THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

State Board of Assessment Practically Concludes Its Work-Miscellaneous News and Notes.

Railroad Taxes Unchanged.

LINCOLN-The state board of as sessment and taxation practically completed its work, with the exception of passing on the valuation of the Union Pacific railroad. An effort to increase the valuation of the Northwestern road was not successful, Governor Mickey and Treasurer Mortensen voting for \$35,000 a mile and Secretary of State Galusha, Auditor Searle and Land Commissioner Eaton voting for \$32,500. It was left at the latter figure, which means an assessed valuation of \$6,500, the same as it was last year. The Burlington was valued at \$38,750 a mile, an assessed valuation of \$7,750, the same as last year. The Minneapolis & Omaha road was valued at \$42,500 a mile, an assessed valuation of \$8,500 the same as last year.

Children's Home Society.

OMAHA-The annual meeting of the Nebraska Children's Home society was held at the headquarters here. A number of out of town members were present. Reports were made from the officers and the state and district superintendents.

Following the annual meeting the new board of trustees met and elected the following officers: President, Dr. W. O. Henry, Omcha; vice president, Rev. H. C. Herring, Omaha; secretary, Clarence S. Paine, Lincoln; treasurer, J. W. Thomas, Omaha; auditor, H. A. Snow, Omaha; attorney, H. H. Baldrige, Omaha; state superintendent Rev. E. P. Quivee, Omaha. The old members of the board of trustees were all re-elected ecept Rev. E. Combie Smith, whose place was left vacant to be supplied later by the board.

Working for Cash Basis.

NEBRASKA CITY-The grocers of the city are trying to get together and do nothing but a strictly cash business For a number of year a number have followed this plan and they have succeeded so well that others are trying to adopt some plan whereby all of the dealers here will join in the same plan. If this is done the other merchants will be compelled to fall into line and then all of the business in this city will be done on a strictly cash basis. This will do away with the credit system, which in the past has been the means of forcing a number of men out of business and into bankruptcy.

Heavy Work is Contracted.

OMAHA-The Omaha Lincoln & Beatrice Railway company has been letting some heavy contracts near Omaha. At this time six and one-half miles of the road entering Omaha has been let. All of this work is through the hills. with cuts twenty-five to thirty feet deep and corresponding fills. Other contracts will be let in the near future.

Burglars Raid Ceresco.

WAHOO-Burglars raided Ceresco, this county, and looted two stores. They secured plunder amounting to several hundred dollars in value. They property of Mail Carrier W. T. Marsh, with which it is presumed they carried away their booty.

Hope for Power Project. COLUMBUS-Mr. Fritz Jaeggi of Switzerland, is expected in this city shortly. His coming is looked forward to with great interest by a large number of our citizens, as Mr. Jaeggi is largely interested in the proposed power canal and it is believed his coming is in connection with that project.

Bankers at Long Pine. LONG PINE-W. A. Bucklin, cashier

of a local bank and secretary of Group 6 of the Nebraska Bankers' association, entertained the bankers of this section of the state in Long Pine. The meeting was well attended and voted by all attending bankers the most successful meeting in years.

New Buildings for Kearney Academy. KEARNEY-The completion for the canvass for a building fund for the Kearney Military academy is announced. Mrs. Cochrane, an eastern patroness, gives \$25,000 through Bishop Graves; F. G. Keens gives \$10,000 and the Kearney subscription amounts to \$15,000.

Will Celebrate.

TECUMSEH-Citizens have decided to celebrate the Fourth of July. On the same date the semi-centennial of the surveying of Johnson county will be observed.

Crops Are Doing Well.

FALLS CITY-Crops are doing well notwithstanding meisture has been deficient. Corn in coming up with a fair to a full stand, with little difficulty being reported with the germinating power of the seed.

Find Accused Man.

FREMONT-James Ryan, charged with highway robbery at Council Bluffs, was arrested by Police Officer Siders on the streets of Fremont. A reward of \$25 was offered.

Bondsmen in No Hurry.

FALLS CITY-A formal demand was made on ex-Treasurer Bode for the funds of the city and school district and also on his bondsmen but no money was obtained as several of the gaged for platform manager and Austrian Silicia, Friday, were struck bondsmen are reported to be unwilling chorus director, will he there about by lightning and killed, while 20 othto put up their share.

Girl Refuses to Marry. FREMONT-Hazel Klinger, the young girl who charged Stanley Mc-Minigan with a serious offense, before Judge Stinson said she would not marry the defendant and he was bound

over to the district court. It is known that the Union Pacific railroad will have two stations on its cut-off from Strosburg to Central City. One will be two miles north of Clark postoffice and the other will be some 1929, with the privileg of paying off six miles north and east of Arborville

NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

The new Burlington depot at Fremont will cost \$40,000 The Odd Fellows of Geneva, have now got into their new hall.

Burt county officials are taking steps for building a new court house. Geneva is making preparations for celebrating the Fourth of July.

A fine team of horses was stolen from A. G. Batch at Plattsmouth. Work has been commenced on the new Christian church at Beatrice. Mrs. Emily Holsinger, a member of the Soldiers' Home, passed away after

a long illness at Grand Island. Patrick Curtins, an old resident of Boone county, has been adjudged insane and taken to the asylum.

R. S. Young, who has a ranch in Blaine county, has lost many cattle by their eating ergot that grows in wild The new democratic mayor of

Omaha will retain some of the old re-

publican officials in making appoint-Over \$4,000 has been subscribed by citizens for the purpose of sinking a shaft at least 2.500 feed deep in that vicinity in a search for coal, gas or

Temple Rice, aged 13, second son of A. K. Rice and grandson of R. A. Templeton of Tekamah, was drowned in the Combination ditch east of that

The Farmers' Mutual Telephone company of Bennett with a capital stock of \$10,000 has filed its articles of incorporation with the secretary of

At Osmond Hagen Bros., machine shops were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$5,000, with \$2,500 insurance. Spontaneous combustion is assigned as the

Articles of incorporation for the Farmers' Elevator company of Bee, showing a capitalization of \$5,000 have been filed with Secretary of State Galusha

Busness men of Spencer have purchased the fair grounds adjoining the city park and work on a race track will start at once, in order to perfect it by July 4.

The last of the relief from Osceola to San Francisco sufferers was sent last week, when the committee at its final meeting voted to send \$160 balance on hand to the general relief board on the coast.

The hospital fair and carnival held at Blair during the entire week closed with receipts amounting to nearly \$600, which will be used toward paying off the indebtedness of the Blair Emergency hospital.

The Papillion Commercial club has taken up the matter of better roads between Papillion and Omaha. The club will meet the county commissioners of Douglas county, to see what can be done in the matter.

Annual reports to the school board show that the total cost of maintaining the Hastings public schools for the year ending May 1 was \$40,433.64, inson county, has been cut off from while the receipts were \$45,278.66, leaving a balance of \$4,846.02.

Sid Mackey, a prosperous and promhis own life. The couple, it is said, had not lived happily together. Cement foundations for the new

Catholic church in Loup City, have between Talbot, 28 miles north of this been laid. The building will cost when completed over \$15,000. Building on the new Presbyterian church, to cost \$6,000 will be commenced at once.

The Congregational church at Stanton, that was gutted by the fire of March 11 is nearing completion again. The roof is on, the plastering almost finished and the interior work well under way. It will be finished about June 15.

Arthur Moss, night watchman at Crawford, was killed last week, being shot by a colored soldier from Fort Robinson. His brother, James Moss, then killed the soldier, but got a soldier with a board.

Late general orders from national headquarters of the Women's Relief corps at Superior, by the president, Mrs. Abbie Adams, announce that the twenty-fourth national convention of the organization is to be held in Min-

neapolis, Minn., August 16 and 17. committee at Edgar, is pushing the work of the church building and hope to dedicate it by July 1. The church when finished will have a seating capacity of 400 with raised seats for

the choir, and will cost about \$5,000. Joseph II, the fine trotting animal intervene before sentence can be proowned by Frank Daily of Auburn, died after a twelve hours' illness of inflammation of the bowels. Joseph II. had a splendid record among horsemen and was valued at \$2,000 by Mr. Daily, who refused \$1,500 for the horse two years ago.

Roy McElwain, one of the Plattsmouth boys who was in San Francisco during the recent earthquake. returned home for a month's visit with his mother. He reports that the newspaper accounts of the San Francisco horror were not exaggerated, and that he is glad to get away from the stricken city even for a brief period.

The horse exporting firm of Schinstock Bros. of West Point has bought and sold during the past year over 4,-000 head of horses and mules, the bulk of which have been shipped to western points for use in railroad grading.

At Hastings notable progress is be ing made in the preparations for the Chautauqua, which will be held from July 16 to 22. Rev. Lincoln McConnell, the evangelist, who has been en-June 1 to begin the chorus rehearsals. ers were severely burned.

Extensive improvements are to be made on the Paddock opera house in Beatrice the coming season, one of which is the changing of the main entrance from Sixth to Court street, as a means of safety to large audiences gathered there in case of fire.

The county commissioners of Otoe county have completed arrangements with a Topeka, Kas., firm to refund \$78,000 of 5 per cent Otoe county bonds at 4 per cent and to run until Illinois, and other members of the ex-\$8,000 in 1912 and \$10,000 per annum harbors committee, departed for their after that date.



FOREST FIRES RUIN TOWNS

MANY PLACES WIPED OUT BY THE RELENTLESS FLAMES.

Covers Area of 200 Square Miles in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Menominee, Mich.-The worst forest ires since 1894 are devastating 200 square miles of territory in the northern peninsula of Michigan.

Already eight towns and villages have been wiped out and many others are in peril.

Reports indicate the destruction or peril of the following towns: Talbot, 25 miles north of Menomi nee, wiped out. Quinnesec reported to be on fire.

Saunders, in Iron county, swept by flames; loss of life reported. Shaffer, in Dickinson county, wiped out; loss of life reported. Daggett, fire burning directly to-

vard the town. Powers, reported to be in danger; ire only short distance away. Ralphs, north of Escanaba, de-

stroyed. Salvoie, north of Escanaba, wiped Cornell, north of Escanaba, wiped

Woodlawn, north of Escanaba, wiped out.

It is feared the loss of life may have een heavy. The city of Iron Mountain, the center of the great Menominee range iron district and the county seat of Dick-

the outside world. There seems to be three separate fires. One covers the territory along inent farmer residing near Reynolds the Chicago & Northwestern railroad in the southern part of Jefferson from Iron Mountain east past Norway. county, murdered his wife and took Another is extending northward along the Escanaba & Lake Superior line. These two fires are rapidly joining each other. Another fire is burning

> city, and Powers, at the junction of the Northwestern. Still another fire is reported in the Chocolay district, south of Marquette.

CRAPSEY HERESY VERDICT Four Jurors Recommend Suspension Until It Is Made Clear He Accepts Church Creed.

heresy trial of the Rev. Dr. Algernon ing room, \$6,000. S. Crapsey, Episcopal rector of Batavia, was delivered to the accused broken arm, being struck by another Burrows and John M. Gilbert-state street. that in their opinion sentence should be passed as follows:

"That the respondent should be suspended from exercising the functions of the church until such time as he shall satisfy the ecclesiastical authorities of the diocese that his belief and teaching conform to the doc-The Presbyterian church building trines of the apostles' creed and the Nicene creed as this church hath received the same. However, we express the earnest hope and desire that the respondent may see his way clearly during the thirty days that under the canons of the church must nounced to the full satisfaction of the ecclesiastical authorities of such conformity on his part."

Garfield Report to Congress. Washington. - President Roosevelt complete report of James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, of the investigation which he made into the operations of the alleged oil trust. A full synopsis of the report, accompadealing with the facts developed by the inquiry, was sent to congress on Friday, the 4th inst.

"Ice Trust" on Rack.

Cleveland, O .- The grand jury returned indictments Friday against President Harry Norvell and 13 directors of the City Ice company, known locally as the ice trust, charging violation of the Valentine anti-trust law.

Thirteen Mourners Killed. London.-A dispatch from Berlin says that 13 mourners who were at a graveside during a funeral at Teschen,

Reconstruction at Stanford. San Francisco.-Stanford university will be reconstructed at once and by next September every building necessary to the welfare of the college will

already commenced.

St. Louis Guests Depart. St. Louis.-Congressmen Ransdell of Louisiana, Rainey and Lorimer, of ecutive committee of the rivers and homes Wednesday.

MURDER RUSSIAN OFFICIALS

Admiral Is Stabbed by Workman, While Police Captain Is Victim of Bomb Thrower.

St. Petersburg.-Vice Admiral Kuzmich, commander of the port, who was extremely unpopular with the workmen, was assassinated here Monday by workmen whose May demonstration he had attempted to stop. The admiral was killed at the new admiralty works, a government institution. About 9:30 a. m. the admiral was emerging from a small shop in the works when a workman, who had been concealed around the corner of the building, leaped on Kuzmich from behind and drove a dagger into his back. The assassin fled into a large forge, where he was lost among the men employed there.

Warsaw.-While Police Captain Constantinoff was standing with two policemen and four soldiers, a young man threw a bomb into the group. The explosion of the bomb literally tore Capt. Constantinoff to pieces and severely wounded a policeman and six other persons. The assassin tried to escape and; firing his revolver, wounded a soldier. The other soldiers replied with a volley, killing the assassin and two other persons.

SIX SQUARES ARE RUINED

Stanley, Wis., Is Nearly Wiped Out by Fire That Destroys Residence Section.

from a spark from the Northwestern disobedience of the order is imposed, mill, destroyed 100 residences and a and the penalty is to accumulate at dozen business buildings. The loss is the rate of \$5,000 a day in case of conestimated at \$200,000.

and spread rapidly. A high wind from writs of mandamus or injunction. In the west carried the flames away from case of appeal to the supreme court the Northwestern mill and saved that these cases are to be given precedence were completely burned out. The large department store of the

will total \$40,000. Among the other losers were: J. N.

Olson, furniture, \$4,000; Long & Ness, meat market, \$4,000; Christian & Konsella, farm implements, \$3,000; Norwe-Rochester, N. Y.-The verdict in the gian church and Young Peoples' read-

is estimated at over \$100,000, every minister Tuesday. Four of the jurors house being destroyed between the yards and grounds and defines the -W. C. Roberts, C. H. Boynton, G. S. Northwestern store and Franklin word "transportation" so as to make it

Presbyterians Are Hurt.

Des Moines, Ia.-Five commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly were bruised and injured late Friday afternoon by the collapse of the temporary stand which had been erected for the purpose of getting a large group photograph of the assembly They were: Dr. C. Lukins, Roswell, N. M., hip bruised; Rev. W. O. David Monough, W. Va., hip bruised; George Wills, Mendota, Ill., back injured and rendered unconscious; Rev. J. M. Mc-Gaughey, Chariton, Ia., leg strained; Rev. W. C. Buell, Taos, N. M., back bruised.

Mad Operator Runs Amuck.

Atlanta, Ga.-Crazed by drink and by disappointment in a love affair, Thursday transmitted to congress the James H. Clark, a telegraph operator at Chamblee, in less than 24 hours killed one man, severely wounded three others, slightly wounded a fifth and clubbed a sixth with a shotgun, set fire to the home of one of his vicnied by a message from the president tims, and when surrounded by a posse shortly after noon Tuesday turned his revolver upon himself and pierced his own heart with a bullet.

Navigator Attempts Suicide.

Racine, Wis.-Capt. Archibald H. Clarke, one of the oldest and best policeman who went to Panama to reknown retired navigators on the chain organize the police department, has of lakes, made an unsuccessful at- quit the task and reached his home in tempt to beat his brains out against Brooklyn. He said: "The police of the fences and buildings, and then tried republic of Panama are a national is estimated at \$100,000. to leap into the river, but was pre-

Earthquake at Oakland. Oakland, Cal.-A slight shock of Jose and other points Thursday night. of King Charles to postpone the meet-No damage is reported.

Rejects Labor Bill.

London.-The house of lords Thursday, by 96 to 24 votes, rejected the bill introduced into the house of commons Anaconda Copper Mining company by James Keir Hardie to prohibit the Wednesday the former board of direcbe in perfect condition. The work has entrance of aliens to take the place of tors was reelected, with the exception British workmen during trade dis- that George H. Church was elected in

Cotton Seed Crushers. Atlanta, Ga.-After electing officers probably at the Jamestown exposition. on May 23.

RATE BILL PASSES SENATE COAL STOCK GIVEN GRATIS FIND TRUE BILLS

ONLY THREE VOTES CAST IN OPPOSITION TO MEASURE.

Brief Digest of Authority Conferred on Interstate Commission by the Bill.

Washington.-After 70 days of al- and that the stock had been presented nost continuous deliberation the to him. John M. Jamison, of Greenssenate Friday at 4:53 passed the rail- burg, Pa., president of the Jamison road rate bill by the practically unani- Coal & Coke company, testified that mous vote of 71 to 3. The three nega- his company had presented Pennsyltive votes were cast by Senators For- vania road officials with stock in his aker, Republican, of Ohio, and Morgan company with the object of securing and Pettus, Democrats, Alabama. There was somewhat larger attendance of senators than usual, but the attendance in the galleries was by no means abnormal, and there was no manifestation of any kind when the result was announced. There was, however, an almost general sigh of relief among the senators.

The principal purpose of the bill is to permit the interstate commerce commission to fix rates.

A provision conferring this authority is found in the fourth section of the bill which amends section 15 of the interstate commerce law so as to accomplish this result. That section directs the commission to investigate complaints of unjust and unreasonable charges on the part of the common carriers in the transportation of persons or property or of regulations or of practices affecting such charges. It also authorizes an inquiry as to whether the rates or practices are 'unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential or unprejudicial or otherwise in violation of the act" and in case any of these conditions are found to exist the commission is empowered to determine and prescribe what will be the just and reasonable maximum rate and what regulation or practice is just, reasonable and fair.

Other powers conferred by this section are: To apportion joint fares, establish through routes and maximum joint rates and prescribe their division and to determine the compensation to be paid to shippers doing service for carriers.

Section 16 of the present law is so changed as to provide for an award of pecuniary damages to complainants found entitled thereto, and in case payment is not promptly made in accordance with this award the beneficiary is authorized to file suit in a United States circuit court to compel compliance. The finding of the commission is to be received as prima facie evidence of the facts in such suits and the petitioner is absolved of English and American capitalists. from all liability for costs.

Another provision renders legal the service of the orders of the commission through the mails and provides that these orders shall take effect 30 days after service unless suspended or modified by the commission or suspended or set aside by the courts. A Stanley, Wis.-Fire, which started penalty of \$5,000 for each offense in tinuous violation. Orders other than The fire broke out in the stables of those for money payments are to be the Northwestern Lumber company, enforced by the federal courts through but six blocks to the east over all others except those of a crim-

inal character. The bill was amended by the senate Northwestern Lumber company was so as to give the United States circuit among the business places wiped out, courts jurisdiction to entertain suits and the loss to the building and stock brought to annul or change the orders of the commission and to provide against the granting of interlocutory decrees without hearings and making appeals from such orders direct to the

supreme court. Other provisions extend the definition of the word railroads so as to The damage in the residence section make it include switches, spurs, tracks, terminal facilities, freight depots, embrace cars and other facilities for shipment or carriage, "irrespective of ownership or of any contract." the intention being to make the railroads responsible for all special car service. It is made the duty of carriers to furnish car service upon reasonable request.

State amendments include oil pipe lines, express companies and shipping car companies under the head of "common carriers" and make them amenable to the requirements of the bill. Other senate modifications prohibit the issuance of passes or the granting of special favors to one class of passengers over another, prohibiting railroad companies from transporting commodities produced by themselves; require such companies to put in switches at the reasonable request of shippers, prohibits the granting or acceptance of rebates and reinstate the imprisonment penalty for violation of

tne law. The commission is given access to the accounts of the companies affected by the act, but examiners are forbidden under penalty of heavy fine and long imprisonment from divulging the facts ascertained. Fines of \$500 for each failure to keep proper accounts is provided.

Gives Up Difficult Task.

New York .- George W. Jiminez, the body, and there is really no effective method of governing them."

Cabinet Angry at King. Lisbon.'-The Robeiro cabinet reing of the cortes.

Anaconda Directors. Annaconda, Mont.-At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the place of A. C. Burrage.

Frisco Banks Nearly Ready. San Francisco.-It has been decided for the coming year, the interstate Cot- by the clearing house banks of San ton Seed Crushers' association ad- Francisco that all San Francisco comjourned Thursday, to meet next May, mercial banks will reopen for business

Officials to Secure Better Facilities.

Philadelphia.-Before the interstate commerce commission George W. Creighton, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania railroad admitted that he held stock in several coal companies better treatment and facilities from the corporation. He also said that Robert Pitcairn, now assistant to President Cassatt, had declined proffer of stock, saying that he preferred the money. Mr. Jamison bought the stock back from him for \$5,000.

Philadelphia.-That the Pennsylvania Railroad company gave rebates as recently as 1903 was the charge made Thursday by Frank B. Wigton, head of the Morrisdale Coal company, before the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Wigton's statement caused something of a sensation because of the fact that while the commission was in session in Baltimore Vice President Thayer, of the Pennsylvania railroad appeared before the body and stated that the company had made no allowances or concessions since 1899. Mr. Wigton gave a detailed statement of the conditions in the soft coal region and accused the Pennsylvania Railroad company of discriminating in the allotment of coal cars, citing cases to substantiate his charges.

Philadelphia.-After hearing much additional testimony concerning donations of stock to officials and employes of the Pennsylvania road by soft coal mining companies, the interstate commerce commission Friday adjourned until next Wednesday, when it will resume its sessions in this city and proceed with its inquiry into alleged discrimination by the railroads in the distribution of cars.

CHURCH TO QUIT BUSINESS tive agency through which the alleged

Mormon Leaders to Dispose of Great Co-Operative Store and Other Holdings in Utah.

Salt Lake City.-The Mormon church is going out of business, according to a local paper. Its principal holding in Salt Lake City, the Utah Light and Railway company, is to be taken over by a \$25,000,000 corporation composed

If this policy is completely carried out, the sale of the traction interests will be followed by the sale of stocks in banks, sugar factories, the great Zion cooperative mercantile institution department store, and many smaller enterprises. It will be nothing less than a commercial revolution which will profoundly affect the political and social life of the state. Simultaneously the announcement is

made that the Salt Lake & Los Angeles railroad, another church property, has been sold to a local syndicate for \$500,-000. This road is 13 miles in length and runs from the city to the lake. President Joseph F. Smith, of the that the divorce of religion from business is made on account of the fact that the Mormons whom the church sought to protect years ago no longer need the protection of the church ir business affairs. The church entered business, he says, to assist converts and strangers belonging to the church

entirely. TOBACCO COMPANY LOSES

Massachusetts Court Upholds Anti-Monopoly Law, Prohibiting Exclusive Contracts. Boston.-The constitutionality of the

state law for the protection of traders was upheld in a decision by the supreme court of Massachusetts rendered Thursday against the Continental Tois one prohibiting the making of a contract which would amount to unfair competition against weak dealers. Its constitutionality was questioned by an agent of the tobacco company who had been found guilty of selling goods to certain tobacco dealers on more faforable terms than to other dealers, provided the jobbers would deal exclusively with the Continental com-

Five Miners Blown to Pieces.

Shenandoah, Pa.-Five miners were torn to pieces and 12 badly burned by an explosion of dynamite in the Shenandoah City colliery of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company Tuesday. A box of dynamite which a workman was carrying fell from his shoulder and caused the explosion which ignited the mine gas. All the men killed were mutilated beyond recognition.

Furniture Factory Burns. Owosso, Mich.-The five-story brick furniture factory of the Estey Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire Friday. The Lake Ice company's ice houses are also in ruins. The loss

Aged Actress Dead. New York .- Fanny Herring, once a theatrical favorite in New York, died at Simsbury, Conn. She made her earthquake was felt here and at San signed Thursday, owing to the refusal debut at the Old Bowery theater, New York, in 1841, as the boy in the play entitled "The Battle."

> American Dines Royalty. Athens.--John B. Jackson, American tertained at dinner King George, Queen Olga, Crown Prince Constantine and the crown princess and Prince George.

Company Protects Its Clients. Hartford, Conn.-The Connecticut ire Insurance company will meet Tuesday, May 29. It is the opinion of the officers that the San Francisco ses exhausts the present surplus, which will be replaced.

Mrs. Jackson assisted her husband.

BANKERS AND FORMER OFFI-CIALS ARE INDICTED.

FRAUDULENT TIMBER ENTRIES

Federal Grand Jury, Sitting at Portland, Gets Busy With Transgressors -Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

Portland, Ore.-Details of the land fraud indictments returned by the federal grand jury April 9, and involving prominent men of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Southwestern Oregon. were made public today by United States District Attorney W. A. Bristol.

The property alleged to have been fraudulently secured lies on the banks of Lobster and Eucher creeks, in Curry county, Southwestern Oregon, and consists of 6,000 acres. practically all in one tract of fine timber land.

The indictment charges conspiracy to defraud the government of timber land by securing entrymen to file upon the land with the intention of disposing of it. The following alleged conspirators are named: Richard D. Jones and William H. Smith, San Francisco; Jeremiah Humely, formerly United States commission in Curry county, Oregon; A. S. Johnston, formerly a deputy county clerk of Curry county, Oregon; William T. Kerr cf" Coquille, Ore.; John R. Miller of Port Oxford, Ore.; Warren Gillelen and R. W. Kenny, respectively president and cashier of the Broadway Bank and Trust company of Los Angeles; G. L. Stearns, formerly president, and Jacob C. Cross, director of the Pacific Furniture and Lumber company of Los Angeles; David M. Goodwin, M. D., and A. H. Hedderly, M. D., of Los Angeles; Richard Hynes, M. M. Riley and Lee R. Ayers, stock brokers of Los Angeles; W. D. Gould, attorney, of Los Angeles, and F. W. Dennis. broker and real estate dealer of San Francisco.

The indictment asserts that the Pacific Furniture and Lumber company. which is alleged to have been the acconspiracy was perfected, was organized at Los Angeles by Messrs. Cross Goodwin, Stearns, Miller, Kerr and Jones. The indictment declares that Smith, Jones and Dennis conducted the San Francisco end of the alleged scheme. As a blind, according to the indictment, the Pacific Furniture and Lumber company establishel and operated saw mills at Eureka, Cal., and Port Oxford and Frankfort, Ore. It was their scheme, says the indictment, to send to Nebraska, Kansas, California and parts of Oregon and induce men to come to places at which their mills were in operation under the pretense that there was an opportunity of employment in the mills.

VOLIVA CUTS DOWN EXPENSES.

Financial Department Costs Scarcely One-Third as Formerly. Chicago-W. G. Voliva, the present head of the Christian Catholic church. announced to his followers in Zion City that between January 15 and May

19 he had reduced expenses in the financial department of the church Mormon church, is quoted as saying from \$9,800 per month to \$3,832 per month. This saving, he said, had been brought about by a reduction of the working force and a cut in the salaries of those retained. In the same manner, he said, a saving had been made in the ecclesiastical department that would amount to \$70,000 annually. Overseers who had been receiving \$300 per month were reduced to \$60. but as they are now on a firm footing The pay of others was cut in proporthe church withdraws from business tion. His own compensation under the new adjustment, Voliva said, was

THREAT AGAINST D. R. FRANCIS

\$100 per month.

Anonymous Letter Says He Will Be Killed Unless \$5,000 is Left.

ST. LOUIS-It became known Sunday that former Gov. D. R. Francis. president of the World's fair, had received an anonymous letter threatening his life unless the sum of \$5,000 was placed at a designated spot on Delmar boulevard, just outside the bacco company. The statute involved city limits in St. Louis county, between 8 and 10 o'clock at night. Detectives were stationed at the designated place for several hours last night without result.

Nicholas Throws a Bomb.

ST. PETERSBURG-A bemb was thrown into the parliamentary camp Sunday afternoon by a note received by President Mouromsteff of the lower house, from Peterhof, which, instead of making an appointment for an audience at which he and the deputation could present the address in reply to the speech from the throne, contained the information that Emperor Nicholas would not receive the deputation and that the address must be pre sented through the ministry of the

Turks Slaughter Bulgarians. SALONICA, European Turkey-A detachment of Turks on Saturday annihilated a band of twelve Bulgar'ans at Lisolai, near Monastir.

Another Crisis in Hungary. Vienna.-A new Hungarian crisis is imminent, owing to the refusal of Emperor Francis Joseph to approve the Hungarian cabinet's demand for an autonomous Hungarian tarid. The Austrian premier holds that an independent tariff is incompatible with the common Austro-Hungarian customs arrangement. Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian premier, has been to Vienna twice in audience with his majesty, but the crown and the council of ministers have decided against the Hungarian demands.

Wireless System in China.
PEKING—The Chinese government ninister to Greece. Thursday night enhas arranged to establish several stawith Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy and to instruct Chinese operators in working them. Apparatus has been installed on Chinese men-ofwar.

Important Bill Passed.
MEXICO CITY—The chamber of deputies has passed an important bill looking to reforms in legal procedure with the ultimate view of relieving the supreme court of a great mass of work.