

THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS-JOURNAL.

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NORFOLK DRIVING CLUB

OFFICERS ELECTED AT WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING.

A NEW PACE FOR RACE MEETS

Same Efficient Officers Who Made the Norfolk Meeting a Success Last Year Will Have Charge Again This Year. Future is Rosy.

C. H. Groesbeck, president. John Friday, vice president. P. M. Barrett, secretary. J. E. Haase, treasurer.

Some of the enthusiasm generated at last year's big race meet and base ball carnival in Norfolk was in evidence at the annual meeting of the Norfolk Driving Club held Wednesday evening in Eagle hall.

Charlie Groesbeck, who helped Norfolk score a ten strike with last year's success, will continue as president of the club. P. M. Barrett was re-elected secretary. J. E. Haase is treasurer again and John Friday vice-president for the coming year.

President Groesbeck and Secretary Barrett will represent Norfolk at the annual meeting of the north Nebraska race circuit at the Oxnard hotel in Norfolk next Monday afternoon.

The Norfolk races will be better than ever next summer. It is expected for one thing that the sizes of the purses will be increased.

Some new ideas will be introduced in the racing week plans for next summer. Something different from the old time street carnival was proposed at the meeting Wednesday evening and some popular invocations will probably be introduced. Of course there will be the races and of course there will be the base ball carnival.

Last year Norfolk set a new pace for racing meets. The attendance at the Norfolk races was not equalled in north Nebraska. And the base ball games won the hearts of the fans. That's why the Norfolk racing future is rosy.

TOO COLD FOR CHICKENS.

They Had to be Taken Out of the Tree Tops—Zero Weather.

It was zero during the night. And one man thought the chickens would freeze if allowed to roost in the tree-tops. So he tried to get them down. He has a long gash in his face as a result. For one rooster struck the man's cheek with a claw.

It was a cold night, all right, all right. Wow! but the wind did blow down from that Rosebud country. Almost went through you.

But morning dawned clear and bright and pretty and the world smiled again. The frown of Wednesday came off nature's forehead and everything was serene. The wind shifted to the south, indicating the approach of warmer air.

Kolmar-Wilde.

Gottlieb Jacob Kolmar and Miss Ida Wilde were married Wednesday evening in the German Evangelical church on South Sixth street. Miss Wilde lives in Norfolk. Mr. Kolmar owns a Pierce county farm, where Mr. and Mrs. Kolmar will live.

Funeral of Mrs. Craig.

From the Craig farm five miles southwest of Norfolk the funeral of the late Mrs. John S. Craig, a Madison county pioneer, was held on Wednesday. Rev. John L. Stine of the Christian church conducted the funeral. Interment was at the Prospect Hill cemetery in Norfolk. The pallbearers were John Ray, A. Ommerman, Lewis Ray, Madison Best, John Henderson and Frank Deuel.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank friends and neighbors and all who were kind and helped in the last illness of our wife and mother and whose sympathy was evident in the hour of death.

John S. Craig and family.

Skating Party.

A party of young people spent last evening at Klug's pond skating.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

A general attendance was desired at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Thursday evening at the Methodist church. The meeting was called for 7:30 to enable State Secretary Bailey of Omaha to confer with Norfolk in regard to the convention. An attendance of ladies was especially desired.

Captain Weller Leaves N. U.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 16.—John Weller, captain of last year's football team and one of the most popular athletes in the Nebraska university, left today for Panama, where he will accept a government position.

WORK FOR HUNGRY.

Plan Mapped Out to Provide Labor in Return for Board and Lodging.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The unemployed men of Chicago dependent on charity for their daily bread, are to be given a chance to work for their board and lodging. The general committee appointed by the United Charities societies met in Mayor Busse's office yesterday and mapped out a plan to furnish work for the idle men.

Big Wrestling Event.

Omaha, Jan. 16.—Manager Gillan of the Auditorium succeeded last night after much negotiating, in matching War Eagle, the giant Indian wrestler, and Farmer Burns for a contest at the Auditorium Friday evening, January 17.

SLAIN BY BROTHERS OF VICTIM

Dr. Beauchamp Shot Down by John and William Thomas at Lawton.

Lawton, Okla., Jan. 16.—Dr. F. D. Beauchamp of this city was shot and killed by Attorney John F. Thomas and William J. Thomas of Fort Worth, Tex., here in a three cornered pistol fight, caused by an old feud. Several months ago Dr. Beauchamp killed Charles Thomas, a brother of John and William Thomas, at Hobart, Okla., Beauchamp alleging intimacy between Charles Thomas and the doctor's wife. Since that time trouble has been brewing.

HARRIMAN MUST ANSWER

ALL QUESTIONS PUT BY COMMERCE COMMISSION.

EXCEPT ON THAT DIVIDEND

United States Circuit Court Has Refused Mr. Harriman to Reply to Questions Except Relating to U. S. P. Stock.

Jan. 16.—E. H. Harriman was today rejected in the district United States circuit court to answer all questions propounded by the interstate commerce commission except those relating to the purchase of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific stock in connection with the dividend of ten per cent declared in August of 1902.

MRS. METCALF HELD TO JURY

Woman Who Tried to Kill Attorney Hamill Refuses to Make Statement.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Thomas Metcalf, who fired several shots at Samuel R. Hamill, an attorney of Terre Haute, and one of the counsel for John R. Walsh, in the corridors of the federal building here, managed to preserve the veil of mystery in which she wrapped herself immediately following the incident. She was brought before a United States commissioner, waived examination and was held to the federal grand jury in bonds of \$1,000. Inability to furnish this bail resulted in her being taken to the county jail.

The woman steadfastly refused to make a statement, but Mr. Hamill gave out several during the day in which he declared that the trouble has arisen over a belief of Mrs. Metcalf that he had failed properly to prosecute a claim against a certain estate in St. Louis, which claim, Hamill asserts, he investigated and found to be worthless. He asserted that the woman is more or less insane and said that she had previously threatened his life in his office in Terre Haute.

H. H. TUCKER AGAIN INDICTED

Former Manager of Uncle Sam Oil Company Must Stand Trial.

Kansas City, Jan. 16.—Harry H. Tucker, Jr., secretary and former general manager of the Uncle Sam Oil company, was reindicted on three counts by a federal grand jury in Kansas City, Kan., for alleged misuse of the mails in advertising the sale of stock. Tucker was indicted April last on three counts charging a similar offense. The indictments were quashed by the trial judge, however, because of a technical error. The Uncle Sam Oil company was placed in receivers' hands last year. Tucker had sold stock in the concern in twenty states to the amount of over \$1,000,000.

FIVE SKATERS DROWNED

Three Lose Lives While Trying to Save Companions.

Connellsville, Pa., Jan. 16.—Of six persons who formed a skating party at the Jintown reservoir, near here, last night, five were drowned.

They are: John Luxner, George Cochran, Frank Cochran, William Fullmer, Elizabeth Fullmer.

Miss Fullmer and George Cochran started toward the center of the reservoir, but had not gone far when the ice broke and they were thrown into the water. As the other members of the party gazed horrified at the spot, two heads reappeared above the surface. Cochran, supporting the girl with one hand, clinging to the broken edges of the ice with the other. In an instant a human chain was formed by the other four, who clasped hands with Andrew Mack, the only survivor, at the end of the line nearest the shore. Just as a hand was being reached out to grasp Miss Fullmer, there was another crash of ice. Frank Cochran, Luxner and William Fullmer had also gone down, the thin ice giving way under their combined weight. Mack was obliged to dash to shore. Helpless to save, he saw his merry companions of a few minutes before go to death. He heard a scream and a choking sound, saw uplifted hands above water for several seconds and then all was still.

Banker Montgomery Indicted.

New York, Jan. 16.—The special grand jury which was sworn in to investigate the conduct of certain banks in New York county, returned two indictments against William R. Montgomery, president of the Hamilton bank. The charges, involving overdrafts and over-certification, have to do, however with acts alleged to have been committed by Montgomery while he was vice president of the institution.

PIERCE CONTEST CASES

ONE ON COUNTY ASSESSOR SET FOR FRIDAY MORNING.

PETITION FOR A RECOUNT

Matter Comes on for Hearing in the County Court at Pierce—Two Similar Cases Go Over Until February. A Republican Victory.

Pierce, Neb., Jan. 16.—Special to The News: The contest case of Gus Lierman, the democratic candidate for county assessor who was defeated by one vote, was set for trial at 9 o'clock in the county court Friday morning. Lierman's case comes before the county court on a petition for a recount by which he hopes to oust his successful republican opponent.

At the same time that Lierman's contest was started two similar cases were started by two defeated candidates on the republican ticket. The democrats made efforts to have these cases brought up first and the calling of the Lierman contest for trial first was counted as a victory for the republican side of the dispute. The other contests will be heard in February.

Body of Lieutenant Crawford Found.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The body of Lieutenant John W. Crawford, private secretary to Admiral Dewey, was found below Fort Foote, on the Maryland side of the Potomac. He disappeared on Nov. 22 last, leaving a note to a friend that he was driven to end his life by financial troubles.

Final Chapter in Walsh Trial.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The final chapter in the trial of John R. Walsh on charges of misapplying funds of the Chicago National bank, was begun when Assistant District Attorney Fletcher Dobyns began the final summing up to the jury.

HOSTS AT DOLLAR DINNER

DEMOCRATS TO NUMBER OF 1,300 SIT DOWN TO BANQUET.

SPEAKERS AND THEIR SUBJECTS

Bryan Says if Party Goes Fast Enough to Overtake Him, He Will Not Strain Himself to Get Away From Presidential Nomination.

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—Nearly thirteen hundred political friends and personal admirers of W. J. Bryan attended in the capacity of diners and speakers the dollar democratic dinner at the Lincoln Auditorium last night. Hall as many more occupied seats as spectators, and heartily applauded the good things said about democracy and Mr. Bryan himself. It was the largest and one of the kind held in Lincoln since Mr. Bryan became an influential factor in the politics of Nebraska, and was intended as an endorsement of his candidacy for the presidential nomination and a declaration that he was in the minds of those present, the logical choice of the party.

Of those present probably a thousand were Nebraska men, but there was a sprinkling from nearby states and a considerable delegation from Missouri and Oklahoma. The speeches without exception were aggressively democratic, but some good words were said for President Roosevelt and kindly expressions for radical leaders in the republican camp. A. C. Shallenberger was toastmaster. The speeches with the exception of Governor Broward of Florida, were extended, carrying the dinner until long past midnight, but with Mr. Bryan last on the program the crowd remained throughout.

The speakers and their subjects were as follows: "Responsibilities of Government," Governor C. H. Haskell of Oklahoma; "The Situation," former Senator Thomas H. Patterson of Colorado; "A Voice from the South," Governor N. B. Broward of Florida; "A United Democracy," Jerry B. Sullivan of Des Moines; "The Democratic Outlook," Henry Warrum of Indianapolis; "God Hates a Coward," M. F. Harrington of O'Neill; address, William J. Bryan.

Bryan Speaks Briefly. Mr. Bryan spoke briefly. He said that while many differ as to the paramount issue, he would name one issue that all could agree upon. It is: "Shall the government be run for the people, by the people, not by the few, for the few?"

"The few are interested," he continued, "in denying labor its just reward." He told how the tariff has worked to the injury of many and the benefit of the few, and how important the railroad question is to all. Yet he could not agree that any one problem mentioned was more important than that the people shall have full control of the government and that laws shall be made for the people as a whole. When that is done all of the other ills will be cured.

"I do not know yet whether I shall be a candidate for president or not," he continued, "but I have got to a point where, if the party goes fast enough to overtake me, I shall not strain myself to get away. I say I do not know yet, but I should rather close headquarters and make a campaign without an organization than to draw funds from a source that I was ashamed to tell about."

Professor Baetens Kills Self.

Omaha, Jan. 16.—Only one day after his eighty-second birthday, while in a fit of despondency, produced by illness and inability to meet his classes in music, Charles Baetens, the veteran musician, who for years has been one of the most prominent figures in Omaha musical circles, shot and killed himself in the bathroom of the house where he roomed, 620 South Nineteenth street.

CODE BILL IS AMENDED

MEASURE IS CHANGED IN SOME IMPORTANT PARTICULARS.

HOUSE FAVORS PRISON TERMS

Proposal to Add Imprisonment to Penalty in Clause Prohibiting Collecting and Disbursing Officers from Trading in Public Property is Accepted.

Washington, Jan. 16.—So persistent have been the efforts made in the house of representatives to amend the bill codifying the penal laws of the United States that the committee on the revision of the laws consented to let down the bars, and as a result the measure was changed in some important particulars. The pacific attitude of the committee in this regard served to mollify the opposition members, and in consequence the proceedings were devoid of heated arguments, which have characterized the previous debates. When the house adjourned there were pending a number of other important amendments, which seemed to meet with no particular opposition by the committee, but which were passed over in order that the members might have time to consider them carefully. The portions of the bill which attracted the most attention were those covering the giving and accepting of bribes by senators and members and the sale of indorsements or support for appointive public offices. It is to the amendments touching these questions that the house will devote itself upon resuming consideration of the bill.

The democrats waged an unsuccessful fight against a committee amendment, which Parsons (N. Y.) explained was to correct a misprint. The amendment modified the statute prohibiting collecting and disbursing officers from trading in public property so as to make the penalty not more than \$300, instead of the specific amount.

An amendment by DeArmond (Mo.) to add imprisonment to the penalty of not more than ten years was defeated. He then changed it to make the imprisonment not more than one year. Amid loud democratic applause, the amendment was accepted by the committee and was incorporated into the bill.

The senate reduced Chinese indemnity. The senate did not receive a reply from the secretary of the treasury to its resolution calling for information concerning the financial situation, as had been promised, and in its absence Senator Aldrich assented to the passage of Senator Culberson's resolution on the same subject. Without further comment the resolution was adopted. The senate passed a joint resolution reducing from \$24,000,000 to \$11,000,000 the war indemnity of the United States from China. The remainder of the session was devoted to the discussion of the penal code bill.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

[Live Stock market furnished by the National Live Stock Commission Co., Stock Exchange building, South Omaha.]

South Omaha, Jan. 16.—Cattle—Receipts 6,000. The general market is slow. Hogs—Receipts 11,000. The market is strong to 5c higher, bulk selling at \$4.30@4.35; top price \$4.42½. Sheep—Receipts 6,000. The general market is 10 to 15c lower.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Jan. 16.—Cattle—Receipts 10,000. General market is steady to weak. Hogs—Receipts 40,000. Market is strong. Sheep—Receipts 15,000. The general market is steady.

CONDITION OF GRAIN MARKET

Selling Price of Wheat, Corn and Oats in Chicago.

[This market report is furnished by the Omaha branch office of Logan & Bryan, commission merchants, room 112 Board of Trade, Omaha, Neb., members of Chicago Board of Trade and all other principal exchanges.]

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Following were prices on the Chicago Board of Trade at 10:30 this morning:

Wheat—	
May	\$1 02½
Corn—	
May	60
Oats—	
May	53½

THE MARKETS AT NORFOLK

Prices Being Paid for Staple Products in Norfolk Today.

[This market furnished by the Satter Coal & Grain Co., Norfolk.]	
Wheat	\$ 80
Oats	42
Corn	47
Rye	65
Barley	40
Hogs	4 80

TAKE UP CREAM RATES

NEBRASKA COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING MATTER.

POOR SERVICE IS CHARGED

Controversy Began Several Months Ago When the Express Companies and Railroads Attempted to Raise the Long Haul Rates.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 16.—Special to The News: The state railway commission today took under advisement the complaint against railroads and express companies filed by creamery men.

The creamery men filed a protest with the commission alleging inefficient service.

The controversy began several months ago after the railway and express companies attempted to raise the rate for hauling cream on long distance hauls.

The increased rates which the railroads and express companies tried to put in effect would have allowed Norfolk and other inland cities to much more equitably compete with Omaha and Lincoln on cream. The old rates discriminate in favor of those cities, by making the long hauls into those places from out through the state almost as cheap as the shorter hauls into Norfolk and other points. The Omaha and Lincoln creameries are trying to block this equalization.

Gossard's Shortage Paid.

McCook, Neb., Jan. 16.—The first bright ray for Red Willow county in the shortage by ex-County Treasurer B. G. Gossard flashed across the local horizon when a draft for \$6,492.72 was received from a bonding company of Baltimore, covering the entire amount of the shortage. The guaranty company had bonded the officer.

DIRECT BID FOR FUSION

POPULISTS WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN OMAHA.

SAME DAY AS DEMOCRATIC

Populist State Central Committee Call State Convention in Omaha on March 5—Democrats Adopt Optional Primary Plan.

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—What is regarded as a direct bid for fusion was made by the Populist state central committee when it selected Omaha, March 5, as the place and date for the state convention. Democrats earlier in the day had named the same place and date for their convention. The Populists, by resolution, declared in favor of a separate organization. By vote it was declared the sense of the committee that delegates to the national convention at St. Louis support W. J. Bryan as Populist nominee for president.

An optional primary plan was agreed on by the Democrats similar to that voted by the Republican committee, only the Democrats must have a request for a primary signed by fifty Democrats in each county before any county chairman sanctions the procedure in selecting delegates to the state convention.

A. F. Mullen Heads Bryan League. A. F. Mullen of O'Neill was elected president of the Bryan Volunteers, C. F. Gunther of Columbus secretary. Mr. Mullen is a prominent attorney at O'Neill.

Garrett for Lieutenant Governor. E. O. Garrett of Fremont is reported in the Lincoln papers as having announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor, subject to the democratic primary. Mr. Garrett is a book man and is well known in north Nebraska. He was toastmaster at the recent banquet of the North Nebraska School Folks club in Norfolk. Mr. Garrett's reported announcement was made at Lincoln on the occasion of the Bryan banquet.

TELL OF THAW'S TRAITS

Witnesses Declare Defendant Irrational and Mentally Unsound.

New York, Jan. 15.—Adhering strictly to their promise to interpose no other defense than that of insanity in behalf of their client, the attorneys representing Harry K. Thaw continued the examination of witnesses, who swore that young Thaw at various times in his life appeared to them as irrational and mentally unsound. Practically all of the testimony was entirely new to the case and had to do with acts down to the day of the tragedy itself. Then came the declaration of the ten men who sat on the coroner's jury during the inquiry into Stanford White's death, all of whom declared that the defendant the day following the shooting acted irrationally. His manner and appearance were such as to cause the inquest jury to discuss his state of mind after their formal verdict had been rendered.

Big Gain Shown in Rail Traffic.

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—The state railway commission has received reports from the car service departments of the Burlington and the Missouri Pacific, showing that there has just been a big picking up in grain and live stock shipments. The traffic has gained 15 per cent in volume in the last two weeks.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

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

Maximum	18
Minimum	0
Average	9
Barometer	30.20

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Fair tonight and Friday. Rising temperature.

170 DEAD AT BOYERTOWN

ONE-FIFTEENTH OF POPULATION WIPED OUT BY HOLOCAUST.

BODIES DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY

In Many Instances They Are Burned to Crisp in Upper Portion—Public School Used as Morgue—Relatives In Sad Search for Loved Ones.

Boyetown, Pa., Jan. 16.—Bearing up bravely under the awful blow which it received in the destruction of the Rhoades Opera House by fire on Monday, this thriving little borough has come to a full realization of the fact that one-fifteenth of its population was wiped out of existence by the holocaust. The figures compiled by Coroner Strasser show that there are 170 dead as a result of the fire. The list of dead includes one fireman, who lost his life fighting the fire, and one man, Jacob Johnson, who died from injuries received in the blazing playhouse. Three more charred bodies were recovered from the ruins of the building and of the 168 bodies, or remains, that lie in the improvised morgues, 115 have been officially or partially identified by sorrowing relatives or friends. The private morgues in the town were not sufficient size to receive the bodies of those taken from the fire ruins and the public school was also used as a charnel house. Here, where a number of the victims went daily to their studies, the bodies were laid out in rows. Jewelry and fragments of clothing picked up in the blackened ruins was tagged, as were the charred and blackened bodies, or such portion of them as remained, and all in search of missing loved ones were permitted to pass through the gruesome rows to make identification. Some of the bodies could not be recognized by the features alone, as in most cases the upper portion of the corpses was seared or burned to a crisp.

The scenes at the morgue were heartrending. Children of tender years were in some cases called upon to assist in making the identification of parents who went to an untimely death in the fire and panic, and again feeble men and women were racked with anguish as they came upon some distorted body in which they recognized the form of a lost son or daughter.

Few Bodies Have Headers.

There were fifty-five undertakers or their representatives in the town and there was plenty for them to do, as all were called upon to assist in preparing the remains for inspection and identification. Coroner Strasser says that not more than twenty-five of the entire number of bodies removed from the fire have headers. There are several trunks that will probably never be identified, as there were several strangers in the audience that witnessed the play.

Building Inspector Hockman of Reading, who made an inspection of the opera house which was destroyed, said, "In my opinion the people in the hall were overcome by the fumes from the tank used in connection with the tableaux lights and simply could not help themselves. A man told me that he reached in the doorway to assist a woman from the building and that he was nearly overcome by gas. He was not in the hall when the fire started."

A committee has been appointed to make a canvass of the borough and arrange for the proper burial of the dead. A call has also been issued for volunteers to help dig the graves necessary to bury the victims.

ROOSEVELT WILL BE TOPIC

Live Stock Association Expects to Discuss President at Coming Meet.

Denver, Jan. 16.—One of the important questions for consideration at the annual convention of the American National Live Stock Association, which will meet here next Tuesday, is President Roosevelt's policy regarding the public lands, the forest reserves and ranges.

President Murdo MacKenzie, in an interview, said: "Our convention at this time carries with it more than passing importance. Stockmen are facing serious losses, where but a short time ago fair profits were promised, and they are now being forced to accept greatly reduced prices for their live stock, possibly to offset losses and money shortages of the 'frenzied financiers' of some large overcapitalized corporations, that on short time money, have undertaken to capture and control every market, avenue of transportation and trade."

Kentucky Ballot Without Result.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 15.—The ballot in joint session for United States senator was without result. Beckham received 68, Bradley 64, scattering 5. There were two absentees.

DROPPED DEAD AT FIRE

OAKLAND, CAL., BROKER SUC-CUMBS ON SPOT.

FIREMAN'S LEG IS AMPUTATED

The Pacific Express Building, One of the Oldest in Oakland, Cal., Was Destroyed by Fire—The Loss Amounted to \$80,000.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 16.—Fire destroyed the Pacific Express building at the corner of Twelfth and Castro streets, today.

W. B. Coldan, aged sixty-one, a mining broker, dropped dead from excitement due to the fire and Fireman Arthur Covens was so seriously injured that one leg had to be amputated immediately.

The building was one of the oldest in the city. The loss was \$80,000.

PRINCE EDWARD DEAD.

President of the Prussian House of Lords Has Succumbed.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—The death was today announced of Prince Edward F. L. Zullinhausen und Knyphausen, president of the Prussian house of lords. He was born in 1827.

JAPAN SETTLES WITH CANADA

Latter Accepts Verbal Promise of Restriction of Immigration.

Tokio, Jan. 16.—The Canadian immigration question has been settled. The Japanese government has received notice that the report of Rodolphe Lemieux, Canadian minister of labor, is entirely satisfactory to the Canadian government and that it would accept in good faith the verbal promise of the restriction of the emigration of laborers, relying upon the Japanese government to enforce the regulations, which are outlined in its memorandum.

Nothing now remains except the exchange of memoranda between the two governments.

A mistaken idea prevails abroad in relation to the Japanese cabinet crisis, according to dispatches from Washington and London, to the effect that an opposition victory might entail a change in Japan's foreign policy. Specialists from Washington say that it is believed that the immigration controversy had something to do with changes in the cabinet. These surmises are entirely in error. The cabinet crisis is purely the result of inter-party differences over the budget. In the event of the resignation of the entire cabinet, its reformation would certainly result in the retention of a number of the present ministers, including possibly Foreign Minister Hayashi.

HASTENS STANDARD OIL DECISION

Government Will Not Contest Appeal

Chicago, Jan. 16.—No contrary motions will be filed by the government against the petition for a certification of certain questions to the supreme court of the United States which attorneys for the Standard Oil company recently sent into the United States circuit court of appeals here. This announcement was made to the latter tribunal by Edwin W. Sims, United States district attorney, who has just returned from a conference with Attorney General Bonaparte in Washington. The conclusion not to contest means that a final decision in the appeal from the \$29,240,000 fine probably will be hastened. Attorneys for the oil company ask that their contention that the Elkins law was repealed by the passage of the Hepburn act be certified to the supreme court at once, so that it may be adjudicated in connection with a case involving the same point, in which the Great Northern Railroad company is interested. If the contention is upheld the decision would operate to invalidate not only the indictments upon which the big fine was based, but also a large number of other indictments charging receiving or giving rebates.

Shumway Juror Ends His Life.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 16.—John S. Peters, one of the jurors who found R. Meade Shumway guilty of murder, affixing the death penalty, committed suicide by blowing the top of his head off with a shotgun. Peters had brooded over the verdict rendered against Shumway two months ago.