CURRENT HAPPENINGS

PAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

JEROME FACES TRIAL

BRIBE TAKER FIRST WITNESS AGAINST PROSECUTOR.

District Attorney Accused of Having Ignored Case, Refusing to Push Prosecution of Man Who Appeared in Court as Professional Juror.

William H. Tillinghast, of New York, the self-confessed bribe-taking juror in the interests of the Metropolitan Street Rallway company, was the chief witness at the hearing which was begun Thursday in New York on the charges preferred with the governor against District Attorney Jerome. The charges of neglect of duty were made by a committee of stockholders of the Metropolitan Street Railway headed by William F. King. The proceedings were before former Chief Justice Andrews, of the court of appeals, who was appointed by Gov. Hughes to take evidence against the necused official.

Franklin Pierce appeared as counsel for the complaining committee and Mr. Jerome conducted his own de-

The first of the twenty-odd allegations taken up was that accusing Mr. Jerome of neglect in the prosecution. of the Tillinghast and other cases of alleged bribery by the Metropolitan Street Railway company in 1900-1902, in personal injury cases in the city courts and other cases in the supreme

"Mr. Jerome has misapprehended the charges which we make," said Mr. Pierce in his opening address, "because he has set up the answer that he could not have been convicted because the evidence was insufficient The charge is that he procured evidence which at one time could have secured conviction; that this evidence was put to one side; that when Tillinghast went to Justice Seabury he was at once arrested and sent to the 11.517

"BUTTON MAN" IS DEAD.

Meyer Bimberg, of New York, Dies Very Suddenly.

Meyer R. Bimberg, of New York. known widely as "Bim, the button man," was found dead in bed Wednesday night. A week ago Mr. Bimberg contracted a cold, which developed into tonsilitis. A physician looked af ter him and the patient was believed to be rapidly recovering. An hour or two before he was found dead he had sprayed his throat and settled himself in bed for a nap. He was born in New York 46 years ago, and is survived by a widow and daughter of 14 years. In recent years Mr. Bimberg built six theaters and for three years managed the Yorkville theater, but it was as the manufacturer of campaign buttons that he was known outside of

CHINESE CATHOLIC PRIEST.

Father Chang. Who Wears a Queue, Arrives in New York.

The Rev. Peter Chang, said to be the first Chinese Catholic priest to visit this country, has arrived in New York. He was accompanied by Bishop August Henninghus, of the diocese of South Shantung, China. The bishop went to China as a missionary twentyone years ago. In a short time he had a congregation of 125 converts, but he says that there are now more than 80,-00 converts in his diocese.

Father Chang is 27 years old. H wears a queue. He speaks German ffuently, but does not know a word of English. Next Sunday morning he will celebrate mass in the church of Our Lady of Grace in Hoboken.

\$100,000 Fire at Wichita.

Fire originating in the Miltner Ele vator company's building threatened the entire wholesale district north of Douglas avenue at Wichita, Kan., Thursday. The flames spread to the adjoining lumber yard of the Western planing mill and consumed half the contents. The east side of one block was devastated.

Brewery Workers Stifl Out. Because the brewery owners of St Louis remain firm in their decision to retain the men employed by them to operate their plants after the walkout of 3,500 union men two weeks ago, all negotiations between the owners and the strikers have been declared

Sloux City Live Stock Market. Thursday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Top

beeves, \$6.90. Top hogs, \$5.15.

Southern Pacific Closes Shops. The Southern Pacific and Texas Central shops at Houston, Tex., shut down Wednesday afternoon. Over 2,. 000 men were thrown out of work.

Tobacco Warehouse Burns.

The leaf tobacco warehouse of Ham. Ilton & Co., of Covington, Ky., was destroyed by fire early Thursday, en-

tailing a loss of \$150,000. .

PLOT AGAINST BANK.

"Black Hand" Forces Suspension of Gotham Concern.

A malevolent plot relentlessly worked out by members of the "Black Hand," declare the police, in defiance of the authorities pressing hard on their track, ended dramatically Tuesday in a run of depositors and the suspension of the bank of Pasquale Pati, an Italian banker, in Elizabeth street, New York, and his flight from the city in fear of death, threatened by the "Black Hand" because he recently shot and killed Francesco Pelletro, one of their alleged members, who had demanded money under the pain of killing the banker and his family.

Three thousand depositors clamored loudly at the Pati bank Tuesday for their savings, and in the excitement a run was started on the bank of F. Acritelli & Son, across the street from the suspended institution, and caused it to shut its doors.

to shut its doors.

The two banks were small private institutions. The run on the Pati bank, the police charge, was engineered by the "Black Hand" as a revenge on Pati, who was recently acquitted by the coroner of having killed Pelletro. When the run was at its height police reserves were rushed to the district to quell the fast rising disorder.

WILL END NIGHT RIDING.

Tobacco Trust Reaches Agreement with Kentucky Society of Equity.

An end to night riding in Kentucky has been brought about through a formal agreement reached between the American Tobacco company and the executive committee of the Society of Equity in conference at Winchester. Ky., according to statements made Friday by members of the Society of Equity.

Nearly \$14,000,000 and the purchase of the entire crops of 1906 and 1907 on one side, and no planting of crop for 1908 on the other are the points

in the agreement. Word is said to have been received by the executive committee of the Society of Equity on Monday afternoon from the headquarters of the American Tobacco company, in New York, that the company would buy the 1906 and 1907 crops at 16 and 18 cents per pound respectively.

The committee was sworn to secrecy and the report has been officially denied, but is nevertheless declared to be authentic. The two-year crop aggregates about 80,000,000 pounds of leaf now in store in various warehouses and private barns throughout the White Burley district.

NO MERCY FOR GILLETTE.

Gov. Hughes Not to Interfere with His Execution.

There is no foundation for the per sistent report that Gov. Hughes, of New York, has decided to grant a reprieve for Chester Gillette, for his mother's sake, or for any other rea

This statement was made Tuesday on the best possible authority. The governor himself would not be quoted on the subject. The general belief is that the governor will not interfere with the execution of the young man who is under sentence to die at Auburn prison next week for the murder of Grace Brown at Big Moose lake, two

CIGARETTES HURT ARMY.

Health of British Soldiers Being Seri ously Impaired by Same.

The growth of cigarette smoking in the British army is beginning to disquiet the higher officers, whose reports indicate the health of enlisted men is being seriously impaired by indulgence in this practice.

Lieut, Gen. Grenfell, commander is chlef of the forces in Ireland, is the first to take action. He has just issued an order to the troops of his command calling attention to the evils which must inevitably follow such excess and appealing for earnest and early action to combat what is generally but greatly affecting the efficiency of the men.

Fleet Will Go to China.

It was decided at the cabinet meeting Tuesday to accept the invitation of China to have the battleship fleet visit a port of that country on its return voyage from the Pacific. It was also decided no further invitations for the fleet will be accepted.

New Vermont Senator.

John W. Stewart, of Middlebury, former governor of Vermont, was appointed to the United States senate by Gov. Fletcher D. Proctor Tuesday to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Senator Redfield Proctor. Mr Stewart has accepted.

Schools Closed by Smallpox.

Smallpox is prevalent throughout central Illinois after being kept under control for the last year. At San Jose there are numerous cases and all churches, schools, and other public neetings have been suspended. At Cureka similar action has been taken.

Jury Upholds Shippy.

A coroner's jury Tuesday night declared Chief of Police Shippy, of Chicago, and J. F. Foley, his driver, to have been justified in killing Averbuch, the young Russian Jew, who attacked the chief in his home recently.

Shops to Be Shut Down. A notice was posted at the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway shops in Sedalia announcing the shops which em-

ploy 500 men, will be shut down April

1. No explanation was given,

LOSES \$3,000 TO ROBBERS.

Paymaster Held Up in Street at Lin-

Frank Proerer, president of the Lintoln, Ill., bank, and owner of the Lintoln Mining company, was held up by highwaymen Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and robbed of \$3,000, the monthly pay roll of the company. Three men did the work and two of them were caught, but the third essaped with the money after a running aght with the police and deputy sheriffs. The robbery occurred within two blocks of the public square. Froerer was on the way to the mine in a light wagon carrying the satchels containng the money in small amounts already counted out for the miners. He was approached in the street by three men in a buggy. Two of these got out of the buggy, and, jumping into Froerer's rig, quickly bore him to the ground and seized the satchels, threw them into the buggy, jumped in and

started out of the city at a fast clip. Froerer, who was not seriously injured, returned to the office and notified the officials. The sheriff and night captain of police started at once and pursued the robbers for two miles, when two men left the buggy and took to the corn fields. After a short time they were discovered and a fight began. Five shots were fired before the two surrendered, but neither was in jured. The men refuse to give their names, and so far have not been identified. The third man, who escaped, was dark complexioned, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, and wore brown clother

CAR CRASHES INTO STORE.

fwenty People Injured in a Peculiar Wreck at Detroit.

Over a score of people were injured in Detroit, Mich., Wednesday afternoon when an interurban car on the Ann Arbor branch of the Detroit Railway bound into the city from Jackson, Mich., was derailed by defective rails near Thirty-first street and plowed across the brick payement into a store building. The car was wrecked and the front of the two-story building was demolished. Twenty people were taken to the hospitals for treatment and nearly another score received minor injuries which were dressed at the scene of the accident. Two of the injured are reported to be in a serious

The car left Jackson at 11:45 o'clock for Detroit and there were 48 people aboard when it entered the city. It was running at about twenty to twenty-five miles an hour down Michigan avenue when it struck the defecive rail near Thirty-first street. the car struck this spot it strated at an angle toward the curbstone. The 44foot car crashed through a telegraph pole and ran into the two-story brick dry goods store of A. Silberstein.

RIOT IN CONVENTION.

Trouble Starts Early in the Tennessee Gathering.

No sooner had the Tennessee Republican state convention been called to order at Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday, than pandemonium broke loose resulting in a dozen fist fights between the members of the Evans and Brownlow factions. Order was restored by the police. A negro and a white man were arrested.

When order was restored the Brownlow-Oliver wing held a convention at the appointed place at the state capitol, selected delegates to the national convention, commended Taft. Hughes, Fairbanks, Cannon and Foraker, but made no specific indorsement

for president. The Evans faction met in the same hall later and appointed a credentials committee and adjourned until-

Bodies Bridge a Chasm.

Five members of Jacob Shaikowsky's family were rescued in a sensational manner from the roof of their burning home at No. 135 Bowery, New York, early Wednesday. The rescue was made by two policemen who bridged a six-foot chasm between two building with their bodies and swung the Chaikowskys across from the roof of the burning building to a place of

J. P. Morgan Visits Rome.

J. P. Morgan was entertained as Ainner Wednesday night by Lloyd E. C. Griscom, the American ambassador at Rome. Mr. Morgan will be received in audience by King Victor Emmanuel upon his majesty's return from Venice.

If Martha Longacre, of South Bend, Ind., will erect a tombstone over the grave of her sister, Elizabeth Longsere, Martha, according to Elizabeth's will, is to inherit several thousand dollars. Otherwise the executor will

Estate Hangs on Tombstone.

Rawhide Bandit Story a Fake. The sensational story from Rawhide Nev., that bandits were working in that vicinity and had secured large booty prove to be unfounded.

make distribution of the money.

Lenore Smith, 2 years old, while playing in her home at Lima, O. overturned a lighted lamp. The babe was burned to death and the house

Burned by Night Riders. Early Wednesday night riders set fire to three large tobacco warehouses at Owenton, sky, causing a loss of \$30,000 and destroying 150,000 bounds of tobacco.

********** In a Runaway Woman's Carriage Col-

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WARNS YOUNG LOVERS.

County Judge Will Prosecute Thos Misstating Their Ages. Grooms with the first fuzz of manhood on their lips and brides that look as though they should be wearing shoetop skirts will have to produce positive evidence of their age before they can wed in Omaha, under a regulation just promulgated by County Judge Leslie. The affidavit of the young man will no longer go with the

license department, where there is any

reason to doubt the couple are under

The reason for the rule was the marriage Tuesday afternoon by Judge Leslie of John K. Mershon, a barber at the Merchants hotel shop, and Goldie Houck. Mershen made an affidavit he was 21 years old, but Wednesday morning his mother, Mrz. Oliver Mer-shon, called Judge Lewis up by telephone and told him the boy would be 18 Thursday. The Nebraska law posttively forbids the marriage of a boy under 18, consequently, if the mother's statement is true the marriage is invalid. While the bride's mother and relatives were present at the ceremony, the groom's relatives knew nothing of it until after it had taken place. Before he tied the knot Judge Leslie asked the young groom his age and he answered very positively he was 21.

COMMERCIAL CLUB CONVENTION.

Good Attendance at Annual Meeting at Grand Island, The fourth annual convention of the Nebraska Association of Commercial

Clubs was called to order at Grand Island Thursday evening by President H. M. Bushnell, of Lincoln, a good attendance being present for the open-ing session. Bridgeport. Albion, Franklin, Fremont, Wahoo, Lincoln Seward, Cairo, Grand Island, Fullerton, North Platte and Central City being represented.

Mayor Schuff, of Grand Island, de livered the welcoming address on behalf of the city and C. G. Ryan on behalf of the Grand Island Commercial club. Response was made by G. H. Gray, president of the Central City Commercial club. The question of "sewerage problems

n smaller cities" was then taken up The session continued morning and afternoon Friday and the convention closed with a dinner given by the local club Friday evening.

MO. PACIFIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Will Probably Build New Depot at Auburn. The superintendent of the Missouri

Pacific Raifroad company, Mr. DeBernardi, and General Manager E. A. Gould were in Auburn recently filling an appointment thay had made with the Commercial club of that city in order to talk over the much needed improvements on their line at that point The matter of the building of a new freight or passenger depot came up and was discussed by the two officials and the club. They assured the club that improvements would commence in the near future in the shape of a depot, but it is thought, however, that a freight depot will be built and the present passenger depot remodeled and painted. The officials assured the Commercial club that the improvements would be commenced soon and completed within the next two or three months at the most.

ROBBER LEAVES COAT.

Took Off Overcoat to Do Work and Forgot It.

Emil Geissler, a farmer living north of Beatrice, was arrested Thursday on the charge of stealing grain and gasoline from the farm of W. H. Bowman Geissler, in making his escape from the Bowman farm with the stolen property, left his overcoat hanging to a post not far from the barn. Letters written to Geissler were found in the garment, which led to his arrest. Several shots were filer at Geissler when he drove away, but went wide of the mark. He was arraingned in Judge Walden's court at Beatrice on charge of burglary, pleaded not guilty and waived preliminary examination In default of \$500 bond he was remanded to fail. Geissier has a wife and six children.

WOMAN AND CHILD DESTITUTE.

Seeking to Make Her Way to Oregon Where Her Father Resides.

In a destitute condition and accompanied by her 12-year-old son, Mrs R. H. Hickman of Hannibal, Mo., applied at the police station in Omaha Wednesday night for shelter and was taken in charge by the matron for the night. Officer Davis was sent out and secured some food for the mother and son. Mrs. Hickman is en route to North Powder, Ore., where her father resides. The authorities of Hannibal shipped her to St. Joseph, where enough funds were given her to reach

To Escape the Gallows. The supreme court Thursday after-moon commuted the sentence of John C. Hamblin to life imprisonment. He was sentenced to death for the murder of Rachael Engle, at Grand Island Aug. 3, 1906. The court finds no reversible error in the trial proceedings, but declares that Hamblin shows traces of mental weakness,

For Cattle Quarantine.

Gov. Sheldon will go to Washington to endeavor to obtain federal aid in quarantining counties of Nebraska against cattle diseases, instead of subjecting the entire state to government quarantine. The governor desires to carry out his recent quarantine proc lamation, which recognizes clean and unclean counties, but the government regulations are in opposition to it. The state also lacks funds to enforce quar- ting back its freight trains on

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

lapses on Railroad Track. While driving to town from the nome of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ipsen, who reside southeast of Beatrice, Mrs. H. L. Silver had thrilling experience with a runaway team. One of the horses got its foot over the buggy tongue, and in trying to release it, the team broke away from her and dashed up the road at a lively pace. Upon reaching a Rock Island railroad crossing one of the horses stumbled and fell. Arriving a few minutes later, Mrs. Silver found the horse entangled in the harness to such an extent that she could not extricate it. The buggy stood in the middle of the track, and not far distant a freight train was approaching The only way out of the predicament lay in an attempt to flag the train

the train was brought to a standstill few yards from where she stood. The trainmen came forward and released the horse from it s position Mrs. Silver led the team back to her father's home, where it was found that the animal was injured about the legs, while the buggy was almost completely smashed

Using her gloves for this purpose

BURGLARS CAUGHT.

Men Who Robbed Lumber Yards t Valentine Apprehended.

Two burglaries occurred at Valentine Thursday and Saturday nights the first one being at the Ledwig jumber yards, which was visited Thursday night by two men. Marks and Steadman, who stole a quantity of lumber and cement. The man Marks was caught and jailed Saturday, but Steadman has disappeared. The stolen stuff was found hidden in different places about town.

The second robbery was committed Saturday night, when Pettycrew's general store was broken into by a 20year-old colored boy, named Solomor with a supply of flour, bacon, tobacco and many other articles when discov ered by two citizens, who notified the night marshall and he promptly arrested the boy and put him in jail.

BOTTLERS FORM NEW BODY.

To be Known as Nebraska State As sociation.

In order to become associated with the national organization the Northwest Bottlers' association in third annual session at Sloux City, Ia., Tuesday voted to abandon the present organization and formed a new organization known as the Nebraska State Bottlers' association.

F. J. Sedlacek of Spencer, was made president; H. M. Goulding of Omaha, secretary and treasurer; C. J. Marr of Fremont, and C. B. Chesterman of Sioux City, trustees, A. L. Dose of Kansas City was president of the old Northwest association and J. C. Hart

secretary. The Nebraska association will have about eighty members. It will hold its first meeting at Fremont about May 1.

BOCHE TO PRISON.

Gets Ten Years for Murder of Frank Jarmer, of Norfolk.

Herman Boche has been sentenced o ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor for killing Frank Jarmer a year ago. Manslaughter was the verdict of the Jury at Norfolk and the sentence imposed by Judge Welch is the maximum limit.

Judge Welch denied a new trial. Sentence has been suspended ten days until Boche's attorneys can file a petition with the supreme court for an appeal.

Officer Waits for Baker.

Application has been made to Gov Sheldon to honor a requisition to the return to Kansas of George Baker, who was released from the penitentlary Monday. He was sentenced to the Nebraska prison for three years October 17, 1905. He is wanted in Kansas on the charge of stealing a wagon and team.

Assess Insurance Stockholders.

Judge Stewart of the district cours at Lincoln Tuesday signed an order evying an assessment amounting to \$27,000 against the stockholders the Mutual Mercantile Insurance company, which recently went into the hands of a receiver. The assessment ranges from \$1 to \$175 against the policy holders.

Boy Killed at Trenton,

Walter Hertz, son of J. W. Hertz was run over by Burlington passenger train at Trenton Saturday night and astantly killed. It was not known until about five minutes after it happened. but the general opinion is that it was accidental, while playing with some other boys when the train was pulling

Norfolk Couple Elope. Dr. J. H. McKay, formerly superin-

tendent of the insane hospital at Norfolk surprised his friends by suddenly marrying Miss Alice Mullen of Norfolk. The bride's parents did not know of the marriage until after it was over. -

Lorton Files Complaint.

A petition has been filed with the state railway commission by a number of citizens of Lorton protesting against the closing of the telegraph office at that place, resulting in considerable trouble for shippers. Woman Hangs Berself.

A middle aged woman, giving the name of Elvira Wells, supposed to be from either Concordia or Belleville, Kan., killed herself at Fairbury Tuesday by hanging. Her actions while alive were peculiar.

Jury Gives Verdict for Girl.

It took a jury in the district court t Fremont Saturday afternoon only a few minutes to decide that John Heindrickson owed his daughter, Anna Heindrickson, \$400, money which he had received from the man who had rained her.

Freight Service Restored. Numerous letters are being received by the rallway commission to the effect that the Union Pacific is put-

branch lines.

buildings will shortly advertise for bids for labor at the state penitentiary and it is a safe guess to make that the Lee Broom & Duster company will not be able to close another contract with the state for convicts at 50 cents per day each. Already several letters have been received from interested parties for information regarding the contract now in force and the board expects to receive several bids. In addition to getting convicts at 50 cents a day to make brooms, the Lee heat and considerable machinery has been bought by the state in order to furnish this power and heat which otherwise would not have been necessary. The state does not compel the company to stamp its products "penitentiary made goods," consequently it can compete with any other concern which is not favored by cheap labor. ten the board that they pay from \$2

application of the Union Pacific rail- and consolidate pension disbursements in road for a writ of mandamus to compel the state board of assessment to reconvene and make a record of ob- 800,000, the largest sum ever authorized jections and a finding of fact. The by that measure. In the course of the court held that mandamus would not debate Mr. Fitzgerald of New York aclie to compel the board to make a record or a finding of fact not required conage to further the candidacy of Sec-

The opinion holds that the state board of assessment in valuing property for taxation in a quasi-judicial stated, exceeded his constitutional authorcapacity and its action is not subject ity in making laws for the Panama canal. to collateral attack, except on grounds of fraud or other wrongful conduct equivalent thereto or for the exercise of power not conferred by law. The Union Pacific filed a petition for mandamus to compel the board to make the value of its property.

business men in place of the \$18 rate, ing corporations which had come into his if the users will pay in advance \$6.50 possession. Mr. Mann of Illinois asserted month they can get telephones for \$18 utmost good faith in sending to Congress a year. The commission figures it is all information that had come to him. not violating the principle it laid down when it refused to allow telephone companies to sell \$120 coupon books to supply the House with all data so far for \$100. When this question came crimination because not many people tions bill was take could afford to buy the coupon books. for general debate. The commission figures most anyone can pay the \$6.50 in advance.

The Humbolt Telephone company has asked permission of the railroad commission to increase its rates to farmers who built their own metallic 'ines from 75c to \$1.25 per month. This is the price paid by others who use the wires put up by the company. The commission concluded to allow the company to make the increase providing the users did not come in by April 1 and show good cause why the order should not be issued.

To the complaint against a Burlington stock vards at Kenesawn, the Burlington has filed answer with the state railway commission. General Solicitor Kelby in his answer said the matter did not come within the jurisdiction of the commission, but the proper procedure would be for the petitioner to appeal to the local authorities, and if the stock yards is a nuisance the local authorities have jurisdiction to remedy the evil.

The railway commission, after considering a complaint of creamery companies has decided to issue an order requiring all transportation companies to give bills of lading or receipts for all goods offered for mipment, the reeipts to be given on demand of the ipper. The order, when issued, will apply to "empties" as well as other consignments,

The judgment of the district court of Richardson county, compelling the Missouri Pacific company to build a transfer switch to the property of the Farmers Elevator company, at Strausby Commissioner Duffie.

The supreme court has commuted the sentence to life imprisonment at hard not released from confinement.

was just recutly closed. Christiana Henry of South Omaha. wins her case against the Omaha Packing company for damages for injuries, the supreme court having af-

firmed the decision of the lower court. The state railway commission has ordered the Linwood telephone comproperty the same price for telephones as the general public pays.

Marion Morris of Omaha has been instructed by Insurance Deputy Pierce to stop soliciting business for the

The supreme court has quieted title to the Joseph S. Bartley homestead in the property of the establishment of a postal savings for the establishment of a p Holt county in Hugh A. Allen. In bank system was appointed by the co of a homestead under an ordinary exof the owner is void,

state.

WORK OF **CONGRESS**

After a ten-minute session the Senate Wednesday morning adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Whyte of Maryland. General debate on the pension appropriation bill continued for over four hours in the House. The subjects discussed took n wide politics, finance, the trusts and the President's last special message all receiving attention. Mr. Mouser of Ohio predicted the election of Secretary Taft for President, while Mr. Hull of Tennessee company is also furnished power and in an arraignment of the Republican party appeared equally confident that William J. Bryan would be the successful candidate. At 4:24 p. m. the House adjourned out of resject to the memory of the late Senator Whyte.

Continuing his speech begun in the Senate last Tuesday, Senator InFollette Nebraska manufacturers have writ- of Wisconsin Thursday devoted considerable time to discussing a proposition for to \$3 a day for broom makers and the physical valuation of railroads. The they are compelled to furnish their Senate devoted part of the day to the own heat and power, which makes it consideration of the omnibus claims bill. almost impossible to compete with the gad then referred it back to committee firm having the contract with the for further consideration. After several hours of spirited discussion over proposition to abolish seventeen of the The supreme court has denied the eighteen United States pension agencies, Washington, the House passed the pension appropriation bill, carrying \$150,cused the President of using federal patretary Taft. Messrs. Harrison of New York and Williams of Mississippi criticised the President for having, as they

Nearly the entire session of the Senate 'riday was consumed by the consideration and final vote on the ship subsidy bill. a record showing just how it reached which was passed without a division being called for. A bill was also passed increasing the salaries of men employed in The state railway commission has the life saving service. President Roosegranted permission for a telephone velt was roundly denounced in the House company at Battle Creek, to make a by Mr. Hardwick of Georgia for failing to rate of \$13 per year to farmers and send to Congress all information regarding corporations which had come into his twice a year. If the users pay by the that the President had acted with the obtained by the bureau of corr up the commission held this was dis- It was tabled, 148 to 115. The fortifications bill was taken up, but sidetracked

> Almost the entire session of the Senate Saturday was consumed with the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, was passed, carrying an appropriation of \$32,945,631, the amount added to the House bill by the Senate being \$642,718, Without being materially amended the fortification appropriation bill was passed by the House. During the closing d the War Department was criticised by several members regarding the spent on fortifications at Subig Bay. The Democrats procured the adoption of an amendment permitting the Secretary of War to purchase abroad "any" war material, but the Republican leaders soon rallied their members and reversed that action, leaving in the bill a restriction to "limited quantities."

> The announcement of the death of Senator William James Bryan of Florids was made in the Senate immediately after the prayer by the chaplain Monday, whereupon, in respect to his memory, the Senate adjourned. In the House Mr. Mann of Illinois charged that Mr. Sulzes of New York had put in the Congressional Record what purported to be a speech de livered by him last Saturday, but which Mr. Mann charged was not the one ered. A resolution offered by Mr. Mann to expunge the printed speech from the record was adopted by a strict party vote, but not until after the House had been treated to a bitter denunciation of Mr. Mann by Mr. Sulzer and several lively tilts between the latter and the Speaker.

The currency bill was practically given an exclusive right of way in the Senate ville, is affrmed by a decision written Tuesday until finally disposed of by an announcement from Senator Aldrich that he would move Wednesday to give it that status. Senator La Follette concluded John G. Hamblin of Grand Island, sentenced to be hanged for the murder the third installment of his speech on the of Rachel Engle, will not be executed. bill. A question brought out a statement by Mr. Aldrich that he hoped to see the creation of a joint commission of the labor and recommended that he be Senate and House authorized to consider permanent currency reform before Congress adjourned. Determination to con-A number of citizens of Crete have duct a filibuster on all occasions where opportunity presented itself, in order to petitioned the state railway commission to compel the Burlington railroad force the Republicans to action on an to put back the operator in the depot employers' liability bill and other meanthere. The telegraph office at Crete ures deemed necessary of enactment was announced by Mr. Williams of Mississippi in the House. General debate on the agricultural appropriation bill continued throughout the day, except for a brief time, when Mr. Sulzer of New York, by way of retaliation for the action of the House Monday in eliminating from the record his speech of Saturday last, so to have expunged some remarks of Mr. pany to charge the owners of the Dalzell of Pennsylvania regarding the rules. In that, however, he was unsue

President Roosevelt declined an invita tion to speak at Galesburg, Ill., Oct. 7. Ridgely Protective association of Wor- when the fiftleth anniversary of the Lin cester, Mass., because the company coln-Douglass debate will be celebrated. has no license to do business in this The President has decided to make no speeches next fall.

the same decision it holds that the sale mittee on postoffices and post roads in the Senate. The committee is composed of ecution during the temporary absence Senators Carter, Proctor, Burrows, Clay of the owner is void