WAS SHOOTING AT BIRDS

Accident Occurred While Two Were in Field Together-Mother Arose to Her Feet Just as the Boy Discharged the Revolver.

Mrs. Thomas McCoy, a widow, residing nine miles northeast of Bassett, was accidentally shot and killed by her ten-year-old son Caleb. They were out in the field and the mother was picking greens while the boy was shooting at birds with a revolver. The mother rose to her feet as the boy shot and the ball entered the back of her head, killing her instantly. She leaves a family of five children, the oldest about sixteen years of age.

Secretary of State's Fees.

Deputy Secretary Wait, of the secretary of state's office, announced that fees amounting to \$2,728.15 had been taken in during the month of May. During the session of the legislature the promise was made by this office that if some new laws were passed the fees could be increased from \$22,000 for the biennium to \$60,-000. The legislature made many of the changes requested, and increased fees generally, but it refused to increase the fee for a notarial commission from \$1 to \$5. It now costs the state fully the price of this commission to issue it. The fees of the secretary of state for May are as follows. Articles of incorporation, \$2,338.90; notarial commission, \$76; motor ve-\$60; certificates, \$98.65; agents' certificates, \$52.60.

Charged With Embezziement. A warrant was sworn out in the County Attorney M. W. Terry charg- ly. ing Lawrence McConnell with embezzling the sum of \$102.97 from Black Bros., the Beatrice millers. McConnell was employed as a drayman for miliers. It is the custom of Black Bros, to collect from a number of their customers on delivery of the goods ordered. In this way McConnell secured the sum above mentioned. siding near Filley.

Fell on 'Phone Wire.

While a company of home boys were perched at the top of a stairway in the rear of the opera house at Humboldt listening to a musical entertainment the banister gave way and precipitated two of their number, Walter Cooper and Walter Stauffer, to the December 1, 1906, to \$1,183,544.82 June ground, a distance of some fifteen or twenty feet. Both boys struck some of expense during the past six months telephone wires in their downward include many legislative expenditures, journey, which broke the force of their but there are yet many buildings to fall, else they must surely have been be built and this may increase the injured seriously. As it was, both were severely bruised, but no bones when tax collections are light. The were broken, and each managed to make his way home without assistance.

Woman and Child Die. Recently the dead body of Mrs. E E. Wheeler, of Strang, was found with an infant, which was also dead. The last time Mrs. Wheeler was seen alive was Thursday evening of last week. Her husband and daughter were visiting at Omaha, and she was seen out seen since and the stock showing indication of neglect, some of the neighbors went to the house to investigate and found the doors barred. Seeing that something was wrong the house was opened and the dead bodies found on a bed. The sheriff was called and in the absence of the coroner, empanelled a jury and held an inquest. The verdict of the jury was that Mrs. Wheeler died of hemorrhage following

Registration of Motor Vehicles.

child birth.

The new law that requires owners of motor vehicles to register annually will be followed by a reception at the and pay an annual fee of \$1 is not fully understood by many owners. Deputy Secretary of State Walt has interpreted the law as follows: "The new motor vehicle law, which goes into effect July 5, 1907, requires owners of motor vehicles to register the same annually in this department. All who registered one year prior to July 5, 1907, must re-register at once and annually thereafter, and those registering after July 5, 190n, must re-register one year from such date and annually

CITY NEED NOT BUY.

Decision of Judge W. H. Munger In the Water Works Case.

The city of Omaha does not have to buy the Omaha Water company plant for \$6,263,295,49, the price fixed by the board of appraisers, and that appraisement is invalid—this is the decision of Judge W. H. Munger in the United States circuit court for the district of Nebraska, thus bringing to a culmination the prolonged fight precipitated by the Omaha water board under the provisions of the compulsory water plant ownership law enacted by the legislature in 1903. It leaves the next step to be taken by the water company in the form of an appeal to the circuit court of appeals, and this will be done in due course of time.

Judge Munger's decision is based upon one point in the controversy, namely, that the board of appraisers erred in receiving the books and records of the company for review without submitting the same to the inspection of the city or the water board. C. C. Wright, one of the attorneys for the latter, said he thought the decision could have been based on a number of other points as well.

The decision was the direct result of a suit brought by the Omaha Water company through its president to compel the city of Omaha to buy the plant of the water company on the basis of the terms made by the board of appraisers.

Crops Prosperous in Red Willow. There are great prospects in Red Willow county this summer for wheat and corn. Recent heavy rains have community.

The city of McCook is booming. The new \$40,000 high school building is progressing nicely, and the first story has proceeded above the basement.

The excavation is done for the Carnegle library at McCook and occupies a beautiful site on Upper Main avehicle fees \$102; marks and brands, nue. Several large business blocks have been built and others are contracted for. Much building is being done throughout the country among the farmers. Conditions generally are favorable. Landseekers are coming in Gage county court at Beatrice by daily, and values are advancing rapid-

Vac's Leg is Damaged.

At Alliance for the past few days H. W. Hill, the transfer man, and the day and night watchmen have Saturday delivered considerable flour been rounding up the vags and persons Marshal Laing approached a big, husky colored man and asked him what he was doing there. The colored man replied that it was none of He left the city Sunday some time, Laing's business. One word led to going to Crete. No trace of him has another until Marshal Laing placed been found since he left that place. him under arrest and with the help McConnell is the young man who was of a bystander started to take him convicted a few years ago of assault- to the city jail. The negro put up ing a daughter of a Mr. Barnard re- a fight and started to run. The marshal called to him to stop and upon his refusal to do so took a shot at him, putting a bullet through the negro's leg.

State Debt Decreases.

The semi-annual report of State Auditor Searle shows that the state debt has decreased from \$1,916,671.31, 1, a decrease of \$733,051.29. The items state debt during the summer months auditor's report shows that the insurance department of his office received \$100,793.53 in fees during the past six months, one of the largest showings ever made.

Addition to Auburn School.

Work has been commenced on the addition to the high school building in Auburn, which will consist of a two-story brick 28 by 26 feet and joining the old building on the west. attending to the chores. Not being It will be completed by the opening of the school in September. The addition will cost close to \$3,000. The annex will be fitted up with all modern conveniences for laboratory work, as well as a recitation room. The extra room is badly needed, as the school is crowded.

> Ex-Governor's Daughter Weds. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poynter have issued invitations to the wedding of their daughter Mary Josephine to Roy A. Bickford. The ceremony will take place in Lincoln, July 1st, at the First Christian church, and family home, 349 South Twentyseventh street. The bride and groom will be at home after September 1 at 325 South Thirteenth street.

> Death of Frank Vance. A letter received at Stella from former Missouri Pacific Agent Vance, now located in Texas, tells of the accidental death of his son Frank by being thrown from a horse on which he was riding to town. The deceased was twelve years of age and had his neck broken by the fall.

HE IS TO BLAME!



MR. HARRIMAN IS IMMUNE

added much to the good feeling in the Testimony Before Commission Affords Him Protection.

> Conference at the White House Discussed Trusts and Kindred Sub-Jects Until Late.

Washington. - A notable conference on the subject of trust prosecutions was held at the White house Friday night. Those who participated were President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Root, Secretary of War Taft, I candidate for that office. Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, Secretary of Interior Garfield, Attorney General Bonaparte, Interstate Commerce Commission Knapp and Lane and Frank B. Kellog of Minnesota, special counsel for the government. The conference began shortly after 9 o'clock.

The discussion took a very wide range. Much of the time was given to the Harriman Alton deal. Every phase of that transaction was thoroughly gone over and discussion was participated in more especially by the president, Mr. Kellog, Attorney General Bonaparte, Commissioners Knapp and Lane. The conclusion was promptly reached that however damaging the evidence might be against Mr. Harriman, the testimony he had given in the interstate commerce investigation had given him complete immunity from criminal prosecution.

Commissioner Knapp explained that he did not complete his investigation and that therefore he was not prepared to give a definite opinion as to tae sufficiency of the evidence to warrant the government in instituting at this time suit to nullify the Alton deal.

No New Trial for Waters-Pierce,

Austin, Texas. - Judge Brooks of the 26th district court Friday heard and overruled the motion of the defense to grant a new trial to the Waters-Pierce Oil company convicted last week of having violated the antitrust laws of the state and a judgment of ouster from the state with payment of heavy penalies rendered against it. Notice of appeal to the civil court of appeals of the third supreme judicial district was given and the case will be carried to still higher courts probably.

Postoffice Conspiracy Story.

Cincinnati. - An investigation of the relations of the railroads and the postoffice department by direct order of President Roosevelt, which has already caused a saving to the government of more than two million dollars is declared to be now under way in an article in the Times-Star Friday afternoon. Thirty-two postoffice inspectors are said to be at work in a case of alleged conspiracy of the railroads and the postoffice department.

Territory Election Case.

Guthrie, Ok. - June 12 is the date set by the supreme court for hearing arguments in the temporary injunction issued by district Judge Pancoast, denying the right of the constitutional convention to call an election for the ratification or rejection of the constitution.

Mare Brewery Property Seized. Leavenworth, Kan. - The brewery receivers here Wednesday took possession of the fixtures in 35 saloons companies.

KNOX SAYS HE WILL RUN.

Receives Endorsement of Pennsylva nia Convention And Willing to Try For the Presidency.

New York. - United States Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, Thursday night announced his willingness to become a candidate for the presidency in 1908 should the republican party see fit to nominate him. Senator Knox's position was made known in expressing his appreviation of the action Thursday of the republican state convention at Harrisburg, Pa., which endorsed him as a

Senator Knox, who is stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria, learned Thursday night of his endorsement by the Harrisburg convention, through the press despatches. Having read these including an abstract of the platform adopted, he said to a representative of The Associated Press:

"I am deeply sensible of the great honor done me by my fellow republicans of Pennsylvania.

I value the action of the convention approving such public service as I by my gratitude for the unsolicited pledge of support for higher honors and graver duties for the future. I have too profound a sense of the dignity of the chief magistracy and too intimate a knowledge of its labors this endorsement. If, however, the action should commend themselves go to the supreme court. to the national republican conventice I would accept its action with full appreciation of its import."

They Seek Tucker's Release.

Leavenworth, Kan. - Ex-Attorney General Monettte of Ohio, and Alvert day that she believed she could iden-L. Wilson, of Kansas City, attorneys | tify one of the former negro soldiers for H. H. Tucker, Jr., former secre- as a member of the group that had tary of the Uncle Sam Oil Co., who shot up the town. The description of Wednesday was sent to jail here for three months by Circuit Judge Hook, of a soldier of Company C, who was for contempt, stated Thursday tnat they would leave immediately for Washington to institute habeas corpus proceedings in the United States supreme court to secure Tucker's release. It is said that they may also lay the case before President Roosevelt.

Railroads Will Obey Law.

St. Louis. — Announcement was made Friday, following the closed meeting here Thursday of railroad officials representing all the Missouri and Illinois roads and several eastern lines, that the passenger officials of Missouri and Illinois roads have decided not to enjoin the enforcement of the new laws reducing fares, from three to two cents per mile. The laws become effective in Missouri, June 14 and in Illinois July 1.

Mrs. Spaugh Acquitted.

Centerville, Mo. - Mrs. Mary Spaugh was Thursday acquitted of complicity in the killing of Sheriff Polk of Iron county. One of her sons, William Spaugh is under sentence of death for the killing, and another, Arthur Spaugh, is serving 99 years in the penitentiary for the same crime.

A Kansan the Handsomest Man. New Haven, Conn.-Roy S. Thompthe annual "beauty" contest Tuesday. pany.

SENT H. H. TUCKER TO JAIL

Head of Uncle Sam Oil Company in Contempt.

He Filed an Affidavit that Seriously Reflects Upon Judges Pollock, Phillips and McPherson.

Leavenworth, Kas. - Judge W. C. Hook, of the United States circuit court, late Wednesday afternoon sentenced H. H. Tucker, Jr., the indicted secretary of the Uncle Sam Oil company to serve three months in the Leavenworth county jail for contempt of court. The act of contempt being a sensational affidavit filed by Tucker alleging conspiracy between Federal Judges Pollock, McPherson and Phillips and the Standard Oil company to drive the Uncle Sam company out of business. Judge Hooks delivered a teriffic arraignmen of attorney Albert L. Wilson, of Kansas Coty, Mo., who prepared the affidavit. The judge said the only hope of filing the affidavit was to create a sensation in newspapers and creat public sentiment, Judge Hook declared there was no precedent for such an affidavit and the clerk of the court was criticised for placing it on file. The affidavit was stricken from the files by order of Judge Hook. Tucker commenced serving his sentence Wednesday night. The bankruptcy proceedings were continued until a Judge can be found who can sit in the case. Judge Pollock will not preside.

The affidavits alleged that Judges Pollock, Phillips and McPherson went on a fishing trip to Tampico, Mexico on January 26, 1906 in the private car of Gardiner Lathrop, head of the legal department of the Santa Fe railroad, and strongly intimated that during the trip a conspiracy was entered into between the judges and the Standard Oil company. The claim being made that the Standard and the Santa Fe road were controlled by the same persons. The affidavit further alleged that Judge Pollock had made a statement against Tucker and the Uncle Sam company out of

Attorneys for the Uncle Sam Oil company asked the court to dismiss the bankruptcy proceedings, stating that Tucker would pay every outstanding debt in five days.

Verdict for 25 Cents Damage. Newport, R. I. - A verdict for 25 cents, the price of his ticket, was returned by a jury by direction of Justice Sweetland Thursday in the case have been enabled to render in the of Chief Yoeman Fred J. Buenzle of past with a sitisfaction not exceeded the naval training station, who was excluded from a dancing pavillion last summer because he wore the uniform of the navy. Several weeks ago Justice Sweetland ruled that the defendant had a right to select the patrons at dances. President Rooseand responsibilities to have sought veit has contributed towards a fund for the prosecution of the case, as wishes of Pennsylvania republicans have also many officers and enlisted and the reasons they resign for their men of the navy. The case will now

> Thinks She Could Identify One. Washington, D. C. - Mrs. Emma Leahy, proprietor of the Leahy hotel, in Brownsville, Texas, told the senate committee on military affairs Thursthis man tallies with the appearance one of the men involved in the trouble with Mr. Tait, a customs inspector. A subpoena was issued for him at the beginning of the senate investigation

> > Japa Getting Belligerent.

but he has not been found.

Tokio. - The Hochi, which is supporting count Okuma in his position on the American question, said Friday morning. "The San Francisco outrages are worse than the murder of a missionary in China, which resulted in the occupation of Kiao-Chow. Who would blame an appeal to the last measure if an impotency to protect treaty rights is proved? We hope, however, that Ambassador Aoki will be firm enough to make the Washington government quickly take measures to mete out justice to the Japanese."

Will Not Affiliate With the Bell. Chicago. - Opposition to any affiliation of independent telephone companies with the Bell Telephone company "anywhere on the American continent" was embodied in a resolution adopted Wednesday by representatives of the Independent companies in convention here. Such affiliation was denounced as being injurious to the interests of subscribers.

Thirty-two defendants in the lottery cases at Mobile, Ala., pleaded son of Topeka was voted the hand- guilty and were fined an aggregate somest man of the senior class of of \$280,000. This is the last of the slad to be the property of Brewing Yale university by his classmates in old Louisiana State Lottery com-