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FIFTY WERE KILLED

BOILER BLOWS UP ON THE GUNBOAT BENNINGTON.

Many Badly Hurt—Terrible Scenes of Suffering—Victims of the Disaster Are Burned, Scalded and Torn—Vessel Reeks with Blood.

Broken and blackened, with her flag at half mast and her hold filled with fifteen feet of water, the United States ship Bennington lies beached on the shores of San Diego, Cal., harbor. Thirty-nine of her crew lie dead at city morgues, the fate of a dozen more is yet undetermined and three score are stretched upon beds of pain in various hospitals. This is the result of the explosion which wrecked the trim little naval craft and wrought such terrible havoc among her crew at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning.

The placid waters of San Diego bay have never before been the scene of such a disaster and San Diego city has never before been stirred by such scenes of death and suffering as those witnessed Friday night.

Twenty-one dead bodies lie ranged with gruesome precision at Davis & Anderson's morgue. The stark forms were outlined in immaculate winding sheets, the terrible results of scalding steam upon the faces plainly showing, though fully hidden beneath the folds. Thirteen victims were stretched upon improvised biers at Johnson & Connell's morgue, while five others were to be seen at Woolman & Bradley's. At the two latter places the work of the explosion was terribly in evidence. The face of every victim is scarred and scalded, in many cases almost beyond recognition.

At Agnew hospital are many injured, suffering in almost every instance from scalded bodies. Several are expected to die.

On board the Bennington the unharmed members of the crew are working under terrible difficulties to reach the boiler room and coal bunkers, where it is believed a dozen bodies are lying wedged in the wreckage.

The Bennington at the time of the accident was lying in the stream just off Commercial wharf. Steam was up and everything was in readiness for sailing when suddenly, and without any warning whatever, the starboard forward boiler exploded with a deafening roar. The explosion was terrific. People standing on the shore saw a huge cloud of white steam rise above the Bennington. Columns of water were hurled into the air and for a distance of nearly twice the height of the spars of the vessel.

RUSH FOR WORK.

Chicago Strikers in Stampede for Their Old Places.

The Chicago teamsters who Thursday night gave up their long struggle against the employers broke ranks Friday in a stampede for work. The barns of the strike affected firms were besieged by former employees. The employers in many cases announced there were vacancies for only a few. Of the more than 4,000 men who quit not more than 1,400 or 1,500 will be reinstated during the next few days. The coal teamsters and truck drivers did not join in the rush for re-employment Friday.

Nearly every one of the strikers at the department stores filed application for reinstatement.

KILLED IN HIS AUTO.

Reckless Millionaire Loses Life in Los Angeles.

M. T. Hancock, a well known millionaire plow inventor and manufacturer, is dead, as the result of his automobile colliding with a buggy late Thursday night at Los Angeles, Cal. He had been in police court on different occasions for driving his machine in excess of the speed limit. His wife, son and daughter were seriously injured.

Fortune for Iowa Girl.

Through the recent death of Mrs. Jane Martin, of Nevada, Ia., Pearl Martin, an adopted daughter aged 16, has fallen heir to a fortune of \$165,000. The total value of the estate left by Mrs. Martin is placed at a quarter of a million, one-third of which goes to her husband.

Five Skeletons Found.

A Hammond, Ind., special says: Men engaged in razing an old house on Drake Island, in the Kankakee River, which was occupied during the civil war by a trapper named Steele, found in the cellar wall of the house three male and two female skeletons.

Try to Kill the Sultan.

It is reported officially from Constantinople that during Friday's selamluk an attempt was made to assassinate the sultan.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$3.75@4.70. Top hogs, \$5.50.

Cool Wave Follows Hot.

The weather bureau at Washington, D. C., Friday, gave most encouraging information as to the general conditions. From abnormally hot to abnormally cool seems to be the trend of the atmospheric record.

Serious Flood in Kansas.

Flood conditions along the Spring River valley north of Galena, Kan., are more serious than ever. Most of Thursday night the Spring River came up at a rate of a foot an hour, and it is still rising.

TEAMSTERS GIVE UP.

Chicago Teamsters Make a Complete Surrender.

The teamsters' strike, which has so greatly disturbed business conditions in Chicago for the last 105 days, was at 12:30 o'clock Thursday night officially declared off by the members of the teamsters' joint council. The men have been ordered to seek their old positions, and it is estimated that less than one-half of them will be re-employed. The strikers have made a complete surrender and will apply for work as individuals and without an agreement of any kind with their employers.

The action of the teamsters' joint council was taken at the end of a day whose events clearly foreshadowed the collapse of the strike. Three of the unions had already voted to return to work as far as possible, and it was certain that the unions which had not yet voted on the question of ending the strike would take similar action. The council believing that further effort was useless, decided to call off the strike at once.

The first break in the ranks of the strikers came Thursday afternoon when the lumber teamsters voted to return to work regardless of what action might be taken by any other union. Thursday night the department store drivers and the railway express drivers voted to call off the strike and seek their old positions. It is expected that about 60 per cent of the department store drivers will be reinstated, and the express drivers declared that they believed that about 100 of their number would be taken back by the express companies. The express companies have declared all through the strike, however, that not one of the men who struck would be reinstated.

The truck drivers and one or two smaller unions will vote on the question of calling off the strike, but there is no doubt that they will decide to seek their old places again. The officials of the teamsters' union declare that they expect such action to be taken.

BANK GOES UNDER.

City National of Kansas City Closes Its Doors.

The City National Bank at Kansas City failed to open its doors Thursday. The bank held paper of C. J. Devlin, of Topeka, to the amount of upwards of \$100,000, and the failure is the direct result of the closing of the First National Bank, of Topeka, of which Devlin was the principal stockholder.

The only other bank in Kansas City which was caught in the failure of the First National Bank, of Topeka, was the American National Bank, of Kansas City, which is said to hold upwards of \$200,000 of Devlin paper. It was stated positively Thursday by a leading banker that other Kansas City institutions would not permit this bank to fail. There was no appearance of a run on the other banks at the opening hour Thursday.

JUDGE HOOKER CLEARED.

Legislature Finds He is Not Guilty of Corrupt and Immoral Acts.

An Albany, N. Y., dispatch says: The question of the removal from office of supreme court justice Warren B. Hooker came in final form before the legislature Thursday, when the committee on judiciary presented in the assembly a concurrent resolution calling for the removal of Justice Hooker on the ground that he had "been willfully guilty of corrupt, unlawful and immoral acts."

The defeat of the resolution was assured when 46 votes were recorded against it.

LOAN NOT FOUND.

Mystery Surrounding a Big Equitable Transaction.

A New York dispatch says: There is no record in any of the books of the Mercantile Trust Company of the \$685,000 loan, to which Horace C. Deming, president of that company, testified before Superintendent Hendricks as having been carried by the company for five or six years in the name of President James W. Alexander and Comptroller Thomas D. Jordan, of the Equitable Society trustees. This announcement was made Thursday by State Bank Examiner Judson.

Caught After Eleven Years.

After successfully eluding the United States secret service men for over eleven years, J. B. Gregory, alias Harry Leonard, expert counterfeiter and escaped convict, has been captured at Los Angeles, Cal., and turned over to the United States authorities to serve out an unexpired term of seven years in the federal prison at Detroit, Mich.

Respite for Murderers.

A respite of thirty days has been granted by Gov. Folk to Henry Henrueck and Lambert Neuhaus, convicted of murder, who were to be hanged at St. Louis next Monday. This is the second thirty days' respite granted them.

Hot Wave Broken.

The wave of intense heat which has held the country east of the Mississippi in its grasp for several days, causing hundreds of deaths and untold suffering to millions was thoroughly broken Thursday.

Judge Noah W. Cheever Dead.

At Ann Arbor, Mich., Judge Noah W. Cheever, prominent in the affairs of the national prohibition party, died Thursday of apoplexy.

Excitement in Wheat Pit.

An alleged confirmation of the reports of black rust in the wheat fields of the northwest sent the price of September up to 88 cents in Chicago Thursday, an advance of 3 1/2 cents compared with Wednesday's closing quotations.

Receives Ducal Throne.

Duke Charles Edward, of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, assumed the reins of government Wednesday on attaining his majority. His state entry into the capital was the occasion of much ceremonial.

HEAT KILLED MANY.

Enormous Increase in the Number of Deaths.

While the record of deaths and prostrations at New York greatly exceeded that of Tuesday, there was a distinct diminution Wednesday in the temperature prevailing throughout the eastern section of the country. Although the midday temperature was terrific, it was broken by scattered thunder storms, many of a very violent character, and towards evening the temperature fell rapidly, until normal summer conditions were reached. In New York the highest temperature recorded was 95, one degree lower than that of Tuesday, when the highest point of Tuesday was not reached, while everywhere a fall was noted beginning early in the afternoon.

The accumulative effect of the continued torridity of these days was painfully evident in the enormous increase in the number of deaths in New York. While the death toll of Tuesday was only 26, that of Wednesday reached the appalling total of 75, being half of those prostrated. This was almost entirely due to the collapse of young children and aged persons, whose exhausted vitality was unequal to the strain of further suffering.

Among the distressing incidents of the day was the killing of her infant in Brooklyn by a young woman who was suddenly driven insane by the heat. She stabbed the child to death and then made a vain attempt on her own life.

Several of the deaths were those of persons who had fallen while asleep from fire escapes, where they were endeavoring to escape the stifling atmosphere of crowded tenements. With 150 bodies in the cold storage room at the city morgue, the refrigerating system was found to be out of order Wednesday, and it was necessary to resort to the use of tons of ice, in which the bodies were hurriedly shipped to the potter's field.

INTERSTATE FAIR.

Sioux City Show Promises to be Better Than Last Year.

Secretary F. L. Wirick, of the Interstate Live Stock Fair, which will be held at Sioux City Sept. 11-16, announces that more money will be spent in securing free attractions, premiums and good races than at either of the two preceding fairs. In 1904 the attendance was 40 per cent larger than in 1903, and it is expected a similar increase will be shown this year.

All the profits of last year's fair have been used in improving the grounds and in adding to the purses and premiums, making the total of purses for races \$12,000 and the total of premiums offered for displays \$20,000. Six free attractions, of a quality unsurpassed by any circus, will be seen daily in front of the grand stand. The fair has been admitted to the grand circuit, insuring races fully the equal of those at any state fair in the United States.

The railroads have recognized the high standing of the fair by granting a round trip rate of one fare for the entire week.

\$10,000 FOOR BOOK.

Widow of Millionaire Huntington is "Held Up."

A New York special says: The books of Town Topics, insofar as they deal with the book on American society entitled "Fads and Fancies," which was sold by subscription, and on which publishers realized approximately \$200,000, will be examined by representatives of the district attorney's office, no matter what opposition is made to such a step.

When Assistant District Attorney Krotel examined the books of the Town Topics Company Tuesday he was refused permission to inspect some of the entries having to do with the book "Fads and Fancies." He learned, however, he said, that while the regular subscription price for the book was \$1,500 several persons paid larger sums. Among those was Mrs. Collis P. Huntington, widow of the multi-millionaire railroad promoter, who was credited with paying \$10,000 for her subscription to a copy of the book.

FRAUD ORDER STANDS.

People's Bank at St. Louis Loses in the Federal Court.

Federal Judge McPherson handed down a decision Wednesday upholding the fraud order issued by Postmaster General Cortelyou against the People's United States Bank and E. G. Lewis and denying the application for an injunction restraining the postmaster of St. Louis from carrying out the instructions of the postmaster general. Postmaster Wynman will now resume stamping "Fraudulent" on mail addressed to the bank and Lewis, and will return it to the senders.

The Caleb Powers Case.

Jailer Ploeger, his two deputies and citizens arrested charged with assault in connection with the commitment of Caleb Powers to the Newport, Ky., jail, were Wednesday dismissed from custody at Cincinnati, the court holding the attempt of Mayor Helmhold to designate where federal prisoners should be incarcerated was illegal.

To Cleanse the Bureau.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Willett N. Kays has taken hold of the affairs of the bureau of statistics at Washington, with instructions from Secretary Wilson, approved by President Roosevelt, to cleanse the bureau of the stigma left by the cotton leak scandal. His authority is unlimited.

Hurricane Wipes out Harvest.

A hurricane almost entirely destroyed the harvest in the provinces of Sargossa and Caceres, Spain, thus adding immensely to the general distress. It has been decided to entirely suspend all work as a protest against the dearth of provisions at Madrid.

Murderer Cheats the Gallows.

At St. Paul, Minn., Edward Gottschalk, under sentence of death for murder, hung himself in the county jail Wednesday afternoon.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Sioux Indians Hold Reunion at Chadron—Old Chief Red Cloud, Commonly Supposed to be Dead, Center of Interest at Gathering.

In connection with the Chadron carnival the Sioux Indians are holding an old settlers' reunion. One hundred teepees are pitched about the town and the prairie is dotted with the long suffering Indian ponies.

The greatest interest of the occasion centers about Red Cloud, the famous chief of the Ogalaia Sioux. It is the general idea that this old war chief long ago passed into history and it is thought for the last two years his royal remains have been peacefully lashed to some cottonwood tree beside his best loved stream. The newspapers published some fine obituaries of the old man, which, being interpreted to Red Cloud, caused him much amusement. Red Cloud is now 85 years old and totally blind. His mind is still good, though he might not be able to give as lawyer-like an answer to a difficult question as he gave to the commander of the Indian agency in his younger days. It happened that a good Presbyterian was in charge of Indian affairs at Washington. He became greatly shocked over reports he heard in regard to the morality of the Indians. Later he sent an order upon the subject to Major McGillicuddy, who was then agent at Pine Ridge. The agent called the braves into council and read the order from Washington to them. "You see," said Major McGillicuddy, "it means this: Someone has been telling at Washington that some of you have two wives. This order has come to say that after this none of you must have more than one wife."

The Indians smoked for a long time in silence. The spirit seemed to move no one to speak on so important a subject. At last Red Cloud broke the silence.

"We have all heard if we travel south of here to the iron horse and then go west many days toward the setting sun that at last we come to a land where the water smells of fish and tastes of salt. In that land we have heard the white men have as many wives as they wish. You ask the Great Father at Washington why he don't attend to these white men about their wives, then after that if he has any time left he can see to one or two poor Indians who have more than one wife."

Before the beginning of the Indian dances Red Cloud made a speech to the people in which he said that he did not sell the Black Hills outright to the United States government, but loaned them to the Great Father at Washington for seven generations, and that when the Black Hills will again belong to the Indians.

"But will the Great Father forget?" he added, as though thinking of other days.

HANGS HIMSELF IN JAIL.

Had Been Found Over on a Charge of Housebreaking.

John N. Parish, of Council Bluffs, was arrested last Saturday night for house breaking at Aurora, and was brought before the county judge for a preliminary hearing, which he waived, and was bound over to the district court. His bond was fixed at \$300 and he was returned to jail, where he hung himself with a strip of blanket to an iron rod. Although soon discovered, it was impossible to revive him.

A coroner's inquest was held and a verdict that he came to his death by his own hand was rendered.

BOY BURNED TO DEATH.

Youngster Supposed to be the Victim of His Own Carelessness.

The 6-year-old son of James Foulon was burned to death while playing in the barn. The sad affair occurred on the farm of Mr. Foulon, two miles north of Fairmont. The fire was discovered by one of the neighbors. Foulon rushed in and got out four horses before the barn fell. It was discovered that the youngest child, about 6 years old, was missing.

After the fire had spent itself to allow an examination the remains were found in the ruins.

Convict Makes Good Getaway.

William Henderson, colored, sentenced to the penitentiary for two years from Cherry County, made his escape from that institution Wednesday night and took with him, it is charged, \$475 worth of property not his own. Henderson was a trusty and worked as a cook, so his escape was easy. Before going he attached himself to two diamond rings, two watches, one engraved with the word "Luree" and the other engraved "J. W. Swallow." One of the rings was valued at \$180. He also took \$28 in cash.

Farmer Arrested for Stealing.

A Bohemian farmer named Vanek, living several miles west of Humboldt, was arrested at a late hour Saturday evening, charged with stealing a case of eggs from Lee's store and numerous other articles from different establishments of Humboldt. A settlement was effected whereby the farmer paid for all the articles found in his wagon and claimed by the merchants and was permitted to go without prosecution.

Electrician Killed.

W. B. Lee, manager of the Superior Electric Light Company at Superior, was fatally shocked while making a new wire connection. Hope of life is given up.

Admitted as Midshipman.

Chas. C. W. Malley, of Nebraska, has been admitted to the naval academy at Annapolis as midshipman.

Girl Slips Away.

Joseline, the 18-year-old daughter of Fred Broder, a highly respected German citizen of Table Rock, has been absent several days. Later developments show she purchased a ticket for Wilber, Wash., where she has relatives.

Successor to Congressman Burkett

At a special election for congressman held Tuesday in the First congressional district, E. M. Pollard, Republican, of Nehawka, was elected. Pollard will succeed E. J. Burkett, who resigned to become United States senator.

HELD UP FIVE MEN.

Bold Deed of Robber in an Omaha Drug Store.

An Omaha special says: A man giving his name as Frank Leonard, of Peoria, Ill., Tuesday night held up and robbed five men in a drug store at Twenty-fourth and Seward Streets, taking several hundred dollars in money and jewels from them. He backed out of the drug store and the five men gave chase. A running fight followed, during which the highwayman fired five shots at his pursuers, without effect. They hurled bricks and other missiles at the fleeing man, finally capturing him. A hand to hand fight ensued when they caught up to Leonard, in which Frank Frandle, from whom the robber had taken a diamond and some money, was badly beaten on the head with a revolver. Leonard was beaten into unconsciousness, carried back to the drug store and later taken to jail by the police. He may not recover.

RUNAWAY GIRLS CAUGHT.

Della and Elsie; French Trapped in Male Attire.

The two young women by the names of Della and Elsie French, aged 25 and 15 years, respectively, who left Plainview several days ago, were caught at York by Sheriff Brogt and brought to Pierce Thursday and then taken before the insane commission. After examination the board let them go, as they both appeared perfectly sane. They went to Plainview, where they found employment as domestics. They both bore the reputation of having excellent character. For some cause they left their work and started south on foot. They cut off their hair and stopped at a farm house one evening, where they borrowed a couple of pairs of trousers and dressed themselves as men. When captured by the sheriff they had no shoes and were footsore and hungry. Their father came after them and they returned home with him.

FINED FOR STRIKING BABY.

A Minden Preacher Convicted of Striking 7-Months-Old Child.

Considerable indignation exists in Minden against Rev. Martin Fleckenstein, pastor of the German Lutheran church, on account of his treatment of his 7-month-old babe, which he acknowledged he had slapped or cuffed as he would a child five or six years old. The neighbors and other passing his home have heard the blows struck and heard the child cry, and Thursday brought matters to a focus by having him arrested for assault and battery. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs. His only excuse is that the little one cried too much.

A church trial is to be held and the father will be asked to resign. Among the most indignant people are leading members of his own church.

JAIL FOR BRIDEGROOM.

Omaha Man's Arrest Follows Wedding Ceremony.

Harry DeLacy, of Omaha, agent for a Canadian investment company, was rudely torn from the side of his bride and spent his wedding night in jail. DeLacy married Miss Luella Scherr, also of Omaha, and the pair engaged a suite of rooms at a hotel in Council Bluffs.

They had an elaborate wedding spread and then went to their apartments, where they received a visit from the police. DeLacy was served with a warrant charging him with passing worthless checks to the amount of \$280.

It is claimed that he bought wedding jewelry to the extent of over \$200 and also secured a dress suit in which to be married, with money procured through these checks.

OLD SOLDIER SCALDED.

Falls into a Bathtub of Hot Water and Unable to Get Out.

Lewis Stantner, an inmate of the soldiers' home at Grand Island, aged 73, was the victim of a serious and painful accident. Immediately after the dinner hour, without the consent or knowledge of any attendant or nurse of the hospital, in which he was housed, he went to the bath room, turned on the hot water and accidentally fell in before he had turned on the cold water. He had been in the bath tub with the hot water still running in several minutes before help could reach him and when taken out his back and hips were badly scalded. Fatal results are feared.

Infant Has Miraculous Escape.

The infant daughter of James Reed and wife, who, with their mother, is visiting at the home of her uncle, Gus Beard, of Humboldt, fell from a second-story window, a distance of twelve feet, and struck on its head on a stone. Examination revealed the fact that a wide from a deep dent in the skull no injury resulted and within a few hours all trace of this had passed away.

Dies from Taking Anaesthetic.

Percy Mount, assistant cashier of the bank at Ord owned by State Treasurer Mortensen, died suddenly Thursday night. Mr. Mortensen received word Thursday morning that Mr. Mount had been to a dentist to have a tooth pulled and that had been given something to deaden the pain and that he never came out from under the influence.

Charged with Assault.

Frank Malone, a farmer living east of Albion, was arrested Saturday on a complaint filed by Nick Coppock, of St. Edward charging Malone with having shot and killed Malone with intent to wound and kill. Malone was bound over.

Accidentally Took Poison.

Thursday morning Mrs. H. L. Maloney, of Fremont, took some medicine that contained poison. She found out her mistake soon and physician was called and promptly administered antidotes and soon had the patient out of danger.

Fence Case Witness Arrested.

Theodore Osborne, who, with his wife, was chief witness against the Krauses in the now famous government land fencing case at Omaha a short time ago, was placed under arrest by the sheriff of Sheridan County on the charge of cattle stealing.

Low Price for Wheat

The price of new wheat has dropped nearly fifteen cents at Beatrice the past week. Wheat testing 63 pounds, the best raised in Gage County for many years, was sold for 70 cents per bushel.



The Nebraska law defining the public waters of the state has been declared valid, and unless the action on which the decision was made is carried up and the decision reversed by the supreme court, owners of land on which public lakes or ponds are to be found must observe the letter of the fish and game laws. The decision was obtained in an action by the fish and game department to prosecute for illegal seining. The defendant contended that the lake in which the offense had been committed was a private waterway because it lay entirely on his own land and was not connected with a running stream. The fish and game department succeeded in showing that in times of high water the lake flows into the Platte River, and that through this outlet the lake had become stocked with fish that were the property of the state. In the future the department will prosecute all persons seining in lakes or ponds not constructed artificially and which empty at any time into other lakes, ponds or streams.

Attorney General Brown Saturday filed in the supreme court the answer to the application of the Bankers' Union of the World for a writ of mandamus to compel Auditor Searle to grant a license to the company and the answer bristles with charges against the management of the company. Of the report filed by the company with the auditor of its condition the attorney general alleges that it is false and fraudulent in many respects, that it was wholly untrue with respect to the assets and liabilities of the Bankers' Union of the World; that it was untrue with respect to the number of its members and its outstanding certificates, and that it wholly failed to give a full and correct list of its outstanding liabilities and suits against said company and that the failure to give a full report of the condition of said company was the deliberate, willful act of its managing officers.

The legal department of the state is watching closely the evidence being introduced in the Worral grain case and if it develops that a trust really exists there is little doubt but that the attorney general, backed by Gov. Mickey, will institute proceedings. Just at this time, of course, neither Gov. Mickey nor Attorney General Brown will say what they intend to do, or that they are doing anything now, but as a matter of fact these two have had several conversations about the matter and if the proper time arrives the state will take a hand in the matter. Under the Junkin anti-trust law, should it be proven that an organization for the control of prices or for the suppression of trade exists the penalty is a fine of \$5,000 or a term in the penitentiary, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Secretary of State Galusha is up in the air on one of the bills passed by the late legislature. The bill in question is H. R. 214, introduced by C. J. Anderson, of Douglas County, and is an act to provide for the protection of trade marks, labels and forms of advertising, and it was especially desired enacted by the labor unions. The bill provides that a fee of \$2 shall be paid to the secretary of state upon the filing of a trade mark or label. As the statute books do not require the secretary to return the money over to the treasurer, and as the constitution prohibits him from keeping it, the secretary is in a quandary.

Deputy Game Warden Carter, of Lincoln, is in receipt of two beautifully mounted English black cocks. The history accompanying the birds states that many years ago, when the English game cocks became scarce, wealthy sporting men bought up a number of them and placed them in an isolated place, where, after being neglected a number of years, the birds turned into wild fowls, such as were the two sent to the game warden. The birds were sent out by Chicago parties.

If all the laws enacted by the late legislature went into the printed volumes of the session laws in the same shape as the Omaha charter the printed session laws will be a poor guide for those who intend to study the matter passed by the legislature. Assistant City Attorney Herdman of Omaha, was at Lincoln the other day checking up the printed code with the enrolled bill and found it takes almost too numerous to mention.

Officers and employees of the Milford Industrial home have become frightened lest that institution be closed, and Saturday they swooped down upon Gov. Mickey in force to see him about the matter. The governor assured his callers that while it was possible one building would be closed, the institution would continue to be run, especially in view of the fact that the legislature made an appropriation for that purpose.

The state board of public lands and buildings is watching things closely of late. Some time ago some rubber carpeting was bought by sample for use in the Grand Island soldier's home. When it arrived Land Commissioner Eaton discovered that the goods were lighter than the sample, and the board promptly cut of 12 1/2 cents a yard on the purchase.

Owners of bicycles which are propelled by other than muscular power, that is, those machines with motor attachment, must register the same with the secretary of state, pay \$1 to do so and secure a tag with a number just like the owners of automobiles have done.

Gov. Mickey Saturday appointed delegates from Nebraska to the national reciprocity conference, to be held in Chicago, Aug. 15 and 16.

With eight counties still to hear from, the total assessed valuation of the state as shown by the reports of the county assessors, is \$235,867,855. Should these counties make the same returns as last year the total assessed valuation of the state will be \$290,758,630. The counties still out are Douglas, Grant, Holt, Jefferson, Lancaster, Nance, Otoe and Valley. Last year these counties returned an assessed valuation of \$63,830,771, and as some of them will show decreases and others increases, the difference will not be much. The increase in valuation reported over last year is \$1,970,386.