Coachman McGuire of 117 West Fifty-third Street, who eloped from this city on Jan. 4 with Harry Vanness of Hammill & Vanness, the stable keepers of 110 West Fifty-third Street, returned to her home last Thursday.

Before leaving New-York, Vanness had taken the girl to Dr. Houghton of the Church of the Transfiguration, on Twenty-ninth Street, and, after Vanness had made oath to the statement that he was single, which was necessary, as he brought no witnesses, Dr. Houghton pronounced the two man and wife.

As a matter of fact, though, Vanness has a wife living at Youkers, the daughter of his partner at the stable, Thomas Hammill. He married her some five years ago. The fact that he had committed bigamy seems to have worried Vanness, and accordingly, on Wednesday, the day after he returned to this city with Alice McGuire, he abandoned her, leaving only a letter, in which he said that he was already married and advised her to return to her father.

So far nothing has been heard of Vanness, and the detectives seem to have no clue as to his whereabouts.

AT THE SEVENTH'S BUTTS.

GOOD SHOOTING DONE IN THE CLASS COMPETITIONS.

There was a cessation of the shooting for the Kemp Trophy at the Seventh Regiment Armory last night. There was a class match, however, each man firing seven shots standing and seven prone. All scores having the same numerical value constitute a class, and the winners of each class are adjudged according to Creedmoor rules by the relative positions of their bull's-eyes. The winners in the different classes were: First class—Sergt. H. W. Janssen, Company A, 65; second class—Private J. Miller, Company F, 65; third class—Corp. O. H. Keep, Company I, 63; fourth class—Sergt. F. W. Pohle, Company D, 62, and fifth class—Sergt. P. L. Klock, Company H, 61.

The following were the scores of the other men who succeeded in getting into the classes:

Name and Company.	200 Yards.	500 Yards.	Total.
Lieut. R. MacLean, K	30	35	65
Sergt. H. B. Thompson, C	31	34	65
Private S. Frothingham, K	31	34	65
Private D. C. Meyer, C	32	33	65
Sergt. J. D. Ford, F	31	33	64
Private F. E. Baker, F	30	34	64
Corp. G. L. Hoffman, H	31	33	64
Capt. C. H. Cadwell, F	29	35	64
Corp. H. E. Pressinger, E	32	32	64
Capt. W. H. Palmer, I. R. P.	30	33	63
Sergt. K. M. Dunn, C	31	32	63
Corp. L. J. Jocelyn, H	31	32	63
Private A. Stevens, F	31	32	63
Private N. D. Lancaster, I	31	31	62
Lieut. H. C. Duval, T	30	32	62
Private F. G. D. Foote, F	29	32	61
Capt. H. Coburn, C	28	33	61
Lieut. C. F. Bement, A	32	29	61
Private P. V. Kelfey, A	27	34	61
Sergt. H. B. Thompson, Company C	31	34	65

The Sharpshooter's Medal with a score of 65, as also did Corp. O. H. Keep with a score of 66, the latter the best made during the evening.

The shooting for the Kemp Trophy will be continued to-morrow evening.

WANT A RECEIVER REMOVED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—More than twenty of the creditors in a petition filed in the United States Circuit Court this afternoon asking that Adolph Hegewisch, the receiver, be removed from his position. It is charged that Hegewisch's estimate that the company's assets were worth \$2,000,000 above the company's debts was grossly false and unreliable. The office and legal expenses are alleged to have been wasteful and extravagant.

Other creditors filed a petition alleging that the company has no funds to pay the \$800,000 now due on receivers' certificates, and that in order to pay for the same the property of the company be sold.

BLOCK SIGNALS ON THE CENTRAL.

The construction of the block system of signals on the New-York Central Road between New-York and Poughkeepsie is progressing. Half a dozen signal towers are now nearly completed through Westchester County, and they will soon be in readiness for use. Nothing has been determined upon as yet relative to putting in the block system between Albany and Buffalo.

NOTES OF VARIOUS INTERESTS.

The Buffalo Courier says that the New-York Central Railroad Company proposes to expend \$500,000 in building shops in that city for the manufacture and repair of cars and locomotives.

The report that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company was about to pass a dividend on the pre-