

HE SHOWS HIS GRIT.

Kunstman Demands a Meeting of the County Board.

HEALY ISSUES A CALL.

Commissioners the Proper Persons to Investigate.

NEW PLANS FOR DUNNING.

Proposition to Place It in the Hands of Doctors.

GRAND JURY QUESTION IN DOUBT.

President Healy issued a call yesterday afternoon for a special meeting of the County Board to be held Monday at 2 p. m. The call was made at the request of Commissioner Kunstman and the four members of the board who united with him in the demand for a session Tuesday, but which was not held owing to the absence of a quorum.

Commissioners Canning and Kunstman had a lively little sparring match just before the call for a meeting was made, the result of which was a promise by Canning that he would surely attend the meeting if President Healy called it.

"It will be called all right if I can get one more Commissioner to attend it, so as to be sure of a quorum," was Kunstman's response. "I have six men now pledged to attend. You make the seventh, and we only need one more. It is almost a certainty that either Burdick or Linn will consent to come, and perhaps both of them would like to take a hand."

The seven Commissioners now on Kunstman's list are Ritter, Jones, Beer, Struckman, Kunstman, Canning, and President Healy, the latter being counted upon, as he is always at the County Building and ready for business.

Public Demands an Inquiry.

"If I can show up with a quorum," said Kunstman, "the other Commissioners will come tumbling in quickly enough, for their votes will be necessary to defeat the motion I intend to make. My position is this: Investigation of the Pook murder is not a matter of great importance to the board, as both Gough and Anderson, the murderers, are locked up safely enough, and the courts, either through the regular or a special grand jury, will attend to them in time.

"What the public should know, however, is the real general condition at Dunning, and this is something no body of strangers, even when clothed with the inquisitorial powers of a grand jury, can get at. It is a matter peculiarly fitted for the Board of Commissioners to undertake. Most of us are posted as to the inner workings of the institutions, and know just what questions to ask in order to bring out the facts we want. Take my own case, for instance. Many of the employees at Dunning were placed there by my influence and naturally feel friendly to me. If I was to ask these men any questions they would naturally tell me the truth, or at least, give me such information in private as would tend to bring it out. But to strangers these men would be dumb, as they would be afraid to talk, unless they were sure their inquiries were in position to protect them from the wrath of those whom the disclosures might hurt. It is for this reason I insist upon an investigation being made by the County Board."

May Be a Big Change.

It is probable that at this meeting, if the details can be arranged in time, propositions will be submitted for radical changes in the management of the institutions at Dunning, more especially the asylum for the insane and the infirmary. These changes contemplate the placing of these two institutions under the charge of competent physicians and a turning over of the direct care and attendance of patients to the Illinois Training School for Nurses. Commissioners Canning, Kunstman, and Jones have declared in favor of the plan and are working among their brother members of the board in its interest. Should this effort fail the matter of putting the asylum for the insane under the care of the State or making some arrangement by which the State authorities may have supervision of it will be agitated.

Mrs. Flower and Mrs. W. J. Chalmers, as representatives of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, have been questioned on the suggested change in management at Dunning, and have given assurances that the women of the school will be glad to undertake the work, provided a regular contract for their services can be made by the board. Commissioner Canning, who conducted the negotiations with Mrs. Flower and Mrs. Chalmers, says both of them are favorably impressed with the idea and will take an active personal interest in the work if the projected change is made. About the only serious drawback to the plan, aside from the unwillingness of some of the Commissioners to surrender a possible chance for patronage, is the fact that the training school at present provides only women nurses, and in institutions like the insane asylum and infirmary a certain proportion of skilled male attendants is necessary.

May Train Male Nurses.

It was suggested to Mrs. Flower and Mrs. Chalmers that a training school for male nurses might be arranged for, and the difficulty in this way overcome in time. In any event, it was decided the services of skilled women nurses could be had at once if the board was disposed to make a satisfactory contract, and, this done, the providing of trained men nurses would quickly follow.

Provision for placing the two institutions under direct charge of competent physicians instead of politicians is even more advanced.

It is proposed to put a physician of high repute as a specialist in diseases of the brain in charge of the asylum for the insane and give him a staff of six or eight resident internes, each of whom shall have direct charge of a ward, with an adequate number of trained nurses as assistants, and be responsible for the proper handling and care of the patients in that ward. The same system will be followed in the infirmary, except that the physicians must be men of general practice instead of specialists in brain troubles. If the plan is adopted by the County Board the head physician at each institution will have supreme power in management and be responsible only to the county authorities for the results of his administration. He will have complete control of all attendants, and with the right man at the head there will be no need of such friction between the Superintendent and the trained nurses as there was in the two instances at the County Hospital.

That the medical fraternity in Cook County will strongly support a change of this kind is evidenced by the fact that there are now pending before the board two resolutions which will be acted upon at the next meeting.

named for appointment as such visiting physicians are:

Infirmary—Drs. James J. Clausen, Gustav Plutner, J. D. Kales, H. T. Patrick, John A. Robinson, Edward P. Wells, J. R. Branst, J. C. Hoag, Bayard Holmes, J. Frank Layton, Weller Van Hook, F. P. Buffum, Adolph Gehrmann, and J. H. Salisbury.

Asylum for the Insane—Drs. D. R. Brower, Sanger Brown, Archibald Church, Sidney Kuh, H. N. Moyer, and W. F. Waugh.

These physicians and surgeons who are to serve without pay are to assist in the care and treatment as well as to make visits of inspection, and will also act as an examining board under the civil service act to determine the fitness and qualifications of applicants for medical positions in the infirmary and asylum for the insane. When the resolutions were first handed in they received little attention from the Commissioners, but the developments growing out of the Pook murder have convinced some of the members of the board that it would be a good thing to pass them and an effort will be made to do so.

Change Is Favored.

Commissioner Jones is outspoken in his

advocacy of the proposed change, and his

views are warmly indorsed by Canning and Kunstman.

"When a man without friends or money is

taken down with a slight fever," said Mr. Jones yesterday, "we send him to the County Hospital, where he gets the best of medical care and nursing. But when a man loses his reason, or suffers even from temporary brain trouble, we send him to Dunning, where he is put in charge of ignorant brutes, who try to cure him by knocking his head off with baseball bats. At the time of the investigation last winter we found plenty of clubs at the asylum, and one attendant, a new man, swore he was told by the old employees to use a club on unruly patients. Not only this, but he was given the club he was to use, and it was a big baseball bat. Now I maintain that it is time politicians were forced into retirement and decent provisions for the care of these unfortunate made. I will vote and work for the appointment of a competent medical man as Superintendent of the asylum and infirmary, and for the hiring of trained nurses from the Illinois School as attendants."

"I favor the proposed change so strongly," Commissioner Canning said, "that I have already taken the trouble to consult with Mrs. Flower and Mrs. Chalmers about it. I have secured their consent to the making of a contract for the services of trained nurses from the Illinois School as attendants at Dunning. This, with a competent medical man as

Superintendent and a staff of internes, would, in my opinion, prevent a repetition of any such disgraceful occurrences as the public is now justly excited over. If this can't be done, then the Dunning Asylum should be put under State management. There would be opposition to this, I know, on the part of some Commissioners, but the present is a good time to fight it out."

"It is my idea," said Commissioner Kunstman, "that the Dunning Asylum should be run by the State. The manner in which the asylums at Elgin and Kankakee are conducted confirms me in this belief. But should this be impossible, then medical men and trained nurses should certainly be put in charge. The existing conditions are a disgrace to the community, and I will work and vote for anything that will better them."

GRAND JURY QUESTION YET IN DOUBT.

President Healy Finds Out No Word Is

Received from Mr. Kern.

President Healy made a visit to the

County Building yesterday.

He was accompanied by Mr. Canning and

Mr. Kunstman.

They were met by Mr. Healy, who

was in the County Building.

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GIANT CLUBS A BOY.

POLICEMAN ANNAS KNOCKS FREDDIE McANDREWS UNCONSCIOUS.

Officer Weighs 240 Pounds and His Prisoner 86 Pounds—Spectators Do Not Like the Affair, Talk of Lynching, and Enter Complaints Against Star No. 2,996, Which Are Forwarded to Chief Badenoch—Their Stories—Annas Has Literary Pretensions.

Frank Lewis is 19 years old, a barber, and out of employment. At 3:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon he was on the Lake-Front at the foot of Jackson street, and got into a fight with a loafer who had been asleep on the grass. Among the spectators was Freddie McAndrews, 15 years old. He picked up one's' club to hold. In the meantime a cabman in front of the Wellington Hotel notified Policeman Adolph G. Annas. Annas is the crossing policeman at Jackson street

others. This is his story of the affair in brief:

"I saw the big policeman tussle with a 19-year-old boy. The little lad, McAndrews, stood ten or fifteen feet away. Suddenly, and for no apparent cause, the policeman dropped the larger lad and chased the little boy. The crowd laughed. The policeman struck a savage blow with his club. He missed his aim and McAndrews stumbled. As he got up the brute struck him an awful blow on the back of the head. It was a deliberate and brutal stroke. No one was near them. Then the crowd mad. The policeman got into the wagon and put his club to his nose. He was as white as a sheet, and compared with his victim, as big as a house. He shook like a leaf, but swore like a trooper. The lad never touched him. There was no justification for the blow. Later I went to Capt. Dutton and told him about it. I gave my name and shall attend court to see this big brute get punished. If he had staid there he would have been lynched."

J. C. Roth, cashier at the Auditorium Hotel, was as emphatic as Mr. Stubbs. Said he:

"I was walking southward on Michigan avenue with E. A. Warren of Franklin MacVeagh & Co. I saw the officer arrest one youth and noticed the little lad bring up the coat and money. Then, to my astonishment and horror, the huge brute let his prisoner go and hunted this child with his drawn club. He struck two deliberate and brutal blows. One missed; the other cut the lad's head open and completely stunned him. It was not in any scuffle and was as deliberate and brutal a blow as I have ever seen struck. I saw the giant stand up in the wagon and put his club to his nose. He used bad language to the crowd and shook like a leaf. There was no question about his intention in the blow. He would have caught McAndrews easily. I know neither of the fighters, but I shall go to court tomorrow and see that justice is done to the big brute."

J. C. Bern, No. 406 Van Buren street; W. A. Vosberg, No. 1193 Van Buren street; A. C. Verhoeven, No. 2200 State street; and F. A. Warren of Franklin MacVeagh & Co. were as outspoken as Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Roth. They all intend to be present at the trial.

The Boy's Story.

The boy was seen as he was being taken out of Harrison Street Station. He father stood beside him. As the lad talked the father wiped away the blood which still flowed from the gash. The boy said:

"I shall be 15 years old Aug. 25. I work for my father in the Monadnock Block. We live at No. 3019 Sherman street. It was hot today and I was not busy, so I walked over to the Lake-Front. I saw two men start 'scrapping.' I went up to see the fun and picked up one man's coat. Two dimes dropped out. I knew neither of the fighters. Then the policeman came up. He arrested the man whose coat I held. I ran up to give the man his coat. The policeman shoved him into the wagonman's arms and ran after me. I ran for the Lake-Front. I did nothing, but I knew the policeman was rattled. He made a strike at me with his club just as I reached the grass. I fell, and as I got up he smashed me over the head with his club. I came to in the wagon and saw

to his long list of innovations by giving a trolley car party on the North-west Side.

For months the aristocracy of the East has thus entertained, and Mr. Hesing's blood boiled when he read the published accounts of these festivities.

"By the god Thor," quoth he, "our fair city must not allow this. I will give a trolley party which will cost all the efforts of the effort East in the shade."

So he telephoned Mr. Yerkes and explained his ambition.

"It has never been done," said the street car magnate. "I doubt its feasibility."

"I will manage that," said the Postmaster. Infected by the wandering propensities of his own postage stamps, Mr. Hesing determined to take his guests far from the beaten path into the wilds of Jefferson and Bowmanville. So with the invitations he sent a warning to come prepared to endure the hardships of frontier life.

The guests assembled at Addison avenue and Halsted street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Among the twenty-three friends of the Postmaster were: Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Rollo, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Snowhook, Henry W. Hill, Capt. Dreyer, Mr. M. P. Driscoll, J. C. Halliday, Mrs. Le Graw, and Mrs. Peter Smith.

Additional interest was lent to the affair by Mr. Hesing's announcement of the engagement of Mr. Halliday and Mrs. Le Graw. The Postmaster even enlisted the services of Cupid to add to the pleasure of the occasion.

Car Decked with Flags.

At 5 o'clock the trolley car, the finest owned

by the Chicago North Shore Street railway company, and profusely decorated with flags and bunting, appeared on the scene. In addition to the motorman and conductor the Division Superintendent of the road accompanied the car to keep off the rabble and small boys.

The Postmaster and his guests bundled in, Mr. Hesing being forced into the front seat beside the motorman, and away went the car for Evanston.

Now, neither savage men nor savage beasts abound in Evanston and the thirst for excitement of the party was unslaked. So a quick return trip was made to the starting point and the car started through the wilds of Belmont avenue. Many strange and frontier-like scenes were beheld on this part of the trip—such as potato patches and fields of corn. Occasional groves were passed, too, where lurking rob men might have lain in ambush—but did not.

The car was then started out Elston avenue towards the Far West in the shape of Irving Park. The plain, evergreen

hundreds slain in British Honduras. Shoots Two Women and Commits Suicide. Dr. Tope Does Not Prosecute Mr. Whitney.

4 Harlem Race Track Officials Enjoyed. Steamer Zenith City Is Launched. Plan to Elevate Thomas Gahan.

4 Pittsburgh Beaten at Cincinnati. Three Outsiders Win at Harlem. Mayor of Dallas on the Big Fight.

5 Azote Again Defeats Fantasy. Eureka Gun Club Wins the Match. Great Tennis at Narragansett Pier.

7 George W. Clawson Attempts Suicide. Knights Templar Preparing for Their Trip.

8 Northwestern Car Thieves Caught. Six Professional Coroners' Jurors. Fights to Prove Herself a "Lady."

Value of the School Board Property.

9 In a Tangle on Harvest Excursions.

10 Vigorons Campaign Against Smoke. Insurance Affairs.

Lincoln Park Commissioners Chosen. Lake Marine News.

12 West Side Wheelmen Are in Luck. Silver Conference at Washington, D. C. Society Happenings.

Music and Drama.

Whisky Trust Plants Sold at Auction.

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