

"DEAD GIG" COMES AT LAST.

Policy Players Win a Pile of Money on a Famous and Infrequent Combination.

Yesterday was one of the few red-letter days that occur in the so consistently luckless calendar of that petty species of gambler the policy player. Men who have for many months past been living at free lunch counters and have found the public parks not the worst place in the world to spend the night are to-day eating their three meals or settling for a month's board in advance.

The reason of these prosperous times among the policy players is that the "dead gig," the "gig" which thousands of gamblers on the wicked little slips all over the country have been playing twice a day, as regularly as the sun rises and sets ever since it last brought joy to their hearts and coin to their pockets on Oct. 11, 1892, has come up again on the turn of the wheel.

The mystic numbers 9—19—29, which constitute the "dead gig," so called because the policy dream book states that it is to be played on the death of a great man, or when the player dreams of a dead man, may not, according to a strange kind of mathematical reasoning, turn up for another ten years or so.

The coming up of such a favorite and consistently played "gig" as yesterday's means a big hole in the profits of the policy backers. It is hardly exaggerating to say that the backers in the State of New-York alone have suffered to the tune of nearly \$1,000,000 by the issuing of Nos. 9, 19, 29. But they will get it all back in time and more besides, and probably are comforting themselves with the philosophical reflection that it is throwing a mackerel to catch a whale.

RAILROAD MEN MAY STRIKE.

Employes of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Object to Cut in Wages.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 26.—A report is in circulation here that the trainmen of the entire Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul system will go on a strike to-morrow night against the enforcement of a reduction in their wages.

A few weeks ago the company announced a 10 per cent reduction in the pay of all the employes, including officials and trainmen. In view of the publication almost simultaneously with the cutting down of wages of the monthly report of the road showing an increase over the same month last year in the earnings, the employes, and more especially the trainmen, have been inclined to rebel.

A Grievance Committee from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen met some St. Paul officials at Milwaukee, but was given no satisfactory explanation nor, so it is claimed, any promise for the future. The result has been, according to the current gossip, a decision to inaugurate a strike, beginning to-morrow evening, over the whole system.

President Roswell Miller said to THE TIMES'S correspondent when asked as to the report: "We have heard no such report."

"You know there has been much dissatisfaction with the cut in wages?"

"Well," Mr. Miller paused, "that is asking an unfair question." He volunteered no information upon the subject. The trainmen are keeping their own counsel.

The President Goes Fishing.

BUZZARD'S BAY, Aug. 26.—The President to-day enjoyed the hospitality of Joseph Jefferson on a fishing excursion to Puritan Pond, not far from the Jefferson villa. Col. Lamont and Dr. Bryant were also members of the party.

Col. Lamont took the 5 o'clock train for Boston, whence he will continue his trip to Borden, Me., to join his family for a few days.

This was the President's first fresh-water fishing excursion and the first time he has been seen this season driving through the village attired in his typical fisherman's outfit.

William Sinclair, the steward at the White House, arrived to-day, and has already begun to pack the household effects, &c., prior to the Cleverlands leaving for Washington next week.