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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

ROCKEFELLER DONATES A VAST SUM FOR EDUCATION.

Donation is Largest Ever Given by Single Individual to Philanthropy-Brings His Total to General Education Up to \$43,000,000.

Thirty-two million of dollars' worth of income bearing securities was the gift which John D. Rockefeller, through his son John D. Rockefeller, Jr., announced to the general education board when it assembled for a special meeting at New York Thurs-

The donation, which is the largest single prize ever handed out for such a purpose, will be used for general educational purposes throughout the

Mr. Rockefeller previously had given the board \$11,000,000 for the same work, his contributions now amounting to \$43,000,000. The general education board apparently was not prepared for this gift, which was announced simply in a letter from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to the board, in

"My father authorizes me to say that on or before April 1, 1907, he will give to the general board income bearing securities, the present value of which is about \$32,000,000, one-third to be added to the permanent endowment of the board, two-thirds to be applied to such specific objects within the corporate purposes of the board as either he or I may from time to time direct, any remainder not so designated at the death of the survivor to be added also to the permanent endowment of the board.

Members of the board were amazed, saying they did not know of the do nation until the letter was read.

AGAIN PRODDING SULTAN.

United States Pressing for Settlement of School Issue.

Wearied with the delays so characteristic of Turkish officialdom, the American ambassador raised into prominence the question of recognition of American schools, urging the necessity of prompt settlement of the ques tion. The ministers thus ignored have been stirred into unwonted activity and the departments concerned, accing, it is understood, from orders of the sultan, have entered into negotiations with the embassy. The embassy is pressing matters hard with the hope of a final adjustment, and the frequent exchange of written communications as well as visits between officials of the porte and the embassy are expected soon to lead to satisfactory results The question was settled in principle nearly three years ago, but the obstructiveness and dilatoriness both at the palace and on the part of the porte delayed the official ratification of the agreement arrived at.

BELL HELD FOR MURDER.

Street Car Conductor Accused of Killing Dr. Townsend.

The inquest into the death of Dr Charles W. Townsend, who was shot while in bed at his home in New Brighton, Staten Island, early on the morning of Jan. 27, and later died from his wounds, resulted Wednesday in John Bell, a street car conductor of Brooklyn, being formally declared the man who fired the shot. Bell took the verdict calmly.

The main testimony before the coroner was that given by Bell's brother Howard and his brother-in-law, Wm. Coar. To both of them, the witnesses testified. Bell said he had killed Dr. Townsend.

Howard Hell said his brother told him he waited an hour in the Townsend home deliberating whether or not

To Form Bank in Manila.

Secretary Taft has been making strong efforts to secure the approval of congress of the plan which he has formulated for the creation of an agricultural bank in the Philippines. He has been assured by leading Philippine interest, that such a measure would be popular in the islands.

Doubles Price Paid for Oil. The Standard Oil buyers of crude oil

have doubled the price paid to the wells in the district around Terre Haute, Ind. It is presumed this is a move to forestati a bill for a law to the same effect which Senator Carvin of Terre Haute, has announced he would introduce in the legislature.

Sloux City Live Stock Market. Thursday's quotations on the Slour City live stock market follow: Beeves, \$5.50 @ 6.00. Top hogs, \$6.85.

Cleveland to Speak in Chicago. Ex-President Grover Cleveland has accepted the invitation of the Union Leagua club, of Chicago, to deliver the oration at the annual celebration of Washington's birthday conducted under the auspices of the club.

Father of Twelve Killed by Train. L. W. Coln, a prominent citizen of Winamac, Ind., the father of twelve children, was killed by a fast Chicago,

maji train Wednesday.

SLAIN ON EVE OF WEDDING.

Miss Bessle Newton, of Ponca, Neb., is Victim.

Alone in her home at Ponca, Neb., busying herself with preparations for place the next evening, Miss Bessie GIVES 32 MILLIONS Newton answered a rap at the door fronted by Frank Frink, a rejected sultor, who, a few moments later, shot and almost instantly killed the defenseless girl.

> Frink, who is a well to do farmer, nged 30, living a mile southeast of her home, then turned the gun on himself, inflicting serious wounds in the head and breast. He is still alive, although he has not regained conciousness since the shooting.

Miss Newton was 26 years old and lived with her aged father. As indicated above the tragedy was the result of an unhappy love affair.

The crime was committed at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Frink had driven in from his farm early in the afternoon and was loafing in the clgar store of William Groth. Just before the shooting Mr. Newton, the girl's father, came into the store and Frink was seen to leave the place immediately. A few moments later the Newton neighbors were startled by the report of a revolver, and were horror stricken to see Miss Bessie reel from the hous-

and fall upon the ground in the yard The neighbors rushed to the girl's assistance and carried her into the houses, but life was already extinct.

ATTACKS BOND ISSUE.

Creditor of the Wabash Declares Re-

cent Issue Illegal. Suit has been begun in the United States circuit court by James Pollitz. of New York, a bondholder of the Wabash Railroad company, seeking to attack the recent issue of \$200,000,000 of 4 per cent bonds and \$15,500,000 of preferred and \$16,500,000 of the common stock of that corporation. The ground alleged is that the issuance of such securities was illegal and in convention of the road's by-laws.

The issue complained of was made, it is alleged, to retire two series of debentures of the Wabash issued in 1889 and due in 1939, amouniting to \$30,-000,000, becauses the terms of the bonds prevented the road's officialfrom using the earnings of the company for betterments or improvements until after the interest on the bonds

Pollitz asks the courts to enjoin the Wabash from paying either the interest on the new bonds or dividends on the new stock and that the roads' directors be compelled to account to the bondholders and stockholders for the new stocks and bonds so issued. He also seeks to have further transfer of such stocks and bonds stopped.

MAY END TRACTION FIGHT.

Chicago Council to Submit proposition to the Voters of the City.

The city council of Chicago Tuesday adopted an ordiance, which, if approved by the voters in April, will settle Chicago's traction question.

The ordiance provides the city shall issue a twenty-year franchise to the Chicago City railway and Union Traction companies, with the understanding that on six months' notice the city may purchase the rallways for \$50,000. plus the cost of rehabilitation.

Policeman Kills Superior.

Policeman Isaac Lewis walked into the office of Police Captain Kolzapfe! at Jackson, Mich., Tuesday and without warning, or any cause as far as can be ascertained, shot him through the heart, killing his superior almost instantly. He then fired a shot at Chief Boyle, but missed him. Lewis s thought to be insane.

To Start Venezuelan Revolution.

Gen. Jose Manuel Hernandez known in Venezuela as "El Mocho, left the isthmus Wednesday for New York. It is reported that he goe north in connection with the revolutionary party in Venezuela and that be has received choouraging letters from his friends in that country.

Gans and Lewis to Fight.

Joe Gans, of Baltimore, and Harry Lewis, of Philadelphia, met at Philadelphia Tuesday and signed articles of agreement for a finish fight for the lightweight championship of the world. The men will fight for \$5,000 a side and the biggest purse offered.

Pope Receives Americans.

Col. Harvey W. Scott, editor of th Portland Oregonian; Mrs. Scott and Miss Scott were received in private auclience by the pope at Rome Tuesday. The pontiff showed great interest conditions on the Pacific coast.

Do Not Want Free Seeds. Defeat of the free seed bill by the inited States senate is called for by C. B Barrett, president of the National Carmers' union.

Big Earthquake Shock.

A dispatch from Belar, seismologist at Laibach, reports an earthquake lasting ninety minutes, occurred Suntay about 4,600 miles from Laibach.

Snow Man Causes Fatal Runaway A snow man in front of a school house at Kankakee Ill., caused a runaway accident, frim the effects of which Mrs. Joseph Bourrell died. She was thrown head first against a telegraph pole and never regained con-

Appeal for Chinese Sufferers, Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota, has issued an appeal asking Minnesota people to assist the famine stricken Chi-

BLAME ON CITIZENS.

Negroe Sergennt Says They "Shot Up" Brownsville.

Jacob D. Frazier, former first sergeant of Company D. Twenty-fifth inher wedding which was to have taken fantry, testified Wednesday before the senate committee hearing the Brownsville affair. He said he believed none of the members of his company were mixed up in the shooting affair.

He stated it was his belief citizens of Brownsville "shot up" the town to drive the soldiers away.

"They wanted us away," he said because colored men would spend very little meny in saloons on account of their treatment, and citizens of Brownsville wanted white soldiers who would spend their money."

Frazer was of the opinion that the o'clock a. m., whereas Harris placed the time at 6:15 o'clock.

Senator Overman questioned the witness regarding the whereabouts of men not at roll call and unaccounted for, but Frazer could give no direct his zeal in trying to find out 'secretly' who did the shooting was due to his desire to protect his own army rec-

Charles Dade, former cook of Company D, testified that the McKeever belts and boxes were carried by the men at the inspection on the morning after the shooting. Frazer had previously stated that these boxes were not worn at that inspection.

Jerry E. Reeves, former sergeant of Company D, said that on the night of the trouble he was awakened by shots which appeared to be in the direction of the quarters of Companies B and C. He was positive that his company wore web belts at the inspection and that the McKeever boxes were in quarters. Shortly after inspection witness stated that the guns were taken away from the men, but he believed that the ammunition was still left in their care. He knew nothing of any conspiracy of silence.

Senator Overman asked: "Could the citizens of Brownsville get any Springfield cartridges?" and Recycl replied

The witness when asked about the gun inspection stated that the cook's gun was the only one that was not thoroughly clean, but that cobwebs were found on it.

NOT TO OPPOSE DIVORCEE.

Mrs. Beckwith Will Not Resist Action of Husband.

Robert T. Lincoln, son of the mar-Jessie Lincoln Beckwith, who, with Mrs. Beckwith, is staying at Augusta, Ga., stated that the divorce proceedings that had just been filed by Warren Beckwith against his daughter, based on desertion, caused no surprise to his family, as the couple had been living apart several years. Mr. Lincoln also said it was a plain case of "quits," and the affair has not the least touch of scandal.

Mr. Lincoln said that no opposition whatever would be made in the case by his daughter. As the couple had been living in Iowa previous to the separation, and the law in that state required only two years of separation in order to secure a divorce on the desertion charge, the divorce will be secured with ease by Beckwith.

FLOOD FEARED IN OREGON.

Water High in the Tributaries of the

Willamette. A rise of several degrees in temperature following an average snowfall of two or three inches in the Willamette valley n Oregon and perhaps as many feet in the foothills, has caused flood conditions in all streams on the Willamette watershed. A continuation of the present warm rains for another twenty-four hours, it is feared, will cause a "February flood" similar to that of 1890, when the water entered the streets of Portland. -The Oregon Railway and Navigation company's line has been blocked since Saturday by snowslides. Railroad officials pronounce the conditions the worst in twenty years.

Boy's Snowball Hits Kaiser. Emperor William was accidentally hit in the face by a snowball while driving through Berlin on Sunday. It was aimed at a passing automobilist, The emperor shook his finger at a group of boys from which the snowball came, who thereupon scampered

Imagines Thief; Wild Leap.

An Italian passenger on the Wabash train, crazed lest someone rob him of \$3,600 which he carried in a beit around his waist, jumped from the train while it was running at full speed an hour after leaving Chicago. The train was stopped and the Italian found beside the track badly bruised.

Fortress of Nebogatoff. The czar of Russia has confirmed

the sentences passed by the courtmartial on Vice Admiral Nebogatoff and the other naval officers tried. Nebogatoff will be interned in a fortress for ten years and the others for various

Four Victims of Premature Blast. While blasting stumps along the new Monon right of way in the vicinity of Midland, Ind., a heavy charge of dynamite prematurely exploded, fatally

injuring Stephen Marico and seriously

injuring three helpers. Hotel on Fire; Owner Dies. Heart failure, due to the shock of an alarm of fire in the Hotel Alexander at Pittsburg, Pa., caused the death of the proprietor, Thomas Clark, aged 76, The fire loss was \$2,500.

STATE OF NEBRASKA HUMBOLDT FARMERS INSTITUTE

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

Frink is Now Under Close Guard-Slayer of Girl at Ponea Likely to Recover-Coroner's Jury Begin Inquest-Make New Discovery.

A coroner's jury has began an innuest into the murder of Miss Bessie Newton at Ponca by her sweetheart. Frank Frink, but did not reach a verdict. The jurors are Pearl Barker, Ell. inspection was made about 7:17 Heldy, Charles Eyhler, Frank Munson, Patrick McCabe and W. N. White.

Previous to the opening of the inquest the coroner, Dr. J. O. Jolley, of Dixon, assisted by Dr. O'Connell. Ponca. conducted an examination which brought out some interesting circumstances in regard to the shoottestimony on that point. He stated ing. The young woman was lying on a couch when Frink began firing. The first bullet missed her prostrate form and lodged in the couch. The second hit her in the shoulder. It is presumed that she then Jumped up from the lounge. The third bullet pierced her heart. She staggered through the room out of the front door and fell lifeless in the front yard.

Edward O'Donnell, of Humboldt, In., who was to have married Miss Newton, arrived at Ponca Wednesday tragic end of his fiancee. His first knowledge of the murder was gained the bank from a newspaper while on his way.

Frink has recovered consciousness, and the attending physician states that he will likely recover unless unlooked flected, causing a slight fish wound. ose. The breast wound is the most dangerous, and the builet has not get been located.

CALLAWAY HAS A BAD FIRE.

Row of Business Structures is Burned, but Their Contents Saved. the building, burning two pool tables and the restaurant fixtures. From this building the flames leaped to the racket store of Isaac Bryner and his building with most of the stock was con sumed. The fire continued south, licking up the G. A. Griffith real estate building office and the dental parlor occupied by James Oliver, the Courier Tribune office and the local telephone exchange. There being but little wind, the buildings burned slowly and outside of the Bryner store most of the fixtures, etc., were saved by being carried to the street.

STOCKMEN LOSE HEAVILY.

Havoc Wrought in Western Nebraska by Recent Severe Weather. Cattlemen in the sand hill country of northwestern Nebraska, where live stock is the chief industry, say that heavy losses have been suffered because of the long continued severe weather. Beginning as early as October it was necessary to feed hay, the ranges being covered. A little later a heavy sleet storm covered the range grass, and with the snow that followed all kinds of stock have suffered severe ly from cold and hunger. Reports from the Billings country in Montana. one of the centers of the sheep industry, are to the effect that some sheep men have lost 80 per cent of their flocks. In a number of cases this means ruin for several of the flock

masters. HAMLIN PLEADS GUILTY.

Stayer of 15-Year-old Nebraska Girl

Makes Confession. John Hamiln, slayer of Rachel Engle at Grand Island, the 15-year-old daughter of his landlady, pleaded guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree. Judge Hanna announced that owing to the seriousness of the charge and the fact that the plea had been unlocked for he would take the matter under advisement until the next term of court. Hamlin is supposed to have committed the crime as a result of jealousy. The shooting occurred Aug. 3, 1906, but the girl did not die until two weeks ago. Hamlin was arrested August 4 and has been in Jail since that time.

ocked up by the "whisky brighter." their competitors sunday and were see it they were not more wiley than ing emporiums insisted on trying to Blocum law, two persistent and in to notheloty all another violation of Chief Donahue recently by keeping or Omaha who tempted Fate and banishment meted out to saloon men Although fully cognissing of the Two Saloonkeepers Jailed.

Holdrege Against County Option. The city council of Holdrege, at regular meeting has passed a resolution by unanimous vote against the proposed county option bill.

Saw Cut Proves Fatal. Rinold Sohl died recently at Millard from blood poisoning caused by a cu: on his arm from a circular saw. ceived while he was sawing wood Jan He leaves a wife, mother, two brothers.

Teacher Ends His Life. After setting fire to his father's barn John Rammel, a school teacher, 34 years old, of Syracuse, climbed into body was almost entirely consumed. The barn and contents were destroyed. Deuel and Cheyenne counties.

Two Addresses by Former Governor

Poynter and One by Prof. Smith. The two days' session of the farmers' institute closed recent y at Humboldt one of the best meetings of the kind ever held. The opening session was in charge of the women, who after a most interesting program and an address by Mrs. F. O. Edgecombe, of Geneva, organized a woman's auxillary to the institute. In the afternoon a large crowd filled the opera house to listen to an address from ex-Gov Peynter on "The Kind of Dairy Cow for the Farmer." The principal address at the evening session was by Prof. H. R. Smith, of Lincoln, on "The Development of Our Domestic Animals," and the audience was large and attentive. Mr. Pointer also followed with a second address on "Some Es sentials of Successful Farming." On the closing day, in addition to the local speakers handling the subject of "Good Roads," all listened to a talf from D. P. Ashburn, of Gibbon, on "Seed Corn Selesction." All of the program was interspersed with talks by local workers and both vocal and instrumental music. Officers were chosen for the coming year as fellows: President, O. E. Zook; vice president, J. O. Shroyer; secretary, Don Gridley; treasurer, Frank Rist.

BANK SUES FORMER OFFICER.

Humboldt Institution Seeks to Recov er for Judgments Paid. The First National bank of Humboldt has filed suit against F. W. Samuelson, as principal, and Sarah Steele, and is completely prostrated over the Margaret Steele and J. C. Steele, as his sureties, on his bond as president of

During his presidency Samuelson had several business transactions with patrons of the bank in which he convinced the customers they were leavfor complications develop. Frink, who ing their money with the bank and at is being closely guarded by the sher- the same time issued personal paper iff, is still very weak from loss of to them and retained the money for blood, and has made no statement re- his own private use. The first case garding his terrible crime. Frink fired filed against Samuelson and his bondsthree bullets in his deseparte attempt men grew out of the Ida Helm case to end his own life. One builet struck against the bank, in which Mrs. Heim a pocketbook which he carried in a recovered \$1,652 from the bank. Since pocket over his heart, and was de- then Patterson and Boop have each secured judgments aggregating near-Another ball entered his breast and by \$6,000. Several similar cases are caused a serious wound, and the third pending, involving \$12,000, and if all entered his head near his ear, followed | the pigintiffs can secure judgments the the cheek bone and came out in his bank will sue Samuelson and his bondsmen for nearly \$20,000.

WATERBURY SWEPT BY FIRE.

Nebraska Town Suffers Loss Estimated at \$15,000.

*Awakened at 2:30 a. m. by roaring flames which had spread to Once more Calloway has been called the rof of the two-story frame upon to feed a block of its business hotel at Waterbury from the printing houses to the hungry flames. At about office next door, nine people, including 6 o'clock in the evening fire started in the guests and the family of M. Tahey, the restaurant of McDermot & Pierce proprietor, escaped from the Mered in the senate by Burns, of Lancastory of the late Representative William H. tyred president and father of Mrs by a coffe urn exploding. Before help chants hotel, scantily clad in whatever they could throw about them, five minutes before the burning roof gave way and crashed through the second The fire started in a manner un-

known in the one-story frame building occupied by the printing plant of the Waterbury Criterion and the barber shop of Frank Maho, located on the of Dr. Hoskin, the restaurant building east side of Logan street, just north of the Merchants hotel, which stands on the corner. Driven by a howling northwest wind, the flames engulfed the wooden hotel building in a twink

PRISONER STARTS FIRE IN JAIL.

Burns Papers and Chairs and Later

Sets Match to Own Clothing. Pat Casey caused much excitementat the county jail at Falls City recently Having been placed in a cell he pro ceeded to warm things up by starting a fire. Newspapers, bed clothing and chairs were piled up and ignited. When the fire was discovered by outsiders, the jall was filled with smoke to the point of suffocation. The prisoners were all taken out safely. Pat was removed to a cell in the court house. Having hidden matched in his hair, he then set fire to his own cloth ing in that building. He was somewhat burned before the flames could be extinguished. He finally quieted down and was given ninety days' sentence. Other charges are pending against

BLOODHOUND CASE RECALLED.

Man Confesses Crime for Which An-

other Was Convicted. Word comes that "Reddy" Williams, former well known character of Auburn, has just been sentenced twenty years in the Idaho penitentiary. It is said the charge was forgery, and another story is to the effect that Williams attempted to wreck a train in the northwest. It is also said that Williams, since receiving his sentence, has confessed to being the guilty party in the somewhat famous hound" burglary case of Auburn.

Eleven Horses Burn in Barn.

A barn on the farm of Charles Sassa near Fremont, burned Sunday night with its entire contents, including eleven head of work horses. It was dis covered by a neighbor some distance away, who called up Mr. Sasse over the telephone and told him his barn was burning. His loss is \$3,000, with -quianb isily to sicialidoid amisinh \$1.700 insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

> Ainsworth Wants Alcohol Factory. The Brown county farmers' institute convened recently at Ainsworth in the court house, which was well filled to hear Dr. Alway, chemist at the experiment station at the state university. Lincoln, on denatured alcohol. The prospect is that the farmers there will in the near future build a factory to

make denatured alcohol from coru

and potatges. Leroy Barnes is Buried. Leroy W. Parnes, who was fatally that by Roy Maynard at Alliance recently, was buried at Wilber Tuesday in Sunnyside cemetery, of which his parents were among the original incorporators, after short services at the Lutheran church. Hoy Barnes was the

More Homestead Land. Quite a large tract of land along the haymow and cut his throat. His the North Platte river, in the western part of Lincoln and in Keith,

first child born in Wilber.

buildings and Supreme Clerk H. C. Lindsay are preparing to go before the appropriations committee of the house and ask for sufficient money to build an annex to the state capitol for a library building. It is planned to have the annex join the building at the present library; have it constructed of fireproof material and sufficiently large for the books and records of the library. Many of the members have visited the present Ilbrary, and those who have expressed themselves are in favor of something being done whereby the valuable library can be protected from fire and at the some time given space sufficiently large to contain the books. It is thought it will require about \$250,006 for the construction of the annex.

The North-Western railroad hade its annual report to the state auditor in compliance with the statute. The gross earnings of the road in Nebraska during the last year were \$6,527,480 .-75, while its net earnings in the state amounted to \$2,362,727.23. The passenger earnings in the state amounted to \$1.286,301.63, the freight earning. \$4.921,80% 05 and from other sources the receipts were \$319,377.07. The operating expenses and taxes in Nebraska amounted to \$4,164,753.52. The gross earnings per mile amounted to \$5,927.28, while the net earnings amounted to \$2,145.48. The dividends for the entire road amounted to \$6,-483,068, while the interest on debts amounted to \$7,936,927.72. This road owns and operates 1,101.26 miles in

Nebraska. The Nebraska Telephone company and the Independent Telephone companies crawled into the same bed Wednesday night and hid behind the same cover in a discussion of the Epperson bill, which requires all telephone companies to make physical connections of their property. Woods, the representative of the Independent companies, had to back water to a painful degree to get in the same position with his rival, while At torney Morsman, of the Nebraska company, stood pat and said, "I told you so." Woods is fighting against the same principle for which he contended two years ago. At that time, however, the Independents were trying to get into Omaha, while now these corporations think there ree able to stand

A bill aimed at the Hastings asylum ed in the senate by Burns, of Lancastory of the late Representative William H. pearances an innocent measure. it will mean a great deal to the Hastings institution. The bill merely strikes from the name of the institu tion the word 'incurable." This would place it on the same basis as the Lincoin asylum and would result in the getting patients from its district only At present it receives all insane patients who are declared incurable. The institution is growing rapidly and the present bill is said to be aimed at stopping that growth in favor of the Lin-

coln institution. Employes of the logislature became hilariously happy when they received their pay for the arduous duties performed for the benefit of the state From the janitor of the 10x10 committee room to the watchman who nightly sleeps or sits beside the doors to the senate chamber and the house, each received his stipend out of the state's big money box, and each subscribed to an oath that he had earned the money, every cent of it. The members of the legislature will do the same thing about next Thursday and each will receive \$100 to do with what he pleases so long as he conforms to the law in getting rid of it.

The fact that sessions of the board of regents are held behind closed doors and that no vouchers for university expenditures, amounting to almost half a million a year, are offered for inspection, approval or rejection by the state auditor is becoming galling some members of the legislature who have the best interests of the uplversity at heart. As there is a growing sentiment that this legislature is out for the square deal the university may be placed on a business basis, over

the protest of the board of regents. I. N. Wilcoxen, representing the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, to be held at Seattle in 1909, is in Lincoln in the interests of the exposition and will ask the legislature to appropriate \$50,000 for a Nebrask building. In case it is decided not to build a building a smaller appropriation for an exhibit will be asked for, not less than \$25,000. He will have introduced in a few days a joint resolution asking congress to take part by appropriating \$750,000 for a government and \$500, 200 for an Alaska exhibit.

The committee appointed to draft a primary election bill is hard at worl and has under consideration argu ments from leading members of the various political parties of the state. The members refuse to make undue haste in this important matter, as they wish to frame a law which will stand | ntor Smoot gave notice of a minority rethe test of the courts.

A decision has been made by the

subcommittee on the 2-cent passen-

ger fare bill to amend the present laws

by substituting the words "two cents" The maximum age of those entitled to half fare will probably be changed from 10 to 13 уелга. The state fair board is behind the bill introduced by Waish, of Douglas county, to appropriate \$75,000 for the erection of a machinery building on the state fair grounds. It is the desire of the board to construct a ce-

WORK OF CONGRESS

Senator Rayner's address on the expansion of executive prerogatives, Senator Lodge's brief reply and an extended discussion of the administration of the public land laws by Senator Heyburn constituted the proceedings in the Senate Thursday. The river and harbor appropriation bill occupied practically all the time of the House. The debate was opened by Mr. Burton of Ohio, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee. Other speeches were made by Messrs, Bartholdt of Missouri, Ransdell of Louisiana. Snapp of Illinois, Lawrence of Massachusetts, Caudrey of Missouri, Morrell and Moore of Pennsylvania, Bannon of Ohio, Rhodes of Missouri and Juloi Tarrinsga of Porto Rico.

The Senate suspended business at 2:30 o'clock Friday, according to a special order, for eulogies for Senator Gorman of Maryland. Previous to this order many bills of minor importance were passed, including one increasing the salaries of city mail carriers, making the first year's salary \$600, with an annual increase of \$100 until a maximum of \$1,200 has been reached. Other bills passed increase the pension of all Indian war survivors from \$8 to \$10 per month and grant the city of St. Louis an extension of time for one year to construct a bridge across the Mississippi. The rivers and harbors bill continued to occupy the attention of the House. In the main the speeches dealt with the proposed canal from Chicago to-St. Louis and the deepening of the Mississippi river from St. Louis to the gulf tofourteen feet, the speakers including Messrs. Clark of Missouri, Rodenburg of Illinois, Rainey of Illinois, Crumpacker of Indiana, Madden of Illinois, Groff of Illinois, Shackelford of Missouri, Chandler of Mississippi, Mahon of Pennsylvania and Garret of Tennessee. Bills were passed fixing the boundaries of lands adjoining the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation in Idaho, permitting persons owning lands in the Klowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations in Oklahoma to commute them for townsite purposes, and creating two additional land districts in Alaska, located at Nome and Fair-

The Senate devoted most of Saturday to the reading of the Indian appropriation bill for the adoption of committee amendments. The Senate adjourned at spent by the House in further consideration of the river and harbor appropriation after which eulogies were delivered on the life of the late Senator Gorman of Maryland. Out of respect to the ory of the late Representative William H. Flack of New York, whose death was announced, the House at 4:05 adjourned

The Senate occupied the first two hours Monday in perfecting the House bill permitting the government to take an appeal on points of law in criminal cases similar to that against the meat packers. Senators Heyburn and Newlands spoke on the Carter resolution aimed at the recent order of the Secretary of the Interior preventing the issuance of land natent until after an examination on the ground by a special agent, and Senator Bacon made a trief statement intended to show that Senator Beveridge had been in error regarding the operation of the child labor law in Georgia. The House passed the McCumber service pension bill, the om-nibus lighthouse bill and the omnibus revenue cutter bill. By a vote of 110 to 85 the Senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill, loaning the Jamestown exposition \$1,000,000, were concurred in Resolutions were passed calling for an investigation by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of cotton exchanges and fluctuations in cotton prices, giving a privileged status to the bill codifying and consoftdating the patent and copyright laws, and directing a report by the Secretary of the Interior of the number of existing patents granted to officers and employes of the United States. Bills providing for the protection of game in Alaska and authorizing a refund of certain taxes collected under the war revenue act of 1898 were also passed.

The Senate spent the entire day Tuesday considering the Indian appropriation bill. The army appropriation bill, carrying \$81,500,000, an increase of \$9,000,-000 over the amount voted by the House, was reported and will be taken up as soon as the Indian bill is disposed of. The Senate committee amendments include \$1,372,227 for barracks and quarters, \$6,221,160 for promoting and extending the efficiency of the artillery corps, and a provision to exempt officers and men and their families from the provisions of the rate bill and allowing them to accept free or reduced rates of transportation. tor Heyburn introduced a resolution instructing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents on all lands and mining applications where the law is complied with and no protest is filed. Senator Kittredge reported the copyright bill and Senpert favoring the House provision giving manufacturers the right to adapt musical compositions to automatic musical instruments. General debate on the rivers and harbors appropriation bill was terminated in the House at 3 o'clock, when the rending of the bill was begun under the fiveminute rule. The reading of twenty pages of the bill was completed before adjournment.

National Capital Notes.

Two appropriations of \$10,000 each are asked by the Postmaster General for temperary quarters for the postoffice at Peoria, Iil., and South Bend, Ind., the construction of new public buildings ment building with sufficient floor there.

space to take care of the machiners The Senate passed a joint rese exhibits for years to come. It is estigranting an extension of time until Mil mated the rentals from this building 15 to certain homestend entryments in will amount to \$5,600 a year and maybe more. A gallery will be constructed the Northwestern States in which to coin the building and this gallery will be tablish their legal residence. Action used for educational and other exhib. taken because of shortage of fuel in the