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CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

LAMPHERE IS GUILTY

JURORS RETURN A VERICT CHARGING ARSON.

Judge Richter Fines Prisoner \$5,000 and Disfranchises Him for Five Years-Defense Will File a Motion for an Appeal.

Ray Lmphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her Gunness house at Laporte, Ind., April 28, was Thursday evening found guilty of arson by the jury, which had the case since 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. Within five minutes after the verdict was reported Judge Richter had sentenced the defendant to the state penitentiary at Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to twenty-one years.

The verdict was reached within half from supper. Word was conveyed to Bailiff Metz, who at once telephoned room were turned on, and within fifteen minutes the court was filled. Lamphere was brought over from the jail, and at 7:20 o'clock the jury filed into the court room and took its place. Foreman Henry Mills announced that the jury had agreed, and with that he passed the white piece of paper to Judge Richter, who, after making the entry on his docket, read the verdict:

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of arson, and that he is 38 years old."

Previous to the handing of the verdict to Judge Richter Foreman Mills said that he wished to make a statement to the court, but Judge Richter informed him that he could not hear any statement until after the verdict had been received and read. After it had been read Judge Richter asked him if he cared to make the statement, but he said that it would do no good now. Judge Richter expressed his thanks to the jury for its careful and conscientious consideration of the case. Prosecutor Smith also thanked the jury. Following the withdrawal of the jurors Judge Richter instructed Lamphere to stand up. The prisoner's face still looked haggard and his eyes were downcast. He held his hands before him, and then just as the church bells in the city were ringing out. Judge Richter asked him if he had any reasons to give why sentense should not be pronounced. He replied slowly, but distinctly: "I have none."

With that, Judge Richter sentenced him to the state prison in Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to twenty-one years, fined him \$5,000 and disfranchised him for five years. The court then instructed the sheriff to return him to his cell.

Gilbert Snow King Dead.

Gilbert Snow King, a prominent died at his temporary home in Los Angeles of la grippe and complications. King engaged in the manufacture of glass with the late Theodore Roosevelt. father of the president, at one time, and later was head of the Mississippi Glass company, with nine factories in the United States.

Turkey Will Get Big Sum.

Official advices received at Paris indicate that Bulgaria and Turkey have practically some to terms in the matter of Bulgaria's declaration of independence on the following basis: Bul-000 to \$14,000,000 on account of Rumelia, and \$10.000,000 on account of

Thanksgiving Pardons by Hoch.

Gov. E. W. Hoch, of Kansas, Thursday pardoned from the state penitentiary David E. Davis, of Leavenworth county, sentenced to hang in 1890 for the murder of his wife, and Thomas Marbut, of Cherokee county, sentenced to serve ten years in 1906 for murder

Football Player Injured.

During a football game at Attica, Ind., between teams representing that city and Tipton. Earl Thomas, Attica's star half back, was badly injured Near the end of the game he was tackled and thrown, and later carried from the field unconscious. Grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

Sioux City Live Stock Market. Wednesday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow; Top beeves, \$4.45. Top hogs, \$5.75.

Cattle Disease Spreads. Government experts went Tuesday

to a farm in Livonio township, near Detroit, Mich., and pronounced the disease from which cattle were suffering to be unmistakably hoof and mouth disease,

Meteor Falls in Oklahoma.

A meteorite reported to have fallen seven miles south of Muskogee, Okla., striking the barn of Frank Smith, killing two horses and burying itself deep

MANY KILLED IN TORNADOES.

Two Sweep Over Arkansas with Appalling Loss.

Two tornadoes, one north and the other southbound, swept over west Arkansas Monday afternoon, destroying many lives and much property. All means of communication was destroyed and only indefinite reports have been received. From reports received at least thirty lives were lost. The property loss will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One tornado started in the extreme southwestern part of the state and went north, following the second tier of counties from the western boundary line. The other started in the northwestern corner of the state and went south, to all indications following the second and third tier of countles.

The counties through which the tornado passed were Lafayette, Columbia, Miller, Pike, Howard, Hemstead, Yell, Pope, Johnson, Franklin and Carroll.

According to advices received the storm was at its height when it swept through Piney, a German settlement on the Iron Mountain railroad between Knoxville and London. Late reports from Russellville, the nearest town with which communication can be had, are that between twelve and twenty persons were killed and about thirty injured at that place.

Five lives are reported to have been lost ten miles from Mulberry. The storms also visited Ozark, from whence nothing has been heard as an hour after the jurors had returned yet; Lodi, near Texarkana, where in addition to the several hundred three buildings were destroyed and a woman injured; Lewisville, in Lafay Judge Richter and the attorneys in the ette county, where great damage was case. The lights in the big court done; Berryville, where eight people were injured; Palmos, where great damage is reported, and Jethro and Wallersville, which are reported to have been wrecked.

No advices have been received from Jethro, Wallersville and Palmos as to the loss of life and damage.

Telephone and telegraph communi cations are prostrated.

EXPOSE HOLY LAND FRAUD.

Many Charitable Persons in Middle West Victims.

A fraud order has been issued by the postoffice department against a band of Syrians in Jerusalem who are said to have been imposing on charita ble persons throughout the United States, especially in the middle west. for the saie of alleged souvenirs of the Holy Land. The extensive and profposed by Consul Thomas R. Wallace, of Jerusalem, a former Iowan, and on his recommendation letters to the producers of "sacred souvenirs" have been parred from the mails and postmasters forbidden to sell money orders in their favor.

The Jerusalem band operated under any of the following names: H. Linenberg, M. Purmutter, Jochus Zeilingold, S. Piatrer and Mrs. H. Lorberbauh. Their favorite scheme is to send to Americans a cheaply made album, which is said to contain flowers and olive wood from the Holy mountains at Jerusalem, accompanied by

BIG SUM SPENT TO ELECT TAFT.

Republicans Used Over a Million and

a Half.

George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the republican national committee, Monday filed a list of contributions for the recent national campaign. It shows 12,330 contributors, many of them covering a number of lesser contributions. The total amount contributed was \$1,655,518.27.

The net amount received and disbursed at the New York and Chicago headquarters was \$1,025,388.27. In addition to the foregoing there was collected by the national committee finance committees in several states and turned over to the republican state committees for use in their own states \$620,150.

C. P. Taft heads the list with \$116. 000. Andrew Carnegie and J. P. Morgaria is to pay Turkey from \$12,900,- gan each contributed \$20,000. There were but sixteen individual contributions of \$10,000 or more.

Plot to Tunnel Prison.

Jefferson City, Mo., Sunday discovered that a tunnel connecting the prison with the street had been begun and almost completed for effecting wholesale delivery of convicts. The tunnel led from one of the sentine towers and lacked but a foot of being finished. The plan, it is understood, was for the prisoners, while in the dining room, to make a dash for the dining room, to make a dash for possibly have escaped.

President Will Speak in London. the invitation of the president of the Royal Geographical society to deliver an address before that body on his visit to London about April, 1909. The subject of the address has not been decided upon, but will probably deal with his impression of his African

Negro Lynched at Charleston.

Jim Gilmore, a negro, was taken from the guard house in Luray, a small town in Hammond county, S. C. Monday and lynched. Gilmore had attempted to assault one of the daughters of his employer, A. C. Fitts.

Jefferson, Sandusky and Clermont counties in Ohio, Monday voted dry. knocking out 210 saloons, Huron county voted wet by 15.

SWIFT WORK OF MOB.

Three Negroes Pay Death Penalty in Quick Time.

The little town of Tiptonville, Tenn. bordering on Reelfoot lake, which has been the scene of many stirring incldents the past month, witnessed the lynching fate Tuesday afternoon of three negroes who were arrested Tuesday morning for murdering Deputy Sheriff Richard Burress and fatally wounding John Hall, a deputy sheriff. The negroes' names are: Marshall Stineback, Edward Stineback and Jim Stineback.

These brothers created a disturbance at a religious meeting near Tiptonville Saturday night, and when the officers attempted to arrest them a fight ensued in which the negroes shot the officers and made their escape. It was barely daylight Sunday morning before a posse of citizens from Tiptonville and surrounding country were in pursuit of the negroes, but they successfully escaped the white men until 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, when they were surrounded and captured in a swamp near the village of Ridgely. The vicinity is known as the "old river bed canebrake," and it is difficult to trace man or beast through its tangles. Once captured, however, the negroes, covered by 100 guns, were quickly landed in fail at Tiptonville. The negroes when arrested had two guns in their possession, but had run out of ammunition.

The news of the capture spread rapidly to the surrounding territory, and members of the posse men began arriving by every read, and soon the jall was surrounded by a mob which had no hesitancy in threatening a lynching quickly and surely,

At the trial all of the evidence of those who had seen the killing was heard, and in an incredibly short time the case was given to the jury, who in a few minutes returned a verdict of

guilty, fixing the sentence at death. ed on the three negroes when the mob with a whoop and a yell entered the court room, and seizing the prisoners, rushed them to a large tree near them, firing volley after volley into the air as the bodies were drawn up from the earth

MAD FATHER SHOOTS TWO.

Daughter: Probably Fatally

Wounds Son. Returning to his home Tuesday after an all night absence Carl Loose, New York, a baker, aged 57, open ed fire with a revolver upon the members of his family, who were at breakfast, and instantly killed his daughter Meta, aged 17, and probably fatally wounded his son Frederick, a Lutheran minister. Loose was arrested, charged with murder.

Frederick Loose recently had received a call from a church at Yale, S. D. He had recently come to New York with his young wife, having been urged by his mother to aid her in reclaiming his father, who, she wrote, had been drinking heavily and neglecting her. The efforts of the son were unavailing and when Loose flatly declined to contribute anything toward the support of his wife and daughter the permanent breaking up of the family was decided upon.

Loose remained away from home all night, returning home while the family was at breakfast. Without a word as he entered the door the elder Loose pulled a revolver from his overcoat and began shooting. Meta fell at the first shot with a bullet through her breast. She died instantly. The second shot struck Frederick in the abdomen as he was springing at his father, and he fell unconscious. Before another shot could be fired John Loose, aged 18, sprang upon the mad father and wrenched the weapon from him and held him until the police

PUGILIST MAY DIE.

Boston Fighter Seriously Hurt in a

Bout in Philadelphia. Fred Bradley, a heavyweight pugil ist, who was seriously injured in a savage bout in the West End Athletic club at Philadelphia Monday night with Al Kubiak, is still in a critical condition, suffering from concussion of the brain and possible fracture of the skull. The physicians are doubt ful whether he will recover. All the principals in the affair were arraigned before a magistrate Tuesday. Kublak was committed to prison without bail to await the outcome of Bradley's injuries and the others were released on \$800 bond each.

Kentucky to Visit Tripoli.

A visit to Tripoli will be made by the battleship Kentucky, of the Atlantic battleship fleet, on its way through the Mediterranean sea. The object is to show the American flag in that portion of the world. The visit will occur on Jan. 13 and 14.

The popular vote for president in Indiana was: Taft, 349,993; Bryan,

338,262; Chafin, 18,045; Watson, 1,384; Debs, 13,476; Preston, 643; Hisgen, 514. Charged with Husband's Murder. Mrs. Georgiana Sampson, of Palmy ra, N. Y., widow of Harry Sampson, a nephew of the late Admiral Sampson

of her husband, whose death was at first said to be a suicide. Will Arbitrate Dispute.

was arrested, charged with the murder

An agreement to arbitrate the Casablanca incident between France and Germany was signed at Berlin Tues-

STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

SLEUMAN HAD SNUG AMOUNT.

His Estate Was Worth One Hundred

Thousand Dollars. Sewell F. P. Sleuman was worth \$115,284.61 when he committed suicide some weeks ago after killing Eva Hart. The condition of his property interests is disclosed by an inventory filed in county court Monday afternoon

and executor of his will. The report shows when he died he had about \$10,000 on deposit in banks in Omaha, Hastings, Seward and other places where he transacted business The total amount of cash, office furniture and other property of a minor nature is listed at \$14,633.61. This in cludes his automobile, which is appraised at \$2,000.

The bulk of the estate is in real estate mortgages and real estate. Of the mortgages there are \$53,651 worth. according to the inventory. His real estate consists of one lot in Omaha, quently seen by persons residing a farm in Adams county, three in Hamilton county and one in South They are estimated to be worth \$47.000.

County Judge Leslie has admitted his will to probate and appointed Geo. bery in Stella also robbed the post-Sleuman executor. In the will he places the bulk of his property in a are carrying Colt automatic revolvers. trust fund to be used for the benefit of his wife and to be divided among that vicinity Saturday to further inhis children after his death. Geo. H. Vestigate. A reward of \$1,150 is offer-Sleuman is also given a good share

MURDER NEAR GOTHENBURG.

Body of Japanese Laborer Found in

Thicket Along Platte River. Sunday a man was found dead in the undergrowth along the north channel of the Platte river about a quarter of a mile northeast of where the main bridge crosses the main river at Gothenburg. The coroner was summoned from Lexington and with Dr. Birkofer and Constable Swanson and others proceeded to where the man was found.

The body was found to be that of a Japanese laborer, who must have been murdered and hauled to the spot and thrown into the undergrowth where few people ever go unless for wild lily is in destitute circumstances. grapes or plums. The murder evidently was not committed for money, as the medical experts that the body had been lying where it was found eighteen or twenty-four months. The remains were put in a sack and brought to Gothenburg and will probably be buried by the county.

MINDEN MAN DIES ON A TRAIN. Returning from Trip in Apparently

Good Health As the Hilline train pulled into Hol-Sam Dunmire, of Minden, expired before he could leave the train. He had been up into the western part of the state showing land he had for sale and sion. was returning home, accompanied by the parties with whom he had made a deal. When he dropped dead he was leaving the car to make the

change for Minden. He was a well to do farmer of Kear ney county and his sudden death came as a complete surprise not only to his

GRAIN FOR CORN SHOW.

Exhibits from Shows at Nearby Town

Will Be Sent. Grain shows were held at Paplilion Springfield and Gretna Friday and Saturday, under the auspices of the Sarphy County Farmers' institute The grain was judged by Mr. Kisselbaugh, of the State Agricultural college, who gave interesting talks on the selection of grains at each show. About 100 entries of the best of these ce reals will be brought to Omaha and entered at the National Corn exposition as a county exhibit.

Farmer Killed by Bull.

Charles Grote, a well known farmer living twelve miles northeast of Huntley, was killed by a vicious bull on Friday of last week. He leaves a wife and nine children.

Talmadge Gets Promotion.

L. M. Talmadge, assistant cashie of the United States National bank of Omaha, has been elected cashier and manager of the First National bank of Grand Island.

To Pay Indians Friday. One hundred and fifty thousand dol lars is to be paid the Rosebud Indians this week and they begin paying them Friday. Each Indian receives \$29.70

this trip.

Corn Show at West Point. The date of the forthcoming county corn show at West Point has been definitely fixed for Nov. 30. Ray Moore of Lincoln, will be present to pass upon the merits of the corn shown.

Body of Capt. Crawford Disinterred The body of the late Capt. Emmet Crawford was taken up at Kearney under direction of Lieut. Field, of Omaha, and the metallic case was accidental discharge of a 22-caliber found to b in excellent condition. rifle in the hands of her brother.

Stolen Goods Identified, E. A. Gratjan and George Fiffin two merchants of Cortland, were in Beatrice Monday and identified some

loss is estimated at \$7,000.

four horses were burned, along with

a supply of feed and the farm imple-

goods stolen from their stores Saturday by Patrick Murphy and James smount of \$650. The fire is claimed to have been caused by a passing freight Twenty-Four Horses Burn. Fire destroyed the barn of the state industrial school at Kearney and the

WATCH STILL UIDENTIFIED.

Some of Jewelry Found Near Weeping Water Not Yet Claimed.

W. Atwood and Dr. E. D. Cummins to Weeping Water in his automobile Friday afternoon in one hour and twentyfive minutes, the distance being twenby George H. Sleuman, his brother ty-four miles. They met C. C. Phillips, Maitland, Mo., who was recently rob bed of about \$800 worth of jewelry. but the gold watches and other jewelry which were recently found near Weeping Water did not belong to him. The sheriff brought it home with him and placed it with the other gold watches, filled cases, etc., which were not identified by the jeweler in Stella, Neb., or by any other person. On the return trip a stop was made at Murray, where it was learned that two strangers, one aged about 25 years tion of other ordinarily heavy producand one about 22 years, had been fresoutheast of that town, and the impression seemed to prevail that they were the persons who did the killing of Chief of Police C. A. Ralston in Weeping Water, and beside the roboffice in Strausville, Neb. Both men The sheriff made another trip into ed for the arrest of the two men.

MATTHEWS HELD FOR MURDER

Preliminary Hearing at Lexington Lasts Two Days. The preliminary examination Emery Matthews for the killing of David Fisher on the night of Nov. 7 took place at Lexington before County Judge Turten. The original complaint charged manslaughter, but was later amended to murder in the first degree. The court house was crowded to its capacity. Twelve witnesses testified for the state and their testimony was very strong against the defendant. Matthews has a wife and four small children. Fisher was a single man, 22 years of age. Fisher was killed by two blows from Matthews' fist, the second being dealt on a run. Matthews' fam-

Judge Turton bound Matthews over to the district court, fixing his bail at In one pecketbook there was \$10 and \$2,500, which so far he has been unin another \$20 and other bills partial- able to secure. Matthews is defend- year of \$37,395,832. The counties ly rotted and third pocketbook con- ed by Attorneys George Gillin and D. ducted by County Attorney E. A. Cook.

BOLD ROBBERY AT MILFORD. Station Entered and Eighty Dollars

Taken from Cash Drawer. While the Burlington train while the station agent was on the depot platform, someone broke in the in money. After the train had gone drege Monday night a man named the loss was discovered and the train was met at Seward by the sheriff, who searched the passengers, but none was found with the money in his posses-

Seward was robbed in the same manner, making the third robbery of a similar nature this fall. The railroad 289. The counties producing the mos has but one employe at these stations in the daytime and the robberies have all been similar, the robber breaking in the office door while the agent is on the platform looking after the

FINE AND JAIL FOR EDMISTEN. Former Populist Chairman Sentencea

by Judge Munger. Judge Munger in the United States court Saturday afternoon sentenced J. H. Edmisten, former state oil inspector and chairman of the populigt state committee, to pay a fine of \$1, 000 and serve four months in jail for illegal fencing of government lands Edmisten pleaded guilty and his attorcase was called last February Edmisten did not appear. His bond was forfeited, but on his later appearance the case was reopened and the above sentence followed. Edmisten has been prominent in Nebraska

politics for many years. Missouri Man Seeks Property

C. C. Phillips, of Maitland, Mo., n Plattsmouth to learn if any of the ewelry recently found near Weeping Water belonged to him. Burglars entered his jewelry store through the transom over the door and stole about \$800 worth of gold watches, bracelets and other jewelry.

The fire damage done by a blaze apposed to have been caught from a cassing locomotive to the Rogers Lumber company at McCool Junction will amount to over \$1,500.

Engine Starts Blaze.

Schuyler Girl Burned. While burning rubbish in her yard Miss Sophie Muelich, a well known young woman of Schuyler, had her iress catch fire. She was badly burn-

ed on her arms and body.

Boy Shoots His Sister. Saloma Stevens, the 11-year-old laughter of R. Stevens, of Beatrice, received a wound in the foot by the

Barn destroyed by Fire. A large barn owned by Frank Still man, near McCook, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$1,500. which there is insurance to

Death by Fall from Horse. William Johnson was riding a wild horse near Cushing, which was suddenly scared, throwing Mr. Johnson, who in falling fractured his skull in such a manner that he died.

Labor Commissioner Ryder ha made public a tabulation of Nebraska crops for 1908, which indicates that this year's corn crop is worth, at 50

cents a bushel, \$89,299,878. "This is an increase over the value of record breaking crop of 1905, which was 243,712,244 bushels; and it is only \$12,000 less than the value of the next largest crop, that of 1906, which totaled 241,383,537 bushels.

"We are most agreeably surprise by the final outcome of the reports this year. With a reported acreage 247,825 less than in 1907, the total production is 9,000,000 bushels more.

or 178,599,789, as against 169,732,885 last year. "There is a decided change as to the leading corn counties this year. Because of floods, principally, former leaders fell off; hot winds and drouth at the wrong time reduced the producers. To offset these losses, remarkably good results are shown by counties not heretofore regarded as corn producers. Lancaster reported the largest acreage, but Custer leads in total production, with 3,141,327 bushels, against 2,655,471 bushels for Lancaster. Counties reporting 2,000, 000 bushels or better stand in this order, after two named: Saunders, Cedar, Nuckolls, Buffalo, Boone, Knox and Platte. The average per acre for the state this year is 28.17 bushels while last year the average acre was 25.75 bushels.

"Winter wheat acreage reported this year exceeded that of 1907 by 62,741 Ohlo. Between 1872 and 1882 the acres, but the total production is less being 41.001,938 bushels, as against 42,993,004 for 1907. Last year the average production per acre of this crop was 18.85, this year it is 16.99, but the value is greater by over \$2,-500,000. 'The 1908 winter wheat crop is worth to the farmers \$34,851,610 as compared with \$32,244,753 last year. Clay county leads in production. with a shade under 2,000,000 bushels; Adams is cluse up and Hamilton a strong third. Then come Gage, York Fillmore, Seward, Butler, Saline,

"Spring wheat acreage shows a decline every year of late, but the average per acre this year is 13.98 agains 12.93 in 1907, with a total of 2.840,284 as compared with 3,214 264 last year The present crop tops the last one in value, \$2.414,322 against \$2,410,990. We thus have at total for wheat this amounts are Sheridan, Lincoln, Dako ta, Cheyenne, Burt, Dawes, Box Butte,

Cuming, Washington, Cass. "In oats we have an increased total production on a reduced acreage, the average per acre going 23.86 as against 21.49 in 1907. The total reaches 56, 163,528 bushels, compared to 53,622, standing at the station of Milford and 262, and the value is \$22,465,396; las year it was \$20.376.460. Platte county leads in the oats production, with door to the station office and took \$80 2,379,730, followed closely by Cedar with 2,094,103; then come Knox, Madison, Pierce, Cuming, Gage Saunders, Buffalo, all running stong over 1,000,000 bushels,

"In Barley production we fall off, from 2,346,166 bushels last year to 2,-About a month ago the station at 131,793 this year. The average per acre also shows a slight reduction. The value of this crop to Nebraska is \$959 .barley are Thurston, Dundy, Hitch cock, Custer, Red Willow, Burt, Lincoln, Cedar. Logan, Hayes. Ryle, like. wise, shows a decrease all around Total production, 1908, 1,266,448 bushels; 1907;, 1,407.699 bushels. Value this year, \$759,859. Western counties lead in rye production.

"The total value of these five crops to the farmers of the state foots up \$150,750,254, as against \$129,985,045 for the same crops in 1907, an increase

of \$20,765,209." "Alfalfa and hay will weigh up strong this year in boosting our grand total, and potatoes will represent more Great Britain tell of an unprecedented wealth than the Alaska mines produce in a year. Then don't forget that eggs are now 3 cents apiece or three dozen for \$1. And we have celery, turkeys, pumpkins, apples, frog legs, sweet potatoes, etc. So no one need worry about the Nebraska farmer either as to Thanksgiving or Christmas, or the Glasgow bloodshed was prevented only college education for the children, to say nothing of automobiles riding in the most delightful, 'ozony' atmosphere lying utdoors."

The case against C. S. Depass, an insurance agent arrested at Beatrice Oct. 20 on the charge of writing a policy of \$2.000 for John Clara with out first obtaining a certificate, was called in county court Wednesday and dismissed, as it was shown that the aileged offense was committed in Lancaster county. State Auditor Searle Deputy Insurance Auditor Pierce and Judge Holmes, of Lincoln, had been called as witnesses in the case.

Gov.-elect Shallenberger was in Lincoln Wednesday night riding the Shriner goat. He said he was too busy with that occupation to think about appointements.

A message has been received in Lincoln announcing that A. Galusha, former secretary of state, had been injured at Guide Roc' by a fall caused by a runaway.

W. J. Taylor, representative-elect in Custer county, is being urged by iends to enter the race for speaker of the next house of representatives.

By failing to sell their bonds to the state the officials of Kimball county have lost the taxpayers some \$374. conducting against the decision in The bonds amounted to \$5,000, run for five years and drew 6 per cent in-terest. The records show the bonds were sold for a premium of only \$1.

Nebraska and Iowa are anxious to bring closer to this part of the country meeting of the Short-horn Breeders association and for that reason are securing proxies of members of the association to be used at the meeting to this country and in England. be held in Chicago Dec. 2.

REBATE KILLS OIL RIVALS.

Rockefeller Cheerfully Tells Hew

Competitors Were Driven Out. John D. Rockefeller's own story of his fortunes and the history of the birth of the great Standard Oil Com-

pany, was listened to with breathless interest by a large crowd that jammed the courtroom at the hearing before Referes Franklin Ferris in New York Thursday. With seeming candor he told how and why the combination was created. and cheerfully admitted that it secured rebates from the railroads which enabled it to drive competitors out of

It was the final reply of the oil com- J. D. ROCKEFELLER. pany to the attacks that have been made for years, the revelations of Miss Ida Tarbell, the fulminations of campalgn orators, the charges in newspapers, and the remarkable letters of John D. Archbold that injured Senator

Forakey and smirched balf a dozen statesmen. In answer to questions by John C. Milburn, his counsel, Mr. Rockefeller told how his combination reached ont its tentacles for more ond more refineries of rivals, and fattened on them for ten years or more, till it became strong enough to change into what became the Standard Oil Company of Rockefeller combine bought and bought rivals. When it was strong enough it organized them all into one concern. The oil king said that the company was constantly reaching out

for more refineries and more markets. It bought refineries to get them out of competition and to get their busiuess. That is the way H. H. Rogers and John D. Archbold went into the company. They were bought up. Both were strong, brilliant and bold. The Rockefeller combine had to get them out of the way; it absorbed their rival concerns and them at the same time. Mr. Rockefeller snapped up the American Lubricating Company, and once in that field he looked around for more lubricating companies. Before his rivals appreciated what had been done, his combine controlled most of th concerns that had done business be

tween 1870 and 1880. When the Pennsylvania railroad. through its Empire Pipe Line, began gathering oil and shipping it to the scaboard at reduced rates, the Standard stepped in. A bitter war followed, the end of which came only when the Empire concern was turned over to Rockefeller and the dangerous compe tition wiped out. The railroad for its surrender was permitted to form a car combination, the certificates of which were bought by Rockefeller and his associates. "Whatever they had we took," Mr. Rockefeller said, in explaining the absorption of the Empire

condition of unemployment in that country, a situation so desperate that the government can no longer ignore it. Already great numbers of the idle workmen have shown signs of extreme discontent. Some groups were reported to be on the march toward London and at by the prompt action of the city authorities in appropriating \$500,000 for public spending \$50,000 for the relief of her poor. Liverpool, Sheffield, Birmingham and other industrial centers are likewise confronted with an acute situation. In the face of these facts Premier Asquith has announced his intention of formulat-

ing a general plan for giving relief. The highest court of Australia has rendered a decision invalidating one of the important laws passed in the interest of organized labor, the party which holds the balance of power in that country. The unions had forced the passage of a law imposing an internal tax upon the output of the manufacturers of agricultural instruments. This was designed to about counterbalance the effect of the protec tive tariff, but gave to all concerns which paid the union scale of wages an entire remission of the tax. As the labor unions controlled the Parliament, they could remit or impose the tax upon whatever business they saw fit, so that no business which suits the unions could be put out of the running. The court decided, by a vote of 3 to 2, that the new law was unconstitutional on the theory that the purpose of the law is to regulate wages instead of to levy a tax or to raise reve

By a vote of 438 to 47, the French Chamber of Deputies has condemned the campaign which the anti-Dreyfusards are case of Major Dreyfus, handed down by

the court of cassation in 1906. The venerable Russian patriot and revolutionist, Nicholas Tschaikovsky, who has been in prison at St. Petersburg for many months, and who has many fri in England and America, was releaother day on \$25,000 cash bail deman by the Russian government, the being contributed by wealthy frien