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SENATE ENACTS MEASURE FOR DAILY REPORTS.

AIMED AT "GRAIN TRUST"

Several Members of the Legislature Have Received Threatening Letters Charging Misconduct and Threatening Revelations.

Lincoln, Neb., March 21.-Special to The News: The senate this morning passed a bill to compel all grain dealers in the state to report daily on prices paid.

Reports must be sent by postal card to the bureau of labor and statistics

published from time to time. The bill is aimed to destroy th "grain trust."

Threatening Letters.

Several members of the legislature have received threatening letters. These charge misconduct and threaten revelations. The letters are un-

## CASHIER CRANDALL NOT LOCATED

Affairs of Missing Firth Banker Said to Be Badly Involved.

Lincoln, March 21.-William J. Crandall, cashier of the suspended Citizens' bank of Firth, who left that town last Thursday, has not been located. Advices from the Illinois town of which Crandall said he was Crandall is at the home of relatives

## EXPLOSION IN POWDER MILL

Mixing House Wiped Out and Six Men Blown to Atoms.

has not been ascertained.

The explosion occurred in the mixing house. There were 1,000 pounds of dynamite in the building and the their implements.

## FARMERS' TRUST IN ROUMANIA

Anti-Semitic Outrages Follow the Grievances of Peasants.

Bucharest, Roumania, March 21 .-The long standing agrarian griev ances of the peasants of Roumania against the absentee land owners. denuties. Premier Cantacuzene, replying in behalf of the government, Finch clerk. appealed to all the political parties to assist in reaching a just solution of the difficulty. The government, he added, was ready to undertake severe mous extent the land, grinding the ton of the M. E. church officiating. peasants until they were reduced to desperation. The large sections of Roumania are farmed on a gigantic scale by Jewish syndicates.

Honduran Troops Suffer Reverse. Managua, Nicaragua, March 21.-It that the Honduran troops have suffered a serious defeat at the hands of the Nicaraguans.

Jail and Fine for Howell,

Omaha, March 21.-Samuel E. Howell, formerly president of the Omaha Coal exchange and convicted before Judge Sutton in December of conspiring in restraint of trade, was sentenced by Judge Sutton to six months in the county jail and ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.

American Interests Not Menaced. Washington, March 21,-American interests in the Caribbean ports of Guatemala and Honduras are not believed by Commander William F. Fullam of the United States navy to be seriously menaced by the presence of Nicaraguan naval vessels in that vicinity. A reassuring cablegram to that effect was received at the navy department. The gunboat Chicago is on the west coast of the warring republics.

Cashler Short \$68,000.

Charlotte, N. C., March 21.-Frank Jones, teller in the Charlotte National bank, has been missing since last Sat | circuit were announced. urday, when he left, saying he was going to Richmond, Va An examination of his accounts shows a shortage of about \$68,000. The bank has of-

PASSED TERMINAL TAX BILL GETS BOOLT MAY Committee of Whole,

> Lincoln, March 21.-On two test votes the house declared itself in favor of the railroad terminal taxation bill, and finally, just before adjournment, it was reported to the house for SUICIDE OR INSANITY passage by the committee of the whole. Friends of the bill say this is equivalent to making it a law, as it has passed the senate and Governor Sheldon favors it. It is admitted. however, that the vote on final passage in the house will be close.

The house passed the reciprocal demurrage railroad bill.

The senate passed the railway commission bill and sent it to the house with amendments.

The senate passed the amended pure food bill by unanimous vote. It tempt to prove that a suicide pact exis yet to be acted upon by the house.

MARRIED NINETEEN DAYS, THEY GET A DIVORCE.

Alega Divorce From Emma Wirth Her Husband, S "Cy," Virth-They Were Married at 10/0/, a January

1, But Troubles Began Zarly.

Niobrara, Neb., March 21.-Special to The News: E. A. Houston regoing say he has not been there. Mrs. turned from a professional trip to South Omaha yesterday, where he in Lincoln and is nearly prostrated effected a settlement out of court Examiner Mickey, who is in charge in the case of Emma Wirth (nee Souof the bank, is unable to say whether kup) for divorce and alimony against it is solvent. Hasty examination of Joseph Wirth, to whom she had been it is apparent that Brink's attorneys the books indicates that Crandall is married since January 1. Their hon- will set up a defense of suicide or indebted to the bank, but the amount eymoon lasted nine days in Omaha emotional insanity. On the other hand cannot be told accurately. Crandall and nine days on the farm at Postelhad other interests in the town, and ville, fifteen miles west of here, a chain of circumstantial evidence showthese are declared to be badly in beautiful place in the Niobrara valley. ing that Frank Brink, and only Frank She sued for \$7,000 alimony and Mr. Houston succeeded in having it cut which killed Bessie Newton. down to \$400. Mr. Wirth did not appear against her in her suit for di-Dubois, Pa., March 21.-An explo the old homestead from his father, sion occurred in the Emporium pow on which are a fine modern farm selection of a jury and the statements der mill, located two miles from Em dwelling and buildings, a large orchporium, Pa., which caused the death and other conveniences that thir- at last the jury was empaneled. Two of six men, three Americans, Charles ay-seven years have made ideal. The or three times when C. A. Irwin, who Eckles, James Thomas and William parents live here and a younger son Moran, and three unknown Italian is in the hardware business, all highlaborers. The cause of the accident ly respected for their honesty and cry that the man who committed such thrift.

Teachers at West Point. West Point, Neb., March 20 .- Spesix men who lost their lives were en cial to The News: At the adjourned gaged in making dynamite by mixing regular meeting of the West Point the men employed about other parts and their salaries fixed as follows: of the plant had recovered from the Emma Miller, \$50.00; Blanche Shearshock they were unable to find a ves | er, \$45.00; Emma Ackerman, \$45.00; Lincoln the coming year.

Lindsay Caucus.

Lindsay, Neb., March 21.-Special to The News: At the village caucus which are largely responsible for the held here last night A. P. Carlson and recent anti-semitic outbreaks, formed F. J. Smith were nominated for long the subject of an interpellation by the term, and C. V. Anderson for short opposition leader in the chamber of term members of the village board. Mr. Kopeitz was chairman and H. J.

Wedding at Ainsworth.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 21.-Special to The News: Miss Marian Chrislegal measures against the farmers tina Herre was married here to trusts, which monopolized to an enor George W. Lambley, Rev. Mr. Johns-

Joshua Harrison Convicted.

Elizabet City, N. C. March 21.-The jury in the case of Joshua Harrison, charged with the kidnaping and murder of Kenneth Beasley, the nine-yearis reported here on good authority old son of former State Senator Beasley, rendered a verdict of guilty.

> Postoffice Department Criticised. Sioux City, March 21 .- The feature of the session of the lowa Independent Telephone association was an address by James B. Hoge of Cleveland, president of the international association. Mr. Hoge accused the postoffice department of discrimination against independents in ruling them out of all postoffices unless they connect with

## TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD

J. A. Wild, a prominent lumberman of Hoffman, Minn., died of asthma on a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train

just before reaching St. Louis. The men employed on the ore cars hauling from the Clark mines to the Butte reduction works were called out and the tie-up of the Butte street car system is complete.

Plans for the erection of new theaters in Pittsburg, Newark, Rochester, Buffalo, Toronto, Ont., and Detroit for the new Klaw & Erlanger vaudeville

An order was issued by the interstate commerce commission providing that after April I railroads operating under the interstate commerce act fered \$1,000 reward for his apprehen must file duplicate copies of their 'ariffs with the commission.

PONCA MURDER TRIAL IS ON, SENSATIONS COMING.

Frank Brink is Being Tried at Ponca for the Murder of Bessie Newton on the Eve of Her Marriage to Another Man-The Complications.

Ponca, Neb., March 21.-The dead body of Miss Bessie Newton, now six weeks in the grave, may be exhumed and the gruesome skeleton introduced as an exhibit in the murder trial of Frank Brink, should the defense atisted between Miss Newton and Brink, and that Brink did not shoot his sweetheart on the eve of her wedding to another man.

By the skeleton, the state will seek to show that Miss Newton was wounded twice and not once as commonly believed, and drawing conclusions from the nature of the wounds demonstrate the suicide agreement a myth.

A hasty autopsy of the girl's body States \$400 ALIMONY after her death, revealed only one bullet hole, entering the abdomen, going directly through the heart and emerging at the shoulder blade. The state's attorneys are not satisfied with the postmortem examination and since it has become known that the defense might try to free Brink on the ground of a suicide compact, there is a well founded rumor that the girl's body will be dug up.

Suicide or Emotional Insanity.

From the opening statements made to the jury late yesterday afternoon the state will piece together a long Brink, could have fired the shots

Still pale and weak from his long illness brought on by his attempt to vorce. The Wirths are well-to-do Bo- kill himself by firing four bullets into hemian farmers and Joseph purchased his own body, Brink sat all day in the court room, deeply interested in the made by the opposing attorneys when is conducting the prosecution, made the dingy court room echo with his a heinous crime should suffer capital punishment and nothing less, Brink winced and moved uneasily in his chair.

With all the evidence against Brink, not a soul in this town saw him enter nitro-glycerine and wood pulp. When school board teachers were elected or leave the Newton home and can swear so positively. A drayman driving by heard two shots fired. Two women saw Miss Newton run out of this week has abated, flooded condi tige of the mixing house, the six men Ida H. Melcher, \$50.00; Eva Schairer, the house and fall in the street. They who were at work there, or any of \$50.00; Margaret Gallagher, \$45.00; also saw a man disappear down the of northern California. Stockton is mother, and Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the Elizabeth Kay, \$60,00; Elsie Piper, as. alley. Was that man Frank Brink? sistant principal, \$70.00; Charles R. That the state will have to prove. Weeks, \$90.00. Miss Verna Barr, who Immediately after Brink's wounds has done splendid work in the seventh were dressed his blood-soaked clothes grade did not apply for re-election. It were burned. The women could deis understood that she will teach in scribe the clothes, but they have been destroyed.

Important Witness Missing.

Then, too, it has been learned that Miss Newton telephoned a young man in town asking him to come up for supper on the evening the murder or suicide took place. This man has left town and has not been questioned about the shooting. Men who were in the cigar shop when Brink entered say he took a revolver from his pocket If this is true, the theory of a suicide pact is substantiated in a measure. Thus, all kinds of contradictory evidence will be introduced in the trial.

The sympathy of the people of Ponca is largely with Brink. They say: 'If he is guilty he should be punished," emphasizing the "if."

Miss Newton is described as a with a liking for flirtation. She was brothers. She and Brink had been shirt and coat, supposed to be Obarr's "going together" for three years, O'Donnell had won her consent to marry him ten days before her tragic death:

Before the tragedy and after the invitations had been issued for the marriage of Miss Newton and Mr. O'Donnell, Brink's friends here indulged themselves in "jollying" him over his failure to capture the heart of the girl he had wooed three years. This hurt Brink. At one time he is alleged to have said:

"Well, you can set it down that she will never marry him."

Over fifty witnesses have been subpoenaed by the state and about half that number by the defense. The trial will continue through this week, at least, and may not go to the jury before the first of next week.

Decision in Tribal Tax Case. Muskogee, I. T., March 21.-The government was justified in closing stores and offices in the collection of Creek tribal tax, according to the decision of Judge Lawrence here in a ault for damages brought by Crump & Childers, lawyers, against J. George Wright, Indian inspector, and six Indian policemen. The incident occurred two years ago. Crump & Childers refused to pay tribal tax, as demanded, and their offices were closed and no clients were allowed to enter.

## CHARGED WITH LAND FRAUDS

General Land Office Takes Steps to Cancel Crawford Entries.

Washington, March 21.-Steps are now under way in the general land office to cancel the proors by which Governor Coe L Crawford of South Dakota obtained possession of certain public lands in that state. This state ment was made by Secretary Garffeld of the department of the interior called forth by the charges against Governor Crawford recently published in the Congressional Record by Representative Mann of Illinois. The secretary says criminal prosecutions are now barred in this transaction by the statute of limitations and all that can be done is to restore the land to the public domain. This action, he predicts, will be taken.

The charge of Representative lunney, but in an impassioned speech Mann is that Crawford paid young he appealed to the conscience of the men in his employ to make entry to certain land which was fenced in by him as a part of his cattle ranch; that the entrymen stayed on the land in question but one night when the entry was made, and one other night when the proving up time came.

Sceretary Garfield says. "The criminal prosecutions in the case are now barred by the statute of limitations The commutation proofs, however, upon which the investigation was first started are now under suspension and those can be cancelled. Steps are now under way in the general land of fice to take that action. This appears to be all that can be done in the mat

## COST OF ARMY IN CUBA

Two and One-Half Million Dollars Spent to Keep Peace on Island.

Washington, March 21 -- Extraordi nary expenses to the United States up-to-date caused by sending of ar army of pacification to Cuba aggre gate about \$2,500,000, according to figures which have been prepared by the war department. The navy has made no extraordinary charges for the part it has taken in the main tenance of peace in the island, but the marine corps has charged extra expenses for the organization of brigade of marines to assist in preventing trouble. It has not been de termined exactly when this money will be collected from Cuba by the United States. Congress authorized the collection of as much of this money as Cuba can spare and practically allowed the war department to exercise its judgment in this mat

## FLOODS IN CALIFORNIA

Northern Valleys Report Damage from High Water.

San Francisco, March 21.-Although the severe rainstorm that prevailed hear the excited and uplifted voices looked into and indicated that things tions continue throughout the valleys other, stood Mrs. William Thaw, the experiencing the most severe flood wife, who had bared the secrets of ever known there, and the rivers at her soul in the effort to save her hus-Sacramento, Marysville, Chico and band from the electric chair and from Oroville are still very high. Damage will be very heavy. Railroad, telegraph and telephone services are demoralized.

## POSSE IN PURSUIT OF MURDEREF

Girl Found Dying From Bullet Wound Near Bokoshe, I. T.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 21.-Alice Polland, aged eighteen years, who re a form of paranola, which might sided with her widowed mother three never be cured. It was the intention miles northwest of Carterville, I. T. of Delmas to interrogate Dr Ham. twenty-six miles from here, was found ton only with reference to four visits at noon in a buggy by the roadside he made to Thaw in June and July near Bokoshe, I. T., dying from a bul Jerome promptly objected, saying if let wound in the throat. She regained Dr. Hamilton was to testify at all he consciousness only long enough to must tell everything he knew in consay that she had been shot by George nection with the case, including the Obarr, a farmer with whom she had been driving, and that she had wound ed him in the hand. The buggy showed signs of the girl's desperate "clever girl" of ordinary good looks fight for life. Obarr, who is thirty three years old and married, was a an only daughter with two grownup' neighbor of the Pollands. A bloody were found by posses and he is likely to be captured.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT MILL

Furnace Undergoing Repairs Falls and Five Men Are Killed in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., March 21 .- A tele phone message from Bessemer says the lining of a new furnace of the Woodward Iron company at Wood ward, which has been undergoing re pairs, fell in and hundreds of tons of brick and mortar buried a number of workmen. Five dead bodies have been taken from the debris, Dempsey Hayes, a white man, and four negroes are the known victims.

MARVIN CLUE IS EXPLODED

Woman Whose Son Was Mistaken for Missing Boy May Die from Shook.

Erie, Pa., March 21.-Mrs. John Norvele of Fredonia, N. Y., whose four-year-old son was mistaken for of the supreme court. I feel very bitthe missing child of Dr. Horace Marvin, lies at her home in a precarious condition as a result of the shock due to the excitement of the case The woman has been delirious all day incapable of advising counsel. Thus, and a physician is in constant attendance. The shock was brought on when police officers entered the house and placed the occupants under arrest, feeling assured the child was the lost son of Dr. Marvin.

# TRIAL THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

COMMISSION IN LUNACY MAY EX

AMINE PRISONER.

Will Consider the Matter.

in terror of ever since his trial for

the murder of Stanford White began

has failen. District Attorney Jerome

did not make formal application for

the appointment of a commission in

court, deciaring Thaw, as he sits daily

in court, is unable intelligently to ad

vise his counsel and is believed by

every one who has watched and come

into contact with him to be insane

ists were convinced when they had

considered all the facts in connection

with the case that Thaw was of un

sound mind, Jerome dramatically ac

cused the counsel for the defense of

concealing testimony, which, if pre

sented to the court, would make the

So earnestly did Jerome plead that

Justice Fitzgerald dismissed the jury

until Friday morning and adjourned

court until this afternoon, when he

will consider whatever evidence

either side has to offer and decide

whether the trial shall go on or

whether a commission in lunacy shall

be appointed to pass upon Thaw's

Dramatic and Exciting.

ment of court were dramatic and ex

citing Thaw's counsel seemed taken

utterly by surprise. This was ex-

pected to be the last day of the trial,

except for the summing up before

the jury. Soon after the three-cor-

nered discussion, among Justice Fitz

gerald, District Attorney Jerome and

Delmas began, Thaw's five other at

torneys gathered one by one around

the judge's desk and for a time

seemed intent upon denying what the

court had termed the charges of un

professional conduct brought against

Thaw, dejected, sat deserted at his

counsel table. He flushed crimson as

one by one his attorneys left him to

rally to the support of Delmas, who,

however, in the midst of the proceed

ings, was superceded by Attorney

John B. Gleason. Thaw bit his nails

opened and closed his hands nervous

ly, and finally sank down in his chair

of counsel wrangling, one with the

the fate which he declares he dreads

The climax of the nine weeks' trial

was precipitated by the action of the

defense in calling to the stand Dr. Al

lan McLane Hamilton the alienist

who was first called into the case by

Thaw's original lawyers, Black, Ol-

cott. Gruber & Bonynge, but who was

dismissed, together with them, when

he reported Thaw was suffering from

The argument which ensued became

so pertinent to the question of the

present sanity or insanity of the de

fendant that Justice Fitzgerald or

that broader range which resulted

in the court's determination, before

proceeding further, to have presented

from the jury by the defense and

which he had been unable to give to

District Attorney Jerome's Plea.

legal form before the jury. It is most

ing upon the sanity or insanity of the \$8,000.

the court in strictly legal form.

defendant's family history.

more-a madhouse.

them by the prosecuting officer.

The scenes attending the adjourn-

mental condition today.

continuance of the trial a crime.

Jerome asserted that his own allen-

Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today;

Maximum ...... IS GIVEN A VACATION Average ..... 49 Barometer .....

District Atorney Charges the Defense Chicago, March 21.—The bulletin is-With Concealing Facts Reparding ued by the Chicago station of the Thaw's Mental Condition and Court United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Generally fair tonight and Friday. New York, March 21.-The blow Warmer tonight. which Harry Kendall Thaw has been

defendant. If the defense did not desire to do this, he said, he could not compel it and would have to proceed without such evidence from them to combat that to be offered by the district attorney.

PUTER TELLS HOW FOREST RE-SERVE LAND WAS OBTAINED.

GIVES DETAILS OF THE DEAL

Government Witness Tells of Negotiations With Former Land Commissioner Says He Gave \$2,000 to Senator Mitchell to Square Things.

Washington, March 21.-S. A. D. Puter who gave his residence as the Multnomah county jast, Oregon, where he has served six months of a two years' sentence for land frauds; was a wifness for the government in the Hermann trial here. Mr. Puter gave with startling directness the full details of the difficulties and cost which had followed his effort to obtain patents to twelve homesteads in the Cascade forest reserve, now known as the "eleven-seven" frauds in Oregon. He said he first rounded up ten people and made an agreement to pay them \$150 each for their entries to claims and to turn over the deeds to him. He then saw Dr. Loomis, special agent of the land office. gave him \$500 to make a favorable report on the claims.

After Loomis reached Washington Puter learned that something was wrong and decided to come at once Before leaving Oregon, he got a letter of introduction to Senator Mitchell from Attorney Mayes of Portland. Puter said he knew Mitchell, but asked Mayes to write a "strong" letter and indicate to the senator that Puter would pay him well to fix things up for him. He presented the letter to the senator on his arrival and also in an attitude of utter dejection. In called on Mr. Hermann. The latter an adjoining room, where they could told him that his matters were being Senator Mitchell visited Hermann

> and after several consultations it was decided additional affidavits were necessary. It was regarded as necessary to send for Mrs. Watson, who had made one of the entries. On her arrival Mitchell took Mrs. Watson and Puter to call on Hermann, and at this meeting the senator told the commissioner about the affidavits, and said as soon as they were sworn to they would be furnished. This formality, he said, was attended to at the senate that day and Mitchell advised Mrs. Watson to call frequently on Hermann. Mrs. Watson called on Hermann several times in the next three days, Puter stating that during these visits he waited outside. It was about four days after the affidavits had been furnished that he called on Hermann and said he was surprised at being told that his claims all needed more proof. Hermann advised him to go back to Oregon and get his proof,

dered the jury to retire from the room. Then the discussion took on to him the facts which the distric; attorney asserted had been withheld "If the real facts were known," declared Jerome, "I have no right to be here trying this man for his life. But ly hearsay. But if I could get the facts before you, they would shock and horrify the conscience of the court and instantly this case would be stopped. So deeply have I been impressed with this that I have served notice on the counsel of record that if when this tria! is concluded I find that they were in possession of facts which I believe to be in their the attention of the appellate division terly about this matter. There is not a man who has watched this defendant sitting here at this table that does not know that as he sits there he is where an old lady was at work makunder the statutes, it becomes the ing out his patents. He said he took duty of the court to stop proceedings." the train for the west at once, and Justice Fitzgerald demanded that upon reaching Portland, found the

counsel on both sides submit to him patents waiting for him. His total ex-

all the evidence they possessed touch- pense. Puter said, had been \$7,000 or

Puter said he told both Mitchell and Hermann that it was useless to do this, that the people who had made the entries were scattered. Besides, he said further, if he did get them together they would hold him up for more than he had first paid. He talked the matter over with Mitchell for two hours, as the result of which Mitchell went to see Hermann that day. That night he called on Mitchell and had another conference. It was at this conference, he said, that he took out two \$1,000 bills and laid them on the table in front of Mitchell, saying that this amount represented all that he (lotter) could spend on the claims. He 'estified that he told Mitchell to take the money and get the patents. the knowledge I have cannot be put in He said Mitchell took the bills and kept them, and said he would see what could be done. Mitchell called on Hermann that day and then advised Peter to call on him. This Puter sa he did and Hermann told him that he thought things could be arranged at that the patents would issue. He sa i he had taken the matter up personally. The witness testified that Mitc. all saw Hermann again the next day and later that day Puter possession, I shall call the matter to met Hermann on the street. Hermann shook hands with him, be said, stated he had seen Mitchell and that his patents would be issued. A day or so after this Puter says he called at Hermann's office and was taken to the basement of the general land office,