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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMIS-SION MAKES RULING.

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OCEAN IS A FREE HIGHWAY

Traffic Over it Not Subject to Same Restriction as Over Railroads, Which Are Chartered.

Washington-A decision was promulgated by the interstate commerce commission in what probably is the most important case which the commission for a long time has been called upon to determine. It is that of the Cosmopolitan Shipping company, a Philadelphia organization chartered under the laws of New Jersey, against the Hambur-gAmerican Packet company, the North German L'oyd Steamship company, the Wilson (Huli) lines and the Scandinavian-American lines

The complainant's petition was filed with the commission nearly a year ago. Some time subsequently the defendants filed a demurrer, attacking waiian islands, Samoa, Melbourne, the inrisdiction of the interstate commerce commission. Oral arguments that port be selected as the stopping on the demurrer were heard by the commission, Ward W. Pierson appearing for the Cosmopolitan company and former Senator John C. Spooner, only such stops as are necessary for Judge William G. Choate and Harrington Putnam for the defendants. The oral arguments were followed by extensive briefs, which the commission has had under consideration for several weeks.

The opinion in the case, which is voluminous, was prepared by Commissioner Franklin Lane. It is an exhaustive discussion of the law bearing upon the case and a lucid statement of the conclusions of the commission

The decision is peculiarly important, not because it affects large interests which hitherto have not been brought before a judicial tribunal of this country, but because it affects materially the powers of the interstate commerce commission. In brief and in effect, the commission decides against itself. It holds that it has no authority over oceanic transportation and thus determines the case adversely to the contention of the com piainant.

To this claim defendants demutred. on the ground first that the commission has no jurisdiction of the subject matter and no power to proceed against the defendants, and second that the complaint sets forth no mat

IN A TRAFFIC CASE Side Trip by the Squadron to the Island Empire.

Washington-The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the emperor of the island kingdom to play host to the "big sixteen" was laid before Secretary Root by Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador. The invitation, which was couched in most cordial terms, was made the subect of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire cabinet Friday. Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese ambassador. It is regarded in official circles here as more than likely that China will be next to bid for a look at the fleet, and that should this be the case the invitation would be accepted.

Secretary Metcalf and Admiral Pillsbury, chief of navigation, are arranging the details of the new itinerary. With the exception of China, it is believed to have been determined that all other invitations, should any be received, will be declined, for at the best the fleet will not now be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard before March 1 next.

The itinerary which seems to be the most direct includes stops at the Ha-Sydney, Manila, Yokohama-should place in Japan, possibly a Chinese port, back to the Philippines, and then home by way of the Suez canal, with coaling.

The fall target practice has been planned to occupy a month at Manila. either before or after the visit to Japan. Although target practice is TESTIMONY OFFERED IN THE WILL URGE CONGRESS TO ACT IN regarded as decidedly important, and the custom is to have the ships occupy a month each spring and fall in gun practice, the desire to have the fleet return to its home station may lead to a curtailment of the month planned for Manila.

have been on an average of ten days' and show features of the visit.

as of considerable importance in the may secure.

way of a demonstration of the cordiality existing between the American tary to Representative Hobson testi- decided to ask the leaders in congress and Japanese government. The add- fied that Lawrence Y. Spear, a vice to fix upon a time when a committee ed trip is nearly equal in distance to president of the Electric Boat com- from the labor conference can confer

BISHOP FOWLER DEAD



PROFITS WERE NOT LARGE A PROTEST BY LABORING MEN

ELECTRIC BOAT MATTER.

Former Senator Thurston Has Part in the Investigation.

thors of Legislation.

Washington-Secretary of the navy, Washington-That a memorial pro-Japan will have the ships a week, according to tentative plans. While Metcalf, and Admiral Capps, chief of testing against the inaction of congress the stops in foreign ports so far made | the bureau of construction of the Navy | in the matter of legislation in the indepartment testified before the spec- terest of organized labor and clearly duration, a part of that time was oc- ial committee of the house that is in- setting forth its demands with respect cupied in taking on coal. With a visit vestigating the charges made against thereto would be presented to the leadto Manila first no coaling operations the Electric Boat company by Represser of that body within a few days, would be necessary, at least to any sentative Lilley of Connecticut. Both was perhaps the most important action considerable extent, in Yokohama, stated that they did not believe the taken at Wednesday's sessions of the This would enable the entire stay Electric Boat company had secured labor conference here. This duty will there to be given up to the festivities an excessive profit on the contracts devolve upon one of two committees already awarded to them nor did they appointed by President Gompers The acceptance of the Japanese in- believe they would make an excessive termed the "protest committee" which

vitation is regarded in official circles profit on any future contracts they was directed to frame an address to Edward L. Clarkson, private secre- legislation in congress. It was also

a voyage from New York to Europe. pany, told him that his company had with them. It is understood that the influence with Speaker Cannon and memorial will call attention to the

La Foliette in beginning his speech in the senate on the currency bill Tues SUPREME COURT IS DIVIDED day. His reference was to the amendments made to the bill by the committee on figance. Speaking of the "Morgan and Stan-Case Affects Exports Because Rail dard Oil banks," and looking across roads Carried Meat at Ten Cents the chamber toward Senator Aldrich, Under Published Tariff. Mr. La Follette declared: "I will show the connection of these Washington-By a division of five to great groups with the bill pending three the supreme court of the United here, notwithstanding the dexterous withdrawal of the proposition to in-

FINES MUST BE PAID

RATE DECISION AGAINST RAIL-

ROADS AND PACKERS.

States affirmed the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals for the Eighth circuit, imposing fines on the Burlington railroad for granting and the packers of Kansas City, Kas. for accepting rebates on shipments of packing products intended for export. The decision was announced by Justice Day and his announcement was concurred in by Justices Harlan, White McKenna and Holmes. The chief justice and Justices Brewer and Peckham dissented in an opinion announced by Justice Brewer which pungently criticised the controlling of food. Justice Mondy took no part in the disposition of the case.

in favor of this bill. The fact is the In the course of his opinion Justice banks throughout the country are Brewer said: against it and the senator from Wis-

"It has been one of the boasts of our consin has studied this situation to jurisprudence that it upholds the sacredness of contracts. By constitution that. al provision a state is estopped from passing a law impairing the obligation of a contract and again has this court gan is. stricken down legislation having such

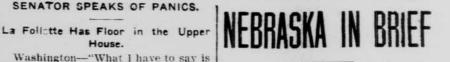
effect. While there is no such re-"I know Mr. Morgan is a man of wide striction upon the power of congress, experience and wise judgment and ye: congress has in this case broken patriotism, and I should feel gratified no contract. It has simply, as held by if he approved this bill. the court, given permission to a carrier to arbitrarily and without any inand in a tone of sarcasm, "in some quiry repudiate its contract. way the chairman of the finance com-

"Obviously, from the tone of the mittee will be able to find out where opinion of the court the wrong done to Morgan stands. His countenance, the shipper is recognized and the argubeaming from the gallery of this chamment is only that the responsibility of ber, while the senator from Rhode the wrong rests upon congress. To my Island spoke on this measure, rather mind a better way would be to enforce indicated that Mr. Morgan, the head the contract and thus secure justice of one of these great groups, was not in this case, leaving to congress the entirely adverse to the propositions enactment of additional legislation. If embraced in the bill." deemed necessary, to prevent the possibilities of secret arrangements besenator from Wisconsin will agree tween carrier and shipper." with me that this proposition should

In his opinion Justice Day discussed | be discussed on its merits as to what the various points of the controversy | it will do and not in view of what involved in the cases. Taking up first | men in the position of Mr. Morgan be presented to those responsible for the question as to what constitutes a think of it?" crime in the matter of granting rebates, he said:

"Had it been the intention of conthe lines of the bill. I should say the gress to limit the obtaining of such proposition to withdraw the provision preferences to fraudulent schemes or to incorporate railway bonds in this devices, or to those operating only by dishonest, underhanded methods it pose of this legislation. Let me say to would have been easy to have so provided in words that would be unmistakable in their meaning. A device need these great organizations might put not necessarily be fraudulent, the term out here or there criticisms of this includes everything that is a plan or proposition to give color to the idea contrivance'

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NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious. Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Gage county is paying off the court house bonds \$1,000 at a time. Gage county estates will be made

corporate railway bonds in the bill." o pay the inheritance taxes. Mr. Aldrich said the most earnest The anti-treating law will be tested objection to this bill was made by the a case from Plattsmouth.

Lincoln will make an effort to sup press Sunday base ball in that city. Peru a Nemaha county town, will rganize as a city.

David Laffler of Nebraska City, an ld-time telegrapher, died last week. The Southeastern Nebraska Educational association will meet in Beatrice early in April.

John Diener of Syracuse is a candidate for department commander of

the Grand Army of the Republic. Fairbury needs more school seat ing capacity and will take steps to

provide the same The Missouri Pacific will make some much needed improvements in

Auburn Lincoln saloon men are on the anx-"I will inquire," retorted Mr. La Follette," what the position of Mr. Morious seat over the prohibition ques-

> A store in Gering lost \$500 worth of goods by theft. The lost was found and the thief is in jail.

In another column of this paper will be found a list of prominent business houses in Omaha. In writing them please mention this paper.

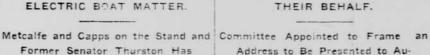
Samuel Rinaker of Beatrice comes out in a card publicly stating that he is not a candidate for congressman to succeed E. M. Hinshaw.

A thief in Gage county left his overcoat behind and in the pockets were found letters that lead to his apprehension.

Building has gone forward all win er in several towns, and as warm weather approaches, there is renewed activity.

J. M. Brookshire of Beartice identified a photograph of the man killed at Kansas City recently trying to escape from the official, as that of his brother-in-law Thomas Price.

-Three candidates for department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the election at Hastings. May 20, are in the field, and one or The village of Benkelman has appealed from a judgment for \$1,300 ob tained by Ella Ferman, who alleged that she had been permanently injured by falling on a defective cross walk. Columbus had a robbery the other day, the robbers gaining admittance to the dry goods store of Theodore Friedhoff & Co., carrying away over \$400 worth of silks and other dry goods. Herman Boche, sentenced to cerve ten years for manslaughter committed in Madison county, has appealed to the supreme court and obtained leave to give bail in the sum of \$10,000. The State Commercial club in session at Grand Island, elected officers as tollows: H. M. Bushnell of Lincola, president; A. F. Buechler of Grand Island, secretary: G. M. Butterfield of Norfolk, treasurer, John Kreitner, a prominent German farmer residing three and a half miles from Adams, Gage county, committed suicide by blowing the top of his head off wit' the contents of a single barreled shot gun. Kreitner, who was well to do, had been brooding of late and it is not known why he killed himself. The State Railway commission has ordered the Linwood Telephone company to charge the owners of the property the same price for telephones that the general public pays. Heretofore the owners of telephone stock paid only \$1 for residence and \$1.25 a month for business telephones. while non-owners paid \$1.25 for residence and \$1.75 for business telephones.



which is cognizable by the com mission or which it has been given authority to remedy.

The commission sustains the demurrer and directs in an order that the complaint be dismissed.

SENATOR W. J. BRYAN IS DEAD.

Seventh Member of Senate to Die Since Last March.

Wa hington .--- United States Sena tor William James Bryan of Florida died at the Providence hospital Sunday morning of typhoid fever. It was only seventy-three days since he took his seat as the successor of the late Senator Stephen R. Mallory, who died December 23, and thirty-three days of that time was spent in his fight against disease. Several times during Mr. Bryan's illness his friends despaired of his recovery, but as late as Saturday night the report was given out that his condition had taken a turn for the better. His death Sunday, therefore, came as a surprise and a distinct shock.

Big Robery in Nevada.

Reno, Nev.-Three bandits, heavily armed, overcame Edward Hoffmanan and companion on a road two miles from Rawhide on Sunday, threw them to the ground and made off in their victim's two-horse rig, taking gold and bank notes amounting to about \$47,000 with them. The money was consigned to the Coalition Mining company at Rawhide. W. A. Miller, one of the owners of the Coalition property, resides in Reno, and stated that he had received only meager details of the alleged crime.

KING WILL LOSE HIS ARM.

Monarch of Portugal Suffering From a serious Wound.

Madrid .- El Mundo says that it learns on good authority that the wound Prince Manuel-now king of Portugal-received in the arm when King Carlos and the crown prince were assasinated has not healed, and has recently become very much worse. The attending physicians, savs the paper, -declare that amputation is imperative

"Death to Milukoff."

St. Petersburg .- The Znamya, the organ of the union of True Russian People, today prints threats of asina tion, headed by a black cross and the words "Death to Miluffoff."

"Pay as You Enter Car."

New York .- New York was intro duced to a novelty in surface car trans portation Sunday when the pay-as-you enter cars were placed in operation on the Madison avenue line from Harlem to Brooklyn bridge.

Baker Has Been Found. Hermosillo, Mex .- The family of O. W. Baker, which according to reports, thad been carried away by the Yaqui Indians, after the Indians had killed Baker," has been found and Baker's body has been recovered.

Methodist Divine Passes Away in New

York After Brief Illness.

New York .-- Rev. Charles H. Fowler, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, died at his home here Friday.

Bishop Fowler had been critically ill only since last Wednesday. His death was due to heart failure resulting from complication of diseases. He had been in ill health for two days. but during nearly all that time he took a more or less active part in the affairs of the church. As late as two months ago he felt able to make a journey to Minneapolis, where he presided at the dedication of the Fow ler Memorial Methodist Episcopal church. His last public appearance was at the Metropolitan Temple on the Sunday following Washington's birthday, when he took part in a Washington Memorial service.

Burkett and Hale Clash.

Washington-During debate in the senate on the ship subsidy bill a boards of trade and other associations sharp colloquy took place between of business men and citizens in va- Blackwell's island bridge, which was Senator Burkett and Senator Hale, rious cities and towns and states on constructed at a cost of nearly \$25, chairman of the committee on naval the Pacific coast, had addressed them 000.000, was traversed its entire affairs. Senator Hale had set forth upon the advantages to be gained by length by pedestrians Wednesday for that our navy, on its present cruise the purchase by the United States the first time. Alderman Timothy P. in foreign waters toward the orient, government of submarine torpedo Sullivan, as the personal representahad been attended by foreign colliers boats wherein the Lake submarine tive of Mayor McClellan, headed a and that in case of war with any for- boat was criticised and Archibald in- delegation across a narrow foot eign power the United States navy formed him that he was the author of bridge built on top of the single steel would be seriously if not totally crip- the article; that he wrote the same girder which now links the New York pled. The senator from Maine took and that the criticism of the Lake and Long Island ends of the bridge. the matter seriously.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL PASSES.

Measure Goes Through the Senate Without Division.

Washington-The ship subsidy bill gations to Spears and the Electric was passed by the senate Friday. It Boat company.

pays to sixteen-knot vessels plying between this country and South Amerof twenty knots only.

Appropriation Bills.

Washington .- Almost the entire session of the senate Saturday was consumed with consideration of legislative and judicial appropriation bills. The bill as finally passed carried an appropriation of \$32,945,631.

Evidence of No War.

Paris .- The Journal Des Debats in Duke of Abruzz, will be created a Albany, N. Y., was a guest of the presian editorial interprets the Japanese 'reyal highness' in her own right and dent at lunch Wednesday. He came invitation to the American fleet as that the sons of the marriage will here at the president's invitation to certain evidence that war between have the right of succession to the discuss political conditions in New those two contries is not a possibility. throne."

Criticism of President.

possession. The president, however,

Washington .- More criticism of Columbus, O .- The house by a vote President Roosevelt was indulged in of 100 to 16 adopted the Atwell senate Between Five and Six Thousand is in the house Friday, when he was joint resolutions providing for submis roundly denounced by Mr. Hardwick sion to a vote of the people of an of Georgia for failing to send to con- amendment to the constitution estable a committee from Washington has of states, the war department has ervation in central Wyoming. gress all information regarding cor- lishing the initiative and referendum. norations which had come into his

Abe Hummel Released

found a ready and vigorous defender in Mr. Mann of Illinois, who asserted the lawyer who was sentenced to serve \$6,600 has been discovered. Chief that the president had acted with the a year in the penitentiary for con- Deputy Clerk A. F. Shriner, in whose utmost good faith in sending to con- spiracy in connection with the Dodge- department the shortage was found, of the flag consists of forty-six stars, gress all the information that had Morse divorce case, was released from has been relieved from duty pending arranged in six rows. four with eight come to him. prison Thursday.

could use it to help Captain Hobson recent injunction decisions of the suget on the naval affairs committee, preme court against labor organizabut before doing so would have to tions and asking that the Sherman know "how he stood on the proposi- apti-trust law to be so amended be so tion in which he was interested on amended as to afford relief.

the question of submarine boats." A feature of the gathering was the Mr. Lilley presented to the commit- presence for the first time in the histee an affidavit, signed by Clement E. tory of labor gatherings of delegates Adams and dated Bridgeport, Conn., representing the Farmers' National un-March 13, 1908, in which Mr. Adams ion and the Brotherhood of Locomotive swears that while he was engaged in Engineers, which two bodies have business in the city of Washington never affiliated with the American during the summer of 1906, J. F. J. federation of Labor except in a frater-Archibald, represented to him that he hal way.

was a war correspondent for Collier's There are 117 national and interna-Weekly and that he had been appoint- tional trades unions in America, and ed by the president of the United practically all of them were represent-States to visit certain cities and towns ed by one or more delegates at Wedof the Pacific Coast and to report to nesday's meeting. The conference, the president upon the condition of which was held behind closed doors, the coast defenses in that section. will continue several days.

GREAT CANTILEVER BRIDGE.

estrians.

structure over East river, known as

Contest for Montana Lands.

whose value is almost inestimable, and

whose possession has been claimed by

the Northern Pacific, is now brought

Roosevelt Talks Politics.

New York-The great cantilever

According to the deponent, Mr. Archi bald said to him later, that he had visited certain cities and towns on the

Pacific coast and had reported thereon It is Now Ready for the Use of Pedto the president, that he had appeared

before certain chambers of commerce

boat therein contained was incited and This girder, weighing twenty tons. caused by a request to him by Law- was fitted in place in the presence rence Y. Spear, an officer of the Electric Boat company and that the re-

quest was acceded to by Archibald be cause he (Archibald) was under obli-

Former United States Senator Thurston figured in the inquiry owners association concerning alleged ica, the Philippines, Japan, China and through a conversation he had with fraudulent classification of mineral Australasia \$4 per mile, the amount Secretary Metcalf. As a represental lands of the Northern Pacific railroad. awarded by the act of 1891 to vessels tice of the Lake Boat company he had asked the secretary to submit to the rior Garfield to make a thorough inattorney general a question touching

his right to use his discretion in millions of acres of Montanat land. awarding a contract. - 1

Mrs. Elkins Becomes Royal. London-A news agency published into question. the following dispatch from Rome: "The Corriere Della Sera learns that Miss Elkins, on her marriage to the

Initiative and Referendum.

St. Louis, Mo .- An investigation by

York.

of the delegation.

been in progress for several days in found it necessary to issue circular the office of the surveyor of customs

here, and the statement is made that New York-Abraham H. Hummel, a shortage of between \$5,000 and the investigation.

STAMPING OUT HOG CHOLERA.

Matter Taken Up with Chief of Ani mal Industry.

Washington-Fred Bucher of Dubois, Pawnee county. Neb., has advised Congressman Pollard that hog cholera hos broken out in that sec tion of Nebraska. On Monday the congressman from the First district took the matter up with Mr. Melvin. chief of the animal industry bureau. who, after ascertaining the extent of to have been illegal practices relative the infection, immediately wired a representative of the bureau at Ames. Ia., to send sufficient virus to Dr. Peters of the state experiment station at Lincoln to inoculate the herds in Pawnee county.

Committee to Talk Quarantine

Washington-Congressman Pollard who is a member of the house committee on agriculture, received a telegram from Jay Laverty, member of South Omaha Livestock exchange stating that a committee of the ex change accompanied by Governor Sheldon would be in Washington March 25. and asked Mr. Pollard to arrange for a meeting of the Nebraska delegation with Secretary Wilson and Dr. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry.

Hurrying Irrigation Work.

Heiena, Mont.-President Roosevelt Washington-Senator Gamble called after hearing a statement by a specupon the secretary of the interior relial committee from the Montana mine ative to the completion of the Belle Fourche irrigation project. It appears that one of the men having a contract for building the dam failed and has instructed Secretary of the Inte this brought the structural work to a standstill. Senator Gamble urged vestigation of the charges. Title to Secretary Garfield to relet the work to some one who would carry it to

its completion. The secretary, realizing the importance of the project, said he would take the case up immediately.

British Cruisers Sent.

Washington-William Barnes, jr., of London-The admiralty sent orders by cable to the British cruisers Indefatigable and Cressy, which are both in West Indian waters, to proceed forthwith to Hayti for the protection of British interests there.

Design of National Flag.

Washington-Because of misappre hension in the case of the change in the national flag, necessary by the admission of Oklahoma to the union

letters to correspondents suggesting designs for the flag, that a design has already been adopted to go into effect on the Fourth of July next. In the approved design the field or union and two with seven.

bill throws a footlight upon the purthe senator from Rhode Island further that it is not beyond question that that there is no great and mighty power organized behind this legisla-

tion.'

SENATOR SPEAKS OF PANICS.

House.

made more pertinent if possible, by

the action taken during the day with

respect to the Aldrich bill," said Mr.

National City Bank of New York and

that Mr. Vanderlip, vice president of

that bank, has opposed the measure.

by that bank, but by all the banks of

New York. 1 have received this morn-

ing a statement from the New York

Clearing House association, saying we

would better have no currency legis-

lation at all than have this bill, and

stating reasons why we should have

'I know of no bank or banking firm

little effect if he has failed to learn

"I do not know," replied Mr. Aldrich.

"Perhaps," repdlied Mr. La Follette

"I suppose," said Mr. Aldrich, "the

"Let me say," Mr. La Follette re-

plied, "you cannot always tell from

an asset currency.

"It is," he added, "not only opposed

REBATES IN LATEST FORM.

Prosecution of Cheasapeake & Ohio Will Be Begun. Washington .- Criminal prosecution

it is indicated officially, will be instituted against certain officials of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway company and certain favored shippers by that line on account of what is asserted to interstate shipments. It appears from the findings of the Interstate Commerce commission that the Chesapeake & Ohio favored certain shippers "at the expense of the Seabord Air Line and Aatlantic Coast Line," in the shipment of grain and packing house products and that the shippers thus favored gave to the Chesapeake & Ohio "all of the inbound business

of the shippers so favored by it." CONGRESS OF MANY TONGUES.

Tuberculosis Convention Will Be Attended by Men of 46 Nations.

Washington .- Representatives of 46 nations are expected to be present at the meeting of Section 5 of the International Congress of Tuberculosis in Washington, D. C., September 21 to October 12. The advance schedule contain the names of a large number of scientists of world-wide reputation expected to be present.

Senator Whyte Dead.

Baltimore-United States Senator William Pinckney Whyte died at his home in this city Tuesday. He was taken ill when in Washington last Thursday and returned as soon as possible. Erysipelas developed and his condition became worse, ending fatally.

Knocks Out Railroad Bonds.

Washington-When the senate committee on finance began its regular weekly meeting Tuesday the provision making railroad bonds good for extra bank currency was eliminated from thy Aldrich financial bill. State, county, and municipal bonds will be allowed to remain.

Shoshoni Swept by Fire.

Cheyenne, Wyo .- Fire wiped out one-half of the business section of Shoshoni, a boom town on the edge of the recently opened Wind river res-

Smallpox Aboard Cruiser.

Philadelphia, Pa.-As a result of a case of smallpox aboard the cruiser Brooklyn, lying at the League Island navy yard, all employes at the yard and every member of the crew will have to be vaccinated and the cruiser placed in quarantine.

Messrs. Orchard & Wilhelm, the popular wholesale furniture dealers in Omaha, are establishing quite a manufacturing industry in Nebraska, making their Ivory Polish for the cleaning and polishing of all kinds of furniture, pianos, or anything made of wood that needs a high polish. These home industries should be encouraged, as they furnish employment for a large number of people.

The Farmers' Grain and Supply company of Atlanta, which recently filed a complaint with the state railway commission against the schedule enforced by the Burlington on stock shipments, has reported that arrangements have been made for the shipment of stock every day in the week instead of twice a week. The semiweekly shipments were too far apart for the convenience of the shippers. Myra M. Lane, administratix of the estate of Paul Lane, has brought suit against the Fremont Gas and Electric Light company to recover the sum of \$5,000 by reason of the death of her son, who was overcome by gas fumes while at work digging gas trenches.

John R. Smith, who contended in the district court of Richardson county that the Burlington was responsible for the destruction of his crops by nood water during the seasons of 1902 and 1904, won out in the district court and has had the opinion upheld in the supreme court.

CUSTOMS SHORTAGE FOUND.

Amount Discovered.