

**ELECTRIC FLASHES**

**NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.**

**OTTUMWA IN A PANIC**

**WATER RAISING HAVOC IN AN IOWA TOWN.**

The Des Moines River higher than in 1876—Railroads badly tied up—Many Residences are Under Water—Property Loss is Heavy.

**South Ottumwa in a Panic.**  
Water flowed across the business portion of South Ottumwa Monday and the population was in a panic. Hundreds of men worked on the levee at the west end of the city. At 2:30 the water broke under the Milwaukee tracks and rapidly covered another residence portion of South Ottumwa. Over a hundred houses are flooded. The water rose six inches during the day.

It was believed the flood was at its worst Sunday night, but at Des Moines the river rose a foot during the night and was higher than since 1876. The damage is tremendous.

The Burlington road, which has been kept open with a mighty effort, had to give up and the main line of communication between Chicago and Denver is cut off. Of the six railroads entering Ottumwa the only trains moving are the Washburn from the south and Milwaukee from the north. All Burlington, Rock Island and Central and Milwaukee and Washburn traffic south is stopped entirely, even the right of way fences in many cases are out of sight. On the Rock Island and Burlington roads for miles it is believed the tracks are washed entirely away. Even when the water recedes it will take days to re-establish communication. In all nearby towns the conditions are reported bad.

Eddyville reports 150 residents driven out by the water. The river is the highest since 1858.

**TO BE BLACK LETTER DAY.**

**West Virginia Town to Have a Wholesale Hanging.**

It now looks as if Fayetteville, the county seat of Fayette County, West Virginia, in which is located the town of Montgomery, lately made famous by its gang of forty thieves and murderers, will have a black letter on June 23. Three hangings are already provided, and the outlook is good for as many more at least. In the circuit court at Fayetteville the trial of Clark Lewis, Albert Valers and Wilbur Slaughter, charged with the murder of Charles Gibson at Montgomery, was concluded and a verdict of guilty returned. The jury recommended the death penalty for Lewis and Valers, and life imprisonment for Slaughter. Judge Brazie, of the criminal court, sentenced the guilty ones at once, making the day of their execution June 23, the same day on which Jerry Brown, a rape fiend, is to be hanged. Monday the trial of John Hudson and Virginia Gibson, the latter the widow of the murdered man began. They are charged with assisting in the killing of Gibson, and have against them the same evidence that convicted the trio already sentenced. There are twenty eight members of the Montgomery gang, and four more murders are charged against its members.

**CANADA SCHOOL PROBLEM.**

**Papal Legate Said to Have Rendered an Adverse Decision.**

A sensation has been created in political circles at Montreal owing to the reported adverse decision of Mgr. Merry del Val, the papal legate to Canada. It is stated on good authority that J. Israel Tarie, minister of public works, is strongly in favor of an immediate dissolution of parliament and an appeal to the people to decide the agreement entered into with the Manitoba authorities. The minister argues that with a hostile decision by the pope's representative it is only natural to suppose that Quebec province would not support the government so strongly as is the case today. On the other hand, Mr. Tarie believes the French Canadian premier would obtain an overwhelming majority from the English speaking provinces, and thus give the school question its quietus.

**HAVEMEYER IS DEAD.**

**Vice President of the Sugar Trust Succumbs Suddenly.**

Theodore A. Havemeyer, vice president of the American Sugar Refining Company, died Monday in New York. He returned a few days ago from Florida, took cold in the change from warm weather to cold, and grip rapidly developed. The fatal termination was not anticipated until Sunday night, when he became suddenly worse and passed away at 8:30 o'clock.

**Wheat Slumps Sharply.**

Fine weather, lower Liverpool cables and the prospect that the Turko-Grecian war will soon be over caused a sharp break in wheat in Chicago Monday. July opened at 73<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>@74, a break of 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> from the close Saturday, and quickly sold off to 73<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, catching many stop May orders on the way down. At the decline a demand sprang up and a slow recovery ensued. The excitement was dying out as the market closed.

**Judge Day Is Named.**

The president has nominated W. E. Day of Ohio assistant secretary of state and Cassius M. Barnes of Oklahoma governor of Oklahoma Territory.

**Antonio Maximo Mora Dead.**

Antonio Maximo Mora, whose property in Cuba was confiscated twenty-five years ago, and whose claim against Spain was finally settled in 1895 by the payment by Spain of nearly \$1,000,000, died at the Hotel Grenoble, New York, Saturday, aged 79 years.

**Four Italians Killed.**

Four Italians were killed by an explosion of gas in mine No. 2 at Blockton, Ala., Monday morning. The victims belonged to a gang of thirty men, who were working 1,600 feet below the surface.

**WINTER WHEAT SHORTAGE.**

**Large Percentage of the Crop Winter-Killed.**

C. A. King & Co.'s report on winter wheat issued April 24 from Toledo, Ohio, is compiled from 4,165 replies from grain dealers and millers, covering every county in the six principal wheat states. It says: "Winter wheat will be another short crop. There was more winter-killed than usual. The condition averages about the same as two weeks ago. The season is two or three weeks later than a year ago, when it was a trifle early. Very few complain of insect damage.

"Illinois looks the worst. The prospect there now is only a quarter of an average crop. About half there say it will be a total failure. Two-thirds of the acreage sown was winter-killed.

"Indiana promises only a trifle over half of a crop. Conditions lately are worse than two weeks ago. About one-third was winter-killed.

"Missouri also looks bad. It promises less than two-thirds of an average. About a third of the acreage is being plowed up.

"Ohio has the best outlook. It now promises nearly an average crop. About 10 per cent. of the acreage was winter-killed.

"Michigan looks now like nearly an average crop, but needs growing weather. Some acreage has been winter-killed, but it is early to tell definitely.

"Kansas is an uncertain state. It has a fair prospect now and has improved a trifle this month. About a fifth of the acreage was winter-killed."

**AGREEMENT WITH INDIANS.**

**Dawes Commission Succeeds in Its Negotiations with Choctaws.**

The Dawes Indian commission has consummated an agreement with both the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes for the allotment of lands in severalty, the disposition of townships, jurisdiction of federal courts, and for presidential approval of the acts of the tribal councils.

The agreement is a significant step forward in the interests of the government's work of breaking up tribal relations and civilizing the Indians. The Choctaws and Chickasaws have a mutual interest in each other's lands. The Choctaw lands embrace a territory of 6,688,000 acres of 10,450 square miles. There are 17,819 Choctaws. The present agreement, it is stated, covers all the points of objection to the former one.

**ELK DIE IN THE YELLOWSTONE**

**Starve to Death During the Winter Months.**

Gustave Schnitzer, Wyoming's state game and fish commissioner, has received an interesting report from his game warden stationed in Jackson's Hole, south of the Yellowstone National Park. The warden reports that 25,000 head of elk tried to winter in the district, but that there was not food enough for them and that 5,000 head of calves and 2,500 full grown animals have died of starvation during the winter. The ranchmen of the region have been obliged to guard their hay stacks in order to keep the elk from getting hay put up for cattle. Fences of ordinary construction were inadequate to keep the elk out of meadows or enclosures where hay was put up.

**GUNSAULUS MAY QUIT CHICAGO**

**Noted Divine Likely to Accept a New York Offer.**

Rev. Frank Gunsaulus, for many years pastor of Plymouth Church of Chicago, has taken steps to relinquish his pulpit and remove to New York, where, it is said, he will take charge of the Broadway tabernacle. The date fixed is the tenth anniversary of his connection with Plymouth Church, which occurs next month. To the trustees Dr. Gunsaulus has said his ambition is to be brought into closer touch with the masses. Offers which he had received from New York would give him the advantages desired. Efforts will be made to keep Dr. Gunsaulus in Chicago, and if successful the Auditorium may be engaged for his services.

**BEHEADED AND BURNED.**

**Michigan Woman Kills Her Mother-in-Law and Cremates the Body.**

At Williamston, Mich., Mrs. Albert Hovey, aged 32 years, murdered her aged mother-in-law with an ax Saturday. She severed the head entirely from the body with a large butcher knife and then poured oil on the lifeless body and set it on fire. The murdered woman was 80 years old and lived with her son's family in the southeast part of the village.

**Murder of Cyclist Lenz.**

United States Bergholtz at Erzeroum, Turkey has reported to the state department that the Turkish court there which has been trying by default the Kurds and Armenians charged with the murder of young Lenz, the American cyclist, while on his tour around the world a wheel, has acquitted the accused, a matter of small moment after all, considering the fact that none of the accused had been found by the authorities, having fled the country.

**Hohenlohe's Paris Visit.**

The object of Prince Hohenlohe's visit to M. Hanou, the French foreign minister in Paris, was to discuss the situation in the Transvaal, and to persuade France, and through her Russia, to support Germany in resisting Great Britain's imperious attitude toward the Boers in exchange for Germany's support of France in the Egyptian question.

**Under Guard of Militia.**

The Alexandria, Va., light infantry camped Saturday at the house of Tobe Lacey. Since the lynching Friday night of Joseph McCoy, who criminally assaulted Lacey's daughter, there have been fears that the negroes would seek revenge of Lacey. The soldiers were ordered out as a precautionary measure.

**Frank Kloss Hanged.**

Frank Kloss was hanged Friday in San Quentin, Cal., for the murder of William Doady over two years ago. The men had a quarrel in a saloon and had parted. Kloss returned, found Doady asleep and stabbed him to death.

**BELIEVE END IS NEAR**

**THIS WEEK WILL PROBABLY WIND UP EASTERN WAR.**

**An Armistice Is Anticipated and Greece, It Is Believed, Will Gladly Agree to Such a Suggestion and the Powers Will Probably Make It.**

**Believe the End is Near.**  
A London dispatch of Sunday, April 25, says: What seems likely to be the last week of the Greco-Turkish war is entered upon today. It is difficult from the tangle of conflicting telegrams to understand the exact position of affairs.

Following the Greek defeat at Larissa London opinion today is almost unanimous that the end is in sight and this view is probably shared by the powers, as they are already moving to intervene.

It is believed that intervention will first take the form of a suggestion of armistice, to which the combatants would no doubt agree. Since yesterday afternoon the British foreign office has been in close communication with other representatives of the European concert, Great Britain suggesting that the time has now arrived for them to act.

The French, German and Italian governments have already responded, offering to agree, though the German government adds as a condition that it will be necessary to exact a pledge from Greece to obey the mandate when this mandate is again given.

The British foreign office believes that Greece will give this pledge, as the disasters which have overtaken her demonstrates that Turkey still possesses a formidable fighting machine, a fact which must have a sobering effect upon the popular demand for war at Athens and which will permit the Greek nation to climb down without disgrace, after a superb vindication of the personal courage of the Greek troops and gratifying demonstration of Hellenic patriotism.

**CLEVELAND SPEAKS.**

**Ex-President Addresses New York Reform Club.**

The annual dinner of the Reform Club of New York City, which was given Saturday night in the new ball room of the Hotel Waldorf, was a notable gathering. Representative men from all parts of the United States, who played a prominent part in the recent campaign of the gold Democrats, were present. It was the first occasion on which ex-President Cleveland had delivered a public speech since his retirement from office.

John DeWitt Warner presided. At his right sat ex-President Cleveland, and on his left was ex-Postmaster General William L. Wilson. Mr. Cleveland was the central figure in the dining hall, and his speech in response to the toast, "Present Problems," the chief feature of the occasion. Five hundred and eighty persons sat down to the feast. They were distributed about ten large tables.

**YELLOW FEVER IN NEW YORK**

**A Young Man from Central America Dies in a Hospital.**

Otis E. Bullock of Haverhill, Mass., aged 21 years, died of malignant yellow fever at Swinburne Island Hospital, New York. Bullock had accompanied a party of naturalists to Central America. He was a passenger on the Columbian line steamship Finance from Panama. On the steamer's arrival at quarantine he was removed to Swinburne Island, where he died a few hours later.

**CAPTURED BY THE CUBANS.**

**Important Town in Santiago de Cuba Taken by Insurgents.**

News comes from Havana to the effect that the insurgents have captured the port of Baracca, an important town in Santiago de Cuba, after a strong encounter. The Spaniards had heavy losses and retreated.

**Miles to Leave Early in May.**

General Miles has been notified of the president's approval of his projected visit to the seat of war in Europe. He will leave Washington early in May. At Paris the general will board the Oriental express and go through without stop to Constantinople. His future movements will depend entirely upon the progress of the war, but it is his intention to keep as near as possible to the scene of actual hostilities, so that he may be in either camp. General Miles will be accompanied by Captain M. B. Maus of his personal staff and they will carry full credentials from the government.

**Gold Ordered for Export.**

The secretary of the treasury on April 24 received a telegram from Assistant Treasurer Jordan at New York stating that \$97,000 in gold had been ordered for export. This is the first withdrawal of any considerable amount since July 22, 1896, when \$2,000,000 was withdrawn. The treasury officials are not disturbed and do not anticipate any general export movement.

The outbreak of hostilities between Greece and Turkey is regarded as probably responsible for the present demand for gold.

**Sick Sheep Die in the Blizzard.**

Heavy losses of sheep by the recent blizzard continue to be reported at Douglas, Wyo. One of the heaviest losses is that of Messrs. Mitchell & Baker, who were driven from the north with a band of about 7,000. The sheep were infected with seab and weak and died in great numbers along the entire drive from Powder River, 5,000 dying along the way.

**An Earthquake Shock.**

A severe earthquake shock was felt at Cairo, Ill., at exactly 10 o'clock Sunday night. It consisted of two distinct movements from east to west, lasting about twenty seconds. The largest structures were shaken with a swaying motion and people rushed in terror to the streets. No damage has been reported.

**Duchess of York Not Dead.**

A rumor was widely circulated the other day that the Duchess of York, wife of the heir presumptive to the British throne, had died during confinement. An investigation showed the report was unfounded.

**BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.**

**Slight Improvement in Trade Conditions the Past Week.**

Bradstreet's Weekly Review of Trade says: The change in condition underlying general trade, while slight this week, has been in the direction of improvement. The depression in iron and steel continues, and Bessemer pig and steel billets have reacted another 25 cents a ton. The outlook favors an increase in labor disturbances to resist midsummer wage reductions. The bituminous coal mining industry is worse off than the anthracite, with rumors of strikes which promise to have an unfavorable influence in other than the iron and steel industries. Trade in wool is quieter. There is less life in the wholesale dry goods trade, and little relief has been experienced, notwithstanding the large auction sale of cotton goods last week, buyers continuing to supply immediate needs only.

Exports of wheat (four included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from St. John, N. B., this week amount to 1,654,653 bushels, against 1,282,000 bushels in the third week of April, 1896. Exports of Indian corn amount to 4,769,315 bushels this week, against 2,238,000 last week, less than 1,000,000 bushels in the same week of 1895.

**HAS WOMEN PALL BEARERS.**

**Dying Request of Lizzie Wagoner Is Completed With.**

At the funeral of Miss Lizzie Wagoner, 20 years of age, daughter of wealthy parents of Cynthia, Ky., six young women were prominent in society acted as pall bearers. It was her dying request that her six young schoolmates act as pall bearers, as they made arrangements while at school that when one of them died the others were to act in this capacity. One of the younger women while carrying her remains in the church fainted, and if it had not been for the assistance of others the coffin would have fallen. She was restored to consciousness, and after the services assisted in removing Miss Wagoner's remains from the church to the hearse. The young women walked at the side of the hearse from the church to the cemetery, which is three miles. All were dressed in white.

**BURIED ALIVE THREE DAYS.**

**Hypnotic Subject Requires Five Men to Hold Him when Dug Up.**

A man hypnotized and buried three days has been disinterred at Simoi, Ont. As he was being brought back to his normal condition he became very restless and smashed the box he was in to pieces. It required five men to control him in his struggles until he was fully restored to consciousness.

**Naval Reserve List.**

The navy department has perfected its plans for the creation of a reserve list. The first vessel to be made the nucleus of the reserve fleet is the Columbia. She will not be taken out of commission, but will be laid up in reserve at League Island as soon as she returns from the New York celebration. Of her crew of 400 only 77 will be retained on the ship. They will be commanded by four commissioned and three warrant officers. Drill will be constantly kept up and the ship will be kept in such condition as to be able to put to sea within twenty days after orders for active service.

**Tornado in Kansas.**

A tornado passed over a part of Wabawsee County, Kansas, Friday. Henry Miller's 8-year-old son was killed, while Miller and his wife were fatally injured. They live three miles north of McFarland. Their home was completely demolished.

**Detective Fatally Wounded.**

Charles Mahoffy, a government detective from Windsor, Ont., was shot and fatally wounded Sunday while trying to capture a pair of negro robbers at Belle River, Ont. One of the negroes was seriously wounded.

**Governor of Oklahoma.**

President McKinley has appointed C. M. Barnes of Guthrie, to be governor of Oklahoma. The decision was reached too late to send it to the senate Friday.

**Col. Mosby Injured.**

Col. John S. Mosby was thrown from a buggy at the University of Virginia Friday afternoon and received a cut that may seriously injure one eye.

**MARKET QUOTATIONS.**

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c; butter, choice creamery, 15c to 17c; eggs, fresh, 8c to 9c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common growth to choice green huli, 2c to 5c per lb.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.02 to \$1.04; corn, No. 2 yellow, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, 92c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; rye, 36c to 37c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 94c to 95c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c; clover seed, \$4.35 to \$4.45.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 3, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; barley, No. 2, 28c to 34c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; pork, mess, \$8.25 to \$8.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.50 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 82c to 84c; corn, No. 2, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; butter, creamery, 13c to 18c; eggs, Western, 9c to 11c.

**STATE OF NEBRASKA**

**NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.**

**Ex-State Treasurer Joseph Bartley Has Been Bound Over to the District Court to Answer to the Charge of Embezzlement.**

**Bartley Bound Over.**  
The trial of ex-State Treasurer Joseph Bartley began at Lincoln on the 19th inst. in county court on a warrant charging him with embezzlement of \$500,000. Mr. Bartley waived hearing and was bound over to the May term of the district court in the sum of \$50,000, which was furnished. Before court opened attorneys for the ex-treasurer visited Attorney General Smyth and asked that a motion for a continuance be not contested. The attorney general declined to grant the request, and was sustained by the county attorney in his refusal. It is now thought the trial, which promises to become celebrated, cannot be delayed longer than May 3.

**NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS**

**Spring Wheat About All Sown—Plowing for Corn Begun.**

The Nebraska weather and crop bureau, in its last weekly bulletin, says: The temperature has averaged about 3 degrees below the normal in the eastern sections and 1 degree below the normal in the western sections. Light frost occurred on several days, but no damage was done to crops or fruit. The rainfall has everywhere been below the normal. Spring wheat is about all sown, and generally the acreage is reported as larger than usual. The early sown pieces are up and looking nice. Oat seeding, is about completed in the southeastern counties and generally well advanced. The acreage will probably be less than last year. Rye is generally in excellent condition. Winter wheat has improved, but many fields in the southeastern portion of the state will be plowed up. The winter wheat in the south central portion of the state is in a better condition. Tame grasses are starting well, and in many sections cattle get most of their living in the pastures. Plowing for corn is just commencing.

**Claim Damages from the City.**

A number of damage suits have been filed against the city of Kearney recently for injuries resulting from defective sidewalks. During the boom there a few years ago many miles of wooden walk were laid, and in some cases it is now becoming defective. In three weeks three different persons claim to have fallen and sustained injuries on the walk because of these defects, and two have commenced suit against the city for damages. The city authorities are not disposed to settle these claims without a struggle, and will, if necessary, carry them to the supreme court before paying a cent.

**First Sale of '96 Corn.**

The first shipment of new corn of any amount is now being made from Tekamah, Mitten, Nesbit & Mitten, merchants, who have been buying all winter, have sold 18,000 bushels, which they are shipping and shipping. They receive 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cents per bushel for it. The corn is being shipped to Coffman to feed cattle owned by South Omaha parties. The corn comes out in fair shape, only a portion of the center of the crib being soft.

**Large Acreage of Small Grain.**

The acreage of small grain in and around Greeley promises to be the largest in the history of that county and is now practically all in. The crop of corn also promises to exceed in acreage that of any previous year. The spring has been very backward, but notwithstanding that, farmers appear encouraged and say that the ground is in fine condition and the season promises well.

**Letter Gets Him Into Trouble.**

B. C. Humphrey of Fairbury wrote a letter to the Rock Island officials at Chicago, charging their yardmaster with some serious offenses. Upon investigation the charges proved to be groundless, and now Humphrey is called upon to answer to the charge of criminal libel. Owing to some obscene expressions in the letter the postal department may take a hand in the matter.

**Bicycle Race at Kearney.**

The first bicycle road race of the season was run over the cotton mill course at Kearney Friday afternoon. There were fourteen entries and Frank Crick of North Platte won in 18:7, beating all previous records five seconds, and got first prize for both time and place. The track was quite rough in places, or better time would have been made.

**Loses a Leg.**

Dr. J. N. Stevens of Pawnee City went to Chillicothe, Mo., the other day in response to a telegram amounting that a brother had met with an accident, having a leg cut off while on duty as a railroad conductor. He had been with the road for twenty years.

**Ten Wives and Two Dozen Children.**

Jim Dick, an Omaha Indian, is one of the living curiosities of Decatur. Dick has twenty-three children in existence and has had ten wives. The old fellow is 73 years old, lives five miles from town, and walks in and back almost every day.

**Heavy Losses from Hog Cholera.**

The owners of herds of hogs in the vicinity of David City report large losses during the past week by cholera. One person reports sixty, another 100, and losses of smaller numbers are reported by farmers in all directions.

**Honeymoon in Jail.**

John Scott was arrested at Fairbury charged with wife beating, his wife filing the complaint. They had been married only two weeks, and the court gave him time enough in jail to use up the balance of his honeymoon.

**Carroll Co-Operative Creamery.**

The co-operative creamery for Carroll is now an assured thing, the required number of shares having been secured. The erection of the plant will be commenced at once.

**Injured in a Runaway.**

Frank Underwood and wife were injured in a runaway at Nebraska City the other day. The horse took fright suddenly and, turning sharply, threw both occupants of the buggy violently to the ground. Mrs. Underwood suffered two broken ribs and a number of severe bruises.

**Dies from a Fall from a Horse.**

Henry Siegart, a young farmer in the vicinity of Winmer, fell from his horse the fore part of the week and received internal injuries from which he has since died.

**To Test Lincoln's New Charter.**

The validity of the new Lincoln charter is to be tested in the courts. A petition has been filed by Frank A. Graham, mayor, Richard S. Grimes and Harvey B. Valli, members of the excise board, setting forth that Addison S