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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

DISORDER IN BRAIN

AUTOPSY ON VICTIM OF CHARLES CITY MOB.

Coroner's Jury is Helpless-Annous Lynching Was Done by "Persons Unknown"-Judge Orders Investigation by Grand Jury.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of James Cullen, the wealthy contractor who was lynched at Charles City, Ia., Wednesday night for the murder of his wife and stepson, is to the effect that he came to his death by hanging at the hands of parties unknown to the jury.

The autopsy revealed that Cullen's brain showed degeneration and that there were traces of adhesions. This. it is declared, would have saved him from the gallows and caused him to have been sent to the asylum.

Judge Kelly called the grand jury in at noon and gave it special instructions. He said:

'As you have doubtless heard, during last night an act was committed in this city of homes that will forever be a stain upon Charles City and Floyd county. During the times when this court was in session and while the grand jury was actually investigating a charge against a man who was in the custody of the sheriff, locked in the jail of this county, and who was legally entitled to the full protection of the laws of Iowa, a lawless mob forcibly broke into jail and in cold blood dragged their helpless victim to a public bridge in the center of the town in a public street and murdered

"The crime of which James Cullen was accused and which was doubtless committed by him, pales into insignificance when compared with the deliberate act of an organized mob.

"You now have nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of Cullen. His case is in the hands of God. But he was murdered, gentlemen, and every person who actively participated in the act or who aided and abetted it is equally guilty of murder, and upon you rests the duty of taking the first steps towards bringing his murderers to justice. I enjoin upon you the performance of this duty without fear or favor in accordance with your oaths. You can retire, and I direct you to make a full report in this matter."

HANLEY FOR 2-CENT FARE.

Governor of Indiana Urges Passage of Law by State Legislature.

In his message to the Iidiana legisfature Gov. J. Frank Haney referred to the fact that during the two years of his administration three state officers have been ousted for misappropriation of funds; that \$189,460 had been recovered from them and that suits for \$126,594 had been instituted against the former state officers for alleged misappropriation of money belonging to the state.

He considers remedial insurance legislation the most important subject to come before the legislature. He recommended a 2-cent rate law; private bank supervision; a primary election law: a law providing for a depository of public funds; laws more definitely fixing the responsibility of public ofhcials; enlargement of authority and power of the state railroad commission; an inheritance tax law; the election of United States senators by popular vote.

FRISCO FACES FUEL FAMINE.

Serious Situation in the California City.

Unless the coal situation is relieved san Francisco will suffer seriously by next week. There are at present in the bunkers and in the hands of retail dealers a little more than a seven days' supply of fuel. After that the problem will become decidedly serious. There are no colliers on the way to port, and a genuine coal famine threatens the city. The scarcity of coal is being felt in all the cities across the bay.

Reduces Embezzler's Sentence. The sentence of William C. Anderson, the embezzling assistant paying

teller of the First National bank, at Kansas City, Mo., was reduced by Judge Wofford from four years to two years and nine months.

Duse Out of Danger.

Eleonora Duse, the actress who has peen ill at Genoa with pneumonia, is now declared by her physicians to be out of danger.

Sloux City Live Stock Market, Thursday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Butcher steer, \$5.15@5.50. Top hogs, \$6.30.

Extension for Homesteaders.

The president has approved the bill having for its purpose the extension of the time within which homestead men may establish their residence on certain lands heretofore a part of the Crow Indian reservation, Montana.

More Car Shortage Complaints. Complaints concerning the car shortage and lack of fuel in the west and northwest are still being received at the interstate commerce commisACCUSE NEGROES OF PLOT. CULLEN IS LYNCHED.

Alleged Conspiracy to Kill All White Officers.

Belief of the army officers at Fort Reno, located at El Reno, Okla., that Capt. Edgar A. Macklin, against whom rear-old stepson, was dragged from down the list of officers, became bridge. known Tuesday as a result of the preliminary hearing in the case of Edward L. Knowles, corporal of Com- the rope, his feet dangling within a pany A. Twenty-fifth infantry, who lew feet of the ice-covered river. No intent to kill Capt. Macklin, of Com- body. pany C. Twenty-fifth infantry, on the night of Dec. 21.

Knowles was bound over to await the action of the Canadian county grand jury at the opening term of court. All of the officers now go oled as if by common consent. heavily armed and protected throughout the night.

Every effort has been made by the officers at the post to keep the alleged conspiracy a secret, but it is now being learned that an investigation is now being conducted at several army were there in large numbers. There posts and important places throughout were apparently no leaders of the the country and within a short time several arrests of the members of the troop recently discharged in disgrace are expected to follow.

Information was received at El Reno Tuesday that the arrest of a negro soldier has been made at La Junta, Colo. Suspicion rests upon negro soldiers at Fort Niobrara, Neb., and at three other points. The arrests of these men had been postponed until the hearing in the case of Corporal Knowles was concluded at Fort Reno. when it was hoped that some further information would be secured tending to incriminate other persons in this alleged conspiracy.

CRIME FULL OF MYSTERY.

Former New York Doctor Killed in Portland.

The murder in Portland, Ore., Monday night of Dr. Philip Edwards Johnson, a physician recently arrived from New York, is one of the most myste- railroad; B. L. Vermillion, engineer of rious tragedies that ever has occurred in the northwest.

Johnson came to Portland with a newly wedded wife two months ago to establish a home and practice his profession. The couple bought a site for a beautiful home in a fashionable section. Mrs. Johnson before her and Kelly were in the building where marriage last fall was Mrs. Scarbor- the inquest was held and were arrestough. She is the daughter of former Gov. Hoadley, of Ohio. Johnson is the son of Episcopal Archdeacon Johnson, of Staten Island, and a graduate of Columbia university.

Shortly after dining with his wife Monday night Johnson announced his intention of visiting Dr. Panton, a member of the examining board by which he was to be examined for admission to practice in the state. against the protestation of his wife. who feared highwaymen. On his way Johnson called upon his cousin, W. C. Alvord, assistant cashler in a local bank. What happened at the Alvora house has not been learned, Alvord refusing to make any statement for publication. A short time after leaving Alvord's house a street car conductor found Johnson's mangled body lying in Jefferson street. Johnson's pockets had been turned inside out and his watch removed. There was evidences of a struggle.

BURNS BODY OF CHILD.

A Chicago Laborer Had No Money for Funeral.

Charles Peterson, of Chicago, a laborer, was arraigned Tuesday and fined \$25 by Municipal Judge Himes for having cremated the corpse of his child in the foundry where he was employed. The child died six days ago. Peterson was without sufficient funds to give it proper burial. He held the body in the house for five days, hoping to secure sufficient funds for a funeral. The occupants of adjoining buildings knew of the child's death and complained to the police that no steps had been taken to inter the body, and when the officers visited Peterson Monday he informed them that despairing of being able to obtain enough money to bury the child in decent fashion he carried the child to the foundry where he was employed and burned it in the furnace.

Flood Loss in Southwest Indiana.

In the extreme southwestern corner of Indiana, where the Ohio and Wabash rivers join, the lowlands are covered with water and much damage has been reported. Many acres of growing wheat have been destroyed. Much live stock has been lost.

Mail Delivery Restored.

Free mail delivery Tuesday was restored in those portions of New Orleans which were cut off Jan. 1 by order of the postmaster general on ac- while driving across a grade crossing count of improper sidewalk facilities.

To Transfer Cassie Chadwick.

Orders have been received at the Ohio penitentiary from the government for the transfer of Cassie Chadwick to the government prison at Moundsville, W. Va.

For 2-Cent Fare in Oklahoma.

The committee on railroads and public service corporations in Oklahoma reported to the constitutional convention Tuesday recommending a 2cent railway fare and the enacting of a fellow servant law.

Wreck in Georgia.

'A passenger train on the Georgia railroad was wrecked Tuesday morning near Barnett, Ga. Several cars were turned over, but only one person was injured.

Bayer of Wife and Boy is Hanged from Bridge.

Fighting for his life like a tiger at say, James Cullen, of Charles City, Ia., a conspiracy to murder every white of- the wealthy confractor who Tuesday ficer at Fort Reno, beginning with morning murde ed his wife and 15nearly every negro at the post enter- his cell in the Moyd county jail at 11 tains a personal grudge as a result of s'clock Wednesday night by a mob the affair at Brownsville, Tex., and of infuriated citizens and hanged to the discharge of the negro soldiers | leath. The lynchers fastened a noose that followed, and then proceeding about his neck and threw him off a

At midnight his lifeless body was still swaying to and fro at the end of was held on a charge of assault with | sne had yet appeared to claim the

Public indignation over Cullen's monstrous erime of the previous morning had grown more bitter with every hour all day. When evening came the people of the town assem-

The leading men of the city, doctors awyers, merchants, mingled with workingmen on a common footing and with a common aim-to avenge the merciless crime upon a woman and her son. Women and children, too. mob; all were leaders.

At 9:30 o'clock Shariff W W Schar merhorn appeared from the door of his quarters adjoining the jail and tried to address a crowd. He urged thecitizens to be law abiding and commanded the crowd to disperse. No one moved. The sheriff read determination in the faces of the throng and knew ils appeal was of no avail.

HELD TO THE GRAND JURY.

Coroner's Jury Involves Eight Men in

the Terra Cotta Wreck. The coroner's inquest at Washington, D. C., over the Terra Cotta wreck of Sunday night, Dec. 30, Wednesday night held for the action of the grand jury Harry H. Hilldebrand, engineer of "dead" train No. 2120; Frank F. Hoffmier, conductor of that train; P. F. Dent, night train dispatcher at Baltimore; William E. McCauley, division operator of the Baltimore and Ohio the local train No. 66, into which No. 2120 crashed; George W. Nagle, conductor of train No. 66; J. W. Kelly, Jr. trainmaster of the Baltimore and Ohio, and William Dutrow, the telegraph operator at Silver Springs. All the men held except Dent, McCauley

SHOT DOWN BY AN ASSASSIN.

"Hangman Pavloff" is Killed in St Petersburg.

Licut. Gen. Vladimir Pavloff, of St. Petersburg, military procurator, or advocate general, generally known since the days of the late parliament as "Hangman Pavloff," from an epithet constantly apputed to him by the radical deputies, was shot and killed Wednesday morning while walking in the garden of the military court build-

The assassin, who was disguised in a military uniform, was captured after a long chase through crowded streets, during which he fired about forty shots from two revolvers, killing policeman and wounding a boy.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY SECURED.

Pressmen to Get It at the End of Two

Years. After a series of conferences an agreement has been reached between the executive committee of the United Typothetae of America and the execulive council of the International Printng Pressmen and Assistants' union. renewing the present contract for a term of five years.

Upon the leading question at issue the eight-hour day, a compromise was arrived at, by which the Typothetae agrees to grant the eight-hour day 'an. 1, 1909.

Kokomo "Wild Man" Captured. The "woolly man" who has terrified the neighborhood around Kokomo.

Ind., for several days and broke up a thurch revival at Sycamore, was captured Monday by Sheriff Lindley, He 's Henry Jackson, a demented man, who escaped from the Allen county in-Irmary.

Bott Strikes House: Two Hurt. During a terrific thundred storm arly Tuesday the residence of Mrs. Kate Schmidt at Aurora, Ill., was struck by lightning and demolished. The woman, who is a cripple, and her

son narrowly escaped death. Both

Crossing Accident Fatal to Two. Miss Mattie Clemons, aged 22 years, was instantly killed and her brother, aged 17, fatally injured by being run down by an Omaha passenger train

No Cars: Big Mills Close.

'm Union, Wis.

Because they could not get cars in which to ship their products the lead ing flour mills of Minneapolis have been forced to close down temporarily Three hundred men are out of work

Steamers Collide in Fog.

In a dense fog two steamers grounded on Fisher island, off the coast of Connecticut, Wednesday. Both vessels can be seen from the shore and, with the sea running high, they are in danher of pounding to pieces. sentenced to r year .. 'te state pen-Mentiary.

High Water in Illinois.

High water has caused thousands of dollars' damage in and around Duauoin, Ill. Railroad tracks are inundated for many miles. Homes are completely submerged.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

Tenant Eills His Landford-S. E Harkness Shot by Eugene Marisfield, Whom He Sought to Eject from Dwelling.

S. E. Herkness, of Alma, was murdered by Eugene Marisfield. The crime was committed just at the edge of the

From the evidence, as given at the oroner's inquest, it appears that Marisfield is living in a house owned by Harkness and Harkness had demanded of Marisfield that he quit the premises, Marisfield being behind in paying rent. Marisfield refused leave, whereupon a quarrel ensued. Marisfield claims that Harkness raised a chair to strike him, when he grabbed a rifle and shot and killed Harkness instantly, the bullet passing through

Much excitement prevailed in Alma over the shooting and for a time there was talk of violence, but the sober and better judgment of the people prevailed and the prisoner will be given a fair trial. The sheriff took the prisoner to Red Cloud for safe keeping.

PLATTE RIVER OVERFLOWS.

Lower Part of Frement is Flooded and Familes Abandon Homes, The Platte overflow had reached its height in Fremont Thursday night. It flowed in streams resembling small rivers through Jensen and South streets and backed up to the Burlington road track from Main street west to the city limits. Cellars have been flooded through South Fremont, and reached up over the floors of dwellings. Families who had taken up their carpets and piled up their furniture on chairs sought refuge with neighbors. There may be some loss of live stock and poultry below the railroad tracks and the bridge.

NORFOLK PACKING PLANT.

Company Has Been Formed to Operate in Sugar Factory. A company has been formed for the

purpose of operating a packing plant n the old sugar factory building at Norfolk. The capital stock will be \$300,000, of which \$126,000 has been subscribed. E. H. Luikart, president of a Tilden bank, has been active in organizing the new company, to which other business men of northern Nebraska will belong.

All that remains before the machinery shall be ordered is for the sugar factory to be turned over, in accordance with the policy announced by the Industrial company, which owns it.

Bayard People Take Coal.

A blizzard raged from 4:30 p. m. New Year's day till 5:30 a. m, the next that his wife and children were legrees below zero and no coal in Bayard, the people burning out-buildings and extra fence posts. Citizens boarded a westbound freight train Wednesday and unloaded ten tons of company coal. Conductor Spencer telegraphed to headquarters and the car was set out and turned over to the agent to distribute. There was no violence.

Havelock Workman Injured. While "Red" Cornell, a man 30

in the Burlington shops at Havelock, the coat sleeve on his left arm was pull loose wound him up in such a \$3,000. shape that his left arm was broken. the right leg broken in six places and the left leg in two places, three ribs broken, his ear nearly severed from his head and a dozen or so scalp and face

Grand Island to Celebrate Birthday. A semi-centennial celebration will be held in Grand Island next summer. in observance of the anniversary of the settlement of that section of the state. Eight of the ploneers, who came by wagon from Davenport, Ia., in 1867, located there on July 3, staked out the settlement on the 4th, the celebration of the nation's birthday, and went actively to work on July 5 of that year, still remain,

Landlord Shot by His Tenant. News was received at the sheriff's office at Broken Bow that Henry Groatman, aged 46, a prominent and wealthy farmer living near Mildale, was shot and fatally wounded by Jay Smith, aged 28. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over rented

Rebuilding Mail Cars. In compliance with the request of the Postoffice department for the reconstruction of mail cars to conform to new specifications, the Burlington is busily engaged in rebuilding some twenty mail cars of the 60-foot class

in the Plattsmouth shops.

George Gebhardt, the young horse thief who was released by friends from the Stanton county jail, was captured in a hay loft south of Norfolk, where he planned to hide during the day. He was discovered in the barn by a young son of John Dover, a Madison county

Fremont Fifty Years Old. The original plat of the city of Fre mont was filed in the county clerk's office fifty years ago Jan. 6, the county

not being organized at the time the

plat was made four months before.

Gets Year in Penitentlary. Fred Dubois, who was recently caught in attempting to rob W. Frahm's store in Blue Hill and placed in the county jall, was taken before Judge Adams at Minden last week, pleading portty to the charge and was

Find Coal.

The discovery of a 20-inch vein of Wymore has caused some excitement among the residents of that locality.

DEAD BODY BESIDE THE TRACK. Indications Are that Dick White Was

Run Down by Train. The body of a man, which was iden-tified as that of Dick White, of Amherst, was found just west of the bridge over the tailrace, near Kearney, on the north side of the Union Pacific railroad by a little girl. After the dirt had been removed from the dead man's face he was identified as Dick

White, a man who had come down from Amheret on business. From the appearance at the place where the body was found it seemed as if White had been struck by a westbound train while walking along the track on the east side of the tallrace and hurled or carried across the bridge and a short distance beyond by the train. His hat, a soft one of brownish color, was found on the east side of the tailrage and traces of places where the blood had spattered and the body had touched the ground were found. The most serious injury appeared to be in the back of his head; his right arm was broken and almost torn off. He had also received other Dick White had been at Amherst for some time, but had no relatives there. All his people live in

BANK FOR THE RED MEN.

South Dakota.

Winnebagges So Prosperous They Need a Depository.
Because the Winnebago Indians have become such industrious farmers that they have money to save C. K. Hesse, of Council Bluffs, is about to establish the first bank in Winnebago.

the new town on the Burlington road in the eastern part of the reservation The bank, which is to be a state institution, will do business almost exclusively with the Indians, who make up by far the largest per cent of the population in that section. It is said they are now in a more prosperous ondition than ever before. The bank will be established in the old trader's store building, which was moved over in a few instances the water has to Winnebago from the agency head-

COLLIDE IN SNOW STORM.

Two Passenger Trains in Wreck on the Union Pacific.

The Union Pacific overland limited and the Los Angeles limited train, both bound for Omaha, had a collision Wednesday night at Brule station, twenty miles west of North Platte. There was a blinding snow storm and high wind at the time. Twenty-five or thirty passengers were in the observation car

E. W. Hastings, an actor, of New York, was instantly killed. Mail Clerk Gilbert Worley, of Omaha, sustained a fractured skull, and a passenger named Jennings was scalded.

FLEES FROM PEST HOUSE.

Patient Alleges that Patients Are Neglected at Alliance.

Escaping from the pest house at Allance, W. H. Rodes came to Lincoln in a box car, gained admission to the private office of Gov. Sheldon and told a story of privation and want, alleging day, with the mercury from 10 to 2 fined in the pest house without food or

aid. He said othersmallpox patients were similarly treated. Gov. Sheldon sent Drs. Brash and Sward, of the state board of health, to investigate.

Law to Be Enforced. The inheritance tax law is hereafter to be strictly enforced in Dodge county. The appraisers appointed on the estates of H. C. Mahanna and V. B. Stoddard have submitted their reports. years old, was working at a press drill Dodge county will receive from them about \$800 for the permanent road fund and Nance and Howard counties caught in the drill and before he could will receive in the aggregate about

Shot by Unknown Person.

Harry Lauritsen, a son of James Lauritsen, of Fremont was shot in the hip while on the road northwest of the city. No person with a gun was seen in the vicinity and the shot was evidently fired by some careless hunter. Fortunately a farmer came along and the boy was taken home. The bullet was of 32 caliber and made an ugly flesh wound.

New Road Surveyed.

The Union Pacific surveyors are ompleting their survey of the new line west and south of Blue Springs. proposed new line is to run west of the river most of the way between Beatrice and Marysville, instead of east of the river as at present. It is reported that active work on the line will begin early in the spring.

Attncked by Boar. Solomon Pfeiffer, a farmer living east of Arlington, had his shoulder dis-

located by a vicious male hog. Mr. Pfeiffer was trying to drive the animal when he became enraged and rushed upon its owner. Mr. Peiffer is 76 years old and the accident will undoubtedly lay him up for some time.

Boyd to Resign Judgeship. Judge J. F. Boyd, congressmanlect, stated in Norfolk that he will resign as district judge on February 21 and will leave for Washington about that time. His successor has not been appointed by Gov. Sheldon,

Wanted for Burglary in Kansas. John Lakey, aged 18, who lives with his parents at Norfolk, has been prested at Norfolk on a charge of urgiary preferred by a Kansas sher-The Kansos officer will take oung Lakey back for trial.

School Principal Resigns. Prof. Malot, the principal thools at Alusworth, tendered his resignation Wednesday.

Mrs. Lillie Pardoned,

After a contest for freedom lasting five years, Mrs. Lona Margaret Lillie was Thursday pardoned by Gov. Mickey, a few minutes before his term f office expired. She was sentenced to life imprisonment for the alleged murder of Harvey Lillie, her husband.

Pierce Lighting Plant Restored. After a little over two weeks of total darkness the electric lights were coal on the farm of Dr. Gandy near turned on at Pierce. The darkness was caused by the breaking of the big 5inch shaft of the electric light engine.

Several hundred Nebraska farmer will gather in Lincoln next week to attend the sessions of the various agricultural societies of the state which will meet at that time. In addition to these meetings several commercia and professional societies will meetings, and men prominent in these lines throughout the country will address the meetings. The agricultural meetings will begin next Monday, Jan. 14, and continue five days. The attendance of the farmers at the former annual gatherings has been very large and satisfactory, but this year's crowd is expected to break all records. Most of the societies will hold their sessions the state farm. The following socisties will meet:

Association of Agricultural Stu-Nebraska Corn Improvers' associa-

Nebraska Duroc-Jersey Breeders' ssociation. Nebraska Irrigation association,

Nebraska Short-horn Breeders' as Nebraska State Poultry association. Nebraska Veterinary Medical Insti-

Nebraska State Farmers' institute.

Nebraska Bee Keepers' association,

Nebraska Dairymen's association. Nebraska Improved Live Stock Breeders' association. Nebraska Park and Forestry asso

Nebraska State Horticultural socie-Nebraska Stock Breeders' associa-

Nebraska State Board of Agricul-Nebraska Swine Breeders' associa-

As usual in a Nebraska legislature farmers weedominate in the house and lawyers in the senate. In the entire legislature there are 50 farmers, of whom 43 are in the house and 7 are in the senate. The attorneys in the senate number \$0 and in the house 9. The following shows the makeup of the legislature by occupation:

Senate—Lawyers, 10; bankers, 4; contractors, 1; real estate dealers, 2; physicians, 3; farmers, 7; ranchers, grain dealers, 1; horsemen, 1; druggist, 1; implement dealers, 1; grain dealer and rancher combined in one.

House-Lawyers, 9; farmers, 43; real estate dealers, 3; merchants, 3; laborers, 1; publishers, 1; bankers, 6; grain dealers, 2; dentists, 1; ranchers, 1: physicians, 5: druggists, 1; creamery men. 1; millers, 2; firemen, 1; livery men, 1; insurance, 1; registrar at Peru normal school, 1; hotel keeper, 1,

Speaker Nettleton has announced the appointment of the following employes: Sergeant at arms, J. H. Mc-Kinnon; timekeeper, W. H. Morrow Shubert; custodian of speaker's room E. W. Walther, Lincoln; messenger to chief clerk, Edwin Tillotson, Table Rock; custodian of the clerk's room. L. S. Konkright, Seward; gallery doorkeeper, H. W. Albert, York; mail carrier and assistant postmaster. James L. Cook, Blair; janitor, E. F. Austin; custodian of cloak room, A. Crawford; assistant custodian of cloak room, M. Logasa, Omaha; night watchman, W. J. Weils, Lincoln; stenographers, Miss Grace Ballard, Blair; Mrs. Anna Potter, Omaha.

In the case of Edith Englehart, who was expelled by the school board of district No. 9, Merrick county, gross misdemeanors and persistent disobedience." the supreme court has reversed the suit for another trial, holding that school boards are authorized to expel a pupil without notice to the pupil or his parents and without any trial, holding that the board may adopt any mode of procedure in obtaining evidence which to it seems best, but in an action brought against its members to procure reinstatement of the pupil his conduct can only be shown by witnesses cognizant of the

The condition of the state house is dangerous and for that reason it was advised that dancing be omitted at the public reception the night of the inauguration of Gov. Sheldon. An inspection of the east wing of the building was made under the direction of the board of public lands and buildings and it was discovered the east portion of this wing has settled several inches since the legislature convened. While the inspectors did not believe there was any immediate danger of a collapse of that portion of the structure, it was deemed advisable to dis-

pense with a dance. Attorney General Thompson has de cided officially that Robert Cowell has not disqualified himself for office because he failed to take the oath along with the other state officers. Thompson dug up a supreme court decision directly in line with the case which is to the effect that Mr. Cowell can go before a notary public in Omaha, take the oath and mail the same to the secretary of state,

The state normal board met and installed Treasurer Brian in the seat made vacant by the expiration of the term of Treasurer Mortensen. board will ask the legislature for \$100,000 for the construction of two wings at the Kearney normal school, \$25,000 for a heating plant at the Peru

The state banking board made the following appointments: E. Royse, of Avalanche of bills expected, some radical Broken Bow, secretary; N. R. Per- and sweeping. singer, of Central City, chief clerk; Miss Maud Hoge, stenographer, Bank examiners: B. H. Beaumont, of Perkins county; E. E. Emmett, of Arapahoe: E. S. Mickey, of Osceola, and C. W. Erwin, of Omaha. All are reappointments except Micke and Erwin, who take the places of Fred Whitted more and Jacob F. Halderman.

FACED BY BIG ISSUES.

STATE LEGISLATURES ALL HAVE LONG CALENDARS.

antirond, Insurance, Primary Election and Other Things-Lower Fares Take Lend While Car Shortage and Pass Abuses Come Noxt.

A mighty die from legislative forget is about to begin to eche throughout the West as the general assemblies cenvene and lawmakers take up the sledges to bammer out reform enactments. Fow States are without live issues of a varied and sweeping character, and the year 1907 promises to be prelific in new laws more or less drastle.

Railroad reforms stand foremest among the questions that confront the legislators. The movement in favor of more rigid restriction is general in its scope, and the anvils will ring with the beating out of statutes that range from anti-pass measures to acts establishing a 2-cent fare, the latter forming the chief issue in at least eight West-

ern States. Corporations in general are in for treatment more or less severe, agitation being on for new banking laws that will protect depositors more adequately, for new insurance laws that will bring fire and life companies more directly under the supervision of State commissions, and for new taxing schemes that will provide for greater

revenues from public utility concerns. Changes in the political system also are up for action in several commonwealths, four of which are pledged to follow the lead of Illinois and Wisconsin in the enactment of a law that will give direct primaries, and that will give the electors a chance to scalp party bosses and stifle ring rule by taking into their own hands the matter of picking party candidates.

The liquor traffic, too, will be an important part of the year's reforms. In five States local option laws are to be presented. Their fate is problematical. but the fact that they will form part of the legislative grist has led to a lining up of the liquor elements and the temperance forces in preparation for fierce battles. The question of taxation will be an-

other bone of contention in at least eight States, and measures are being prepared that provide for changes in the revenue systems. In Illinois a fight will be made to make the railroads and other public service corporations pay all State taxes instead of imposing them on holders of general property. while in Wisconsin there will be an attempt to pass an act for a graduated income tax. The great live issue of general inter-

est throughout the general assemblice of the West, however, is that dealing with the railroad companies. There are five phases to the question, the most drastic and important relating to lower passenger fares. In eight States 2-cent fares will be fought for. Accompanying the reduction in fares is a general movement to abolish the pass system, and seven States are preparing to toll the knell of the annuals with which the railroads have kept on the good side of lawmakers and politicians. The passing of the pass, it is expected, will

be attended by bitter contests. The live issues which will engage the attention of lawmakers of the various States may be summarized as follows:

Car Shortage-North Dakota, Colorado, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Oregon, Nebraska, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Minnesota. Reciprocal demurrage the main hope.

Railroad Regulation-North Dakots,

Colorado, Texas, Michigan, Missourt,

Nevada, Indiana, South Dakota, Oregon, Nebraska, Idaho, Kansas, Washington, Utah, Minnesota, Illinois. Create new railroad commissions or strengthen exist-Two-Cent Fares-North Dakota, Texas, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, South

Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota.

will be bitter.

Anti-Pass Measures-North Dakota, Missouri, Illinois, South Dakota, Nebraska. Kansas, Minnesota. Several assemblies virtually pledged. Direct Primary Elections-North Dekota, Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, Washington, Kansas. Four States pledg-

Governors in others favor. will oppose strongly. Liquor Traffic-Colorado, Missouri, Indiana, Washington, Illinois. Local option or more drastic State regulation. Taxation-Wisconsin, Texas, Nebraska, Oregon, Washington, Minnesota, Kansas,

Illinois. Aimed chiefly against public service corporations. Entire revision of several codes. Income Tax-Wisconsin to consider bill for graduated tax. Other States expected to have hot fights.

Kansas particularly propose drastic new laws to protect depositors. Other States to fall in line. Miscellaneous-California and Nevada to entertain bills against prize fights; Wisconsin to sterilize feeble-minded and Insane and establish pension system for

the aged; Texas to wipe out cotton buck-

et-shops; Illinois to rehabilitate charita-

State and Private Books-Illinois and

ble institutions and to pass new charter for Chicago. Insurance-North Dakota, Texas, Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Massouri, Callfornia, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsia

This and That.

Capt. Edward Dumaresque, who recently died at Longford, Tasmania, in his 104th year, had been a pensioner as captain for seventy-nine years.

Ex-Secretary of State John W. Fester will continue his private diplomatic career by serving as one of China's delegates to The Hague peace conference next year.