CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

FOR BALLOT IN COURT

ACTION BEGUN BY NEW YORK SUFFRAGE LEADERS.

Mrs. Julia Scars Claims Franchise Because She Has Exercised It in Colorado-Mandamus Suit Begun to Compel Officials to Register Her.

The suffragette movement in its local department was taken into the New York Courts Thursday when Miss Mary Coleman, member of a law firm, secured from Justice Blanchard, in the supreme court, an order directing the bureau of elections to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not issue compelling them to allow the name of Mrs. Julia Seton Sears to be placed on the register of voters. Mrs. Scars had neen refused permission to register when she appeared before a registry board. Miss Coleman, will known among New York advocates of woman suffrage, said that Mrs. Sears had already been allowed to vote in Colorado and should be accorded the same privilege in New York. Miss Coleman added that the present action was brought as a test case.

CHINESE AND JAPS CLASH.

Engagement Between Soldiers in Korea Assumes Serious Aspect.

Serious complications affecting the peace of China and Japan threaten as the result of an engagement beween Chinese and Japanese troops in Kantao, northern Korea, in which gav. eral were killed or wounded. The refusal of the Chinese war office to permit the pursuit et a detachment of soldiers who are said to have been the aggressors may result in the crossing of the frontier by Japanese troops The Chinese soldlers are reported to have opened hostilities by firing upon a police station occupied by Japanese troops. The Japanese foreign office has made representations to the goverament at Pekin and the situation is beginning to assume a serious as

LOST IN NORTH SEA.

Balloon Bushley Meets Fate of Three Other Airships.

News was received at Berlin Thursday that the German balloon Bushley came down Wednesday morning in the North sea, making four balloons which started in the international race Sun day which met the same fate. The two men on board were rescued by : passing steamer.

The most serious apprehensions are entertained for the safety of the other two airships, which are missing. They have not been heard from for three

Two of the twenty-one balloons en sered in the race burst high in the air. All the ten men involved in the series of accidents escaped injury.

Honduras Minister, Recalled. The recall of Dr. Angel Ugarte, the minister from Honduras, to the Unit ed States, was announced Thursday when the minister called on Secretary Root and said he had been relieved and would go to Mexico to represenhis country there. Dr. Lazo Arriaga a brother of a former Guatemalar minister to the United States, will suc

Cattlemen Pat Up \$50,000. Fifty thousand dollars was appropriated at Kansas City Thursday the American Hereford Cattle Bree ers' association to advance the inter ests of that particular breed of ani-

mal in the United States and a board consisting of three members was named to expend the sum in whatever manner they may see fit. Mann Held for Murder.

An indictment against Luman C Mann, charging him with the murde of Mrs. Frances G. Thompson, was returned by the grand jury Thursday at Chicago. Mann surrendered him

self to the authorities.

Grain Men to St. Louis. The twelfth annual convention the National Grain Dealers' associa tion assembled at St. Louis Thurs day for a session. About 1,600 delegates were in attendance.

Fleet Off Japan's Coast. The American battleship fleet which left Manila for Yokohama Oct. 10, has been sighted maneuvering to the southeast of Klushu, the south

most point of Japan. Sloux City Live Stock Market Thursday's quotations on the Sious

City live stock market follow: To beeves, \$4.25. Top hogs, \$5.70. Six Killed in Explosion Six persons were instantly killed and enty-one others injured by the ex-

don of dynamite at the Ingleside ime stone quarry, sixteen miles northest of Fort Collins, Colo. Forests on Pire Again. Forest fires are again springing up d doing damage throughout the aber regions of Wisconsin, Minneso and Michigan, Hundreds of people

are fighting the fires.

ROAD WORKERS MEET.

House. At Wednesday's session of the convention of the National Railway asso-

sign were considered.

President Roosevelt received the delegates and also a party of other railroad men. In a speech he said:

tive Firemen, and while I never have ing. yet found anybody of my fellow citiwith you. I have felt that the railroad | for good." men of the country showed in a considerable degree certain qualities that I prize in any citizen—the qualities of nerve, hardihood, of capacity to obey after that perhaps foop skirts." and obey like that [siapping his hands for the man who cannot obey when it Ities are needed."

The Society of Raliway Financial graceful and easy manage." Officers, comprising representatives of practically all the railroads of the United States, also met here Wednesday. The society will consider methods of paying wages to railroad employes and forms of drafts, vouchers,

PUSHING WORK IN PANAMA.

J. H. Collins Returns After Making Thorough Investigation.

After spending fourteen months in an investigation along the canal zone broke windows and disorganized regarding the allegations that have things generally in the center of Lonbeen brought against certain officials don, in the employ of the canal commisston, J. H. Collins returned from Co- a few days ago for 50,000 persons to lon en route for Washington to make help them "rush" parllament at 7:30 his report. He declined to speak of it o'clock this evening was the most sucbefore submitting it to the authorities. cessful stroke yet. Not less than twice record one for the amount of money and nine-tenths of these were young sent to the men employed along the canal. He found them in good health on the whole and fond of all kinds of healthy outdoor sports. Gambling is not popular, nor drinking to any extent, Mr. Collins found, and this had been so marked during the last year that many of the saloons and gambling

WHITE WIFE ACCUSES INDIAN.

Standing Bear Said to Have Wife in South Dakota.

Henry Standing Bear, a full-blooded Sioux Indian, who is a graduate of the Carlisle Indian school and formerly was a fullback on the Carlisle football team, was arraigned in court in bigamy. The complainant is Hazel M. Moran, of St. Louis, who said she was a graduate of Smith college at Northampton, Mass. Miss Moran alleged that she was married to Bear in May last and accompanied him to London to interpret for Indians who were giving exhibitions at the Crystal Palace there. Miss Moran asserted that she has now discovered that Bear has a Sioux wife and three children at Pine Tree, S. D. Bear was held in ball for a hearing next Monday.

Girl Assaulted by Negro. Pearl Tucker, 16 years old, was criminally assaulted by a negro in the woods near Concord, N. C. The girl was picking corn in a field when the negro, pointing a pistol at her head. overpowered her. 'A posse of 500 citizens quickly formed and captured a suspect an hour after the crime was

committed.

First Volunteer Dead. Chas. Franklin Rand, the first vol-

unteer to go to enlist in the union army after President Lincoln's call for troops, and the first soldier to receive from congress a medal of honor Washington, D. C., aged 70 years.

New Artist for Roosevelt. The president Wednesday received lose DeCamp, an artist, and arranged for a number of sittings for a picture which Mr. DeCamp will paint of the president for the Harvard class of

1880, in which Mr. Roosevelt grad-

uated from Harvard.

Maj. William F. Tucker Arrested. Maj. William F. Tucker, quarternaster general of the United States army, was arrested at Decatur, Ill., by Chicago police on a Wabash train, charged with deserting his wife, a daughter of the late Gen. John A. Lo-

Robber Killed in Battle In a fight at Santo, Tex., between a cosse of officers and a number of men accused of robbing several stores at

Gordon, Tex., one of the band was

killed and another wounded. Lodge Men Call on President. President Rooseveit received at the White House Wednesday afternoon about 100 delegates of the Golden En gie, which met in Washington in annual session Tuesday.

HOOP SKIRTS, SAYS MRS. FISH.

Delegates Call on President at White Society Leader Believes They Will Follow Directoire Gown.

With praise for American women, American men and American ways clation in Washington, D. C., reports and modes of fiving, Mrs. Stuyvesant on signal practice, specifications of Fish, the society leader, arrived in rubber insulation and of standard de- New York on the American liner St. Louis. She has been abroad since July.

"This is the greatest country in the world," she said with emphasis, as the ship reached quarantine, "I mean "Just let me say one word of greet- that and I do not qualify it in any way. ing to the men representing the dif- I know life on both sides of the water ferent railway association who have and I am impressed more than ever come here. One of the honors that with American supremacy. Ours is with American supremacy. Ours is I have especially prized since I have the greatest land in every way. Our been president has been my member- women also excel in grace and beauty, ship in the Brotherhood of Locomo- in style of dress; and in mode of liv-

"It is strange, perhaps, that I saw sens all of whose wishes I could meet, little of the suffrageits movement ei-I am bound to say that I think I have ther in London or Paris. For my part come nearer being able to feel that I I am not hastening to caroll in that ought to do what you railroad med cause. I do not see why I should. asked than any other one body that There is a greater power than that of I have come in contact with while I the voter. Woman has a tremendous have been president. It has been a influence. Through her husband she very great pleasure to me to work has a great and increasing influence

> In regard to the prevailing and coming fashions for women Mrs. Fish said: "Directotre will reign this year, and

"Gowns? O, yes, but Fifth avenue together), and the capacity to take yields quite as much originality as responsibility and assume command Paris. We started with eleven trunks when necessary. I would give nothing and I have returned with 13, which goes more toward proving my asseris necessary and cannot act on his tion than any other evidence I could own responsibility and assume com- offer. I am an advocate of the new mand when it is necessary. Both qual- fitting gowns-call them what you wish-they give one good fines and are

RAID KING'S SOLONS.

Suffragettes Sufround British Parliament.

The climax of the suffragette campaign in London was reached Tuesday aight when an enormous mob hemmed in parliament and stopped traffic in all streets leading to Westminster. For more than three hours the crowds scuffied good naturedly with the police, interfered with theatergoers,

An appeal issued by the suffragettes Mr. Collins said last month was a that number responded to the call, persons who came to see the fun. There were also a few hundred of the unemployed and their sympathizers.

Parliament was in a state of siege. A close triple line of police was drawn around the three sides of the square in front of the building. The yard within the gates swarmed with police, houses in Colon and Panama have and 200 guarded the terrace in the rear against assault by water which the women twice attempted. A small ffeet of police boats patroled the Thames approaches. All the mounted police in London and suburbs had been mobilized at this center, and loads of hay were unstacked in the streets for horses. The whole police force together with cavalry, infantry and marines numbering more than 5,000 was kept busy in restraining the pushing, New York Wednesday charged with struggling masses, and especially about Trafalgar square.

Negro Shot by Mob.

Several hundred men and boys stormed a barricaded house in New Orleans, La., in which Nicholas Hector, a negro desperado, was resisting arrest. Hector was killed by several hundred bullets, which riddled the house, and was dead when the door was opened. His arrest had been ordered for assault upon a peddler,

Big Missionary Conference.

The annual meeting of the board of ommissioners for foreign missions, which the ways and means of keepng the churches of America interested n foreign work will be discussed, was opened in Brooklyn, N. Y., Tuesday. Delegates from the entire world are

Rescues Fish Rod First.

With his house burning and his wife and children inside, the first thing W. C. Dean, of La Crosse, Wis., rescued was his fish pole. After carefully depositing his fishing tackle in for bravery on the field, is dead at a place of safety, Dean brought out his

Bomb Thrown in New York.

A bomb was thrown early Wednesday into an inclosure on Eighth avenue, New York, where 250 taxicabs belonging to the New York Taxicali company were stored. The explosion shook buildings for blocks and caused wild excitement in the neighborhood,

Plan Cleveland Memorial.

The Cleveland memorial committee was organized at a meeting in the city hall in New York Tuesday and fixed March 18 next as the date for a public meeting in honor of the dead ex-presiient. The day will mark the 72d anniversary of his birth.

March on Parliament.

The unemployed of London, acting with the woman suffragists, are practically compelling parliament to hold its meetings in a state of siege. Tuesday afternoon several hundred shabbily dressed representatives of the workless gathered at Westminster. The police asuccessfully endeavored to disperse the demonstrations. Three-women of the suffragist movement were arrested charged with inciting disorde

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TEMPERANCE RALLY.

County Option is Endorsed by the suit was the Red Line Telephone com-

In the afternoon a street meeting Lincoln gave an eloquent pica for men past the farm which Pharris owns. ter this the Presbyterian courch was telephone was arst put into his home filled for an enthusiastic temperance it was put on a different party line of Hastings, Thomas Darnell and Dr. people with whom he wish to com-Lawrence of Lincoln, S. R. Reese of municate had instruments. Randolph and C. W. McConaghy of towns after going dry.

Monday Dr. R. N. Adams of Minnesota addressed the synod on home missions. The report of the temperance committee was adopted in which county option was endorsed. The ministers were recommended to preach or the subject and work for it; also the action of Joseph G. Cannon with refference to temperance reform was strongly condemned and his re-election to the speakership protested

The synod adjourned to meet at MirRien on the second Wednesday of next October.

CHANGES AMONG PRIESTS.

Several Transfers are Made Between Catholic Churches. Many charges have been made in the priests in charge of the Catholic churches in Nebraska. Father Buckley of St. Peter's church, Omaha, is transfered to succeed Father Walsh at Norfolk. Father Walsh goes to the new church at Battle Creek, which is a part of his old parish. Father Thomas Fehily, who was meently ordained

at Innsbruck, Austria, succeeds Father Buckley at St. Peter's, Father John Roche, who arrived from the Irish college in Paris last week, is appointed assistant pastor to Father Mc-Namara at Alliance.

REV. G. G. WARE A FREE MAN. Minister Completes One Year in Prison for Land Frauds.

Rev. George G. Ware was released from the Hall county jail at Grand sentence of one year for alleged conspiracy in land frauds in Thomas and Hooker countles, Nebraska.

Mr. Ware was indicted with Harry Welsh and Frank W. Lambert November 24, 1905. He was arraigned January 11, 1906, in the United States district court and entered a plea of not guilty. The trial lasted for fif-teen days and the jury returned a verflet of guilty.

Documents Well Preserved. In overhauling St. Benedict's Catholic church at Nebraska City the workmen took down the big cross thereon and opened the large gold ball on the top of same and in it was a history of the church, telling what it cost, who contributed the funds the contractors, what they were paid and how the church was first started there. The church was erected in 1861 and the history was written and placed therein by Father Emanuel Hartig, who was then its pastor and who was retired a few months ago on account of old age. The document was wel preserved and will be replaced in the new cross which is to take the place of the old one, with the history brought up to date.

Big Land Deal in Howard. The biggest real estate transaction that has ever taken place in Howard county has recently been consummated. George E. Woodbury has sold his 420-acre farm, situated about three miles southwest of St. Paul, for a con sideration of \$35,700. The purchase sum covers also the crops and equipment. This is establishing pretty good values on Howard county land, being

York's Big Growth. The new city directory just publish ed shows a large increase in the population of York. According to the last United States census York made the largest growth of any city in Nebraska excepting South Omaha, and at the present and past rate of growth York will maintain its position of making the most rapid and greatest growth of any city in Nebraska.

Hurt in Runaway. While Ben Beckman and his daughter were going to the city from their home south of Plattsmouth, the horse he was driving became frightened a an automobile and ran away, turning the buggy over and throwing the inmates out. Mr. Beckman was severely lojured but his daughter was only slightly bruised.

Hunter Dies of Wound. Roy Hickman, aged 27 years, was accidently shot by the discharge of a gun, a half mile east of Max, and died from the effects of the wound a haif hour later.

Lost 100 Sheep. E. E. Morgan of Falls City los about 100 head of fine sheep near Straussville. They got on the Missouri Pacific track and were run over by the

Teachers at Emer on.

The seventh annual session of the

The Nebraska State Library commission will hold its annual convention in Hastings on October 20 and 21 Among the speakers engaged are Mrs. Elmendorf of Buffalo and Prof. P. M. Fling of Lincoln

POINT IN TELEPHONE LAW. Subscriber Has No Right to Connect ' Up Two Separate Lines.

In a case from Nuckolls county, the court finds that Henry L. Pharris, a farmer living near Superior, was not mittee which has been investigating entitled to have two telephone lines in abling him to use one or the other at his convenience, while paying the same rate as other patrons who had only one line. The plaintiff in this

had been disconnected.

The company owns poles and wires was held at which Dr. Lawrence of running from Burr Oak to Superior, The authora, showed that when the The speakers were flev. Weyer from the one on which some of the "kicked" to the president of the com-Holdredge. The last two speakers pany, and the latter agreed to put spoke of improved conditions in their in the switch to Pharris could talk on either line. When the directors heard of this, they vetocal the arrangement and ordered one line disconnected. After this had been done. Pharris connected it again and threatened to do so every time the company cut him off. It is held by the supreme court, in affirming a writ of injunction issued from the district court, that Pharris had no reason to claim a special privilege over other subscribers.

EFFORT TO SAVE CHILDREN.

Four Children Descried by Father and Mother Are Suffering.

Proceedings have been instituted in the probate court to have a guardian appointed for the infant children of lies went hungry. Charles Prochaska under the proviions of the Nebraska statute providing for "neglected children." chaska assaulted his wife on the Northwestern passenger train out of Premont last Tuesday. No complaint he was released from juil by the sheriff. Prochaska has disappeared and up to this time has not been heard from. The present Mrs. Prochaska is his second wife and she is with friends in David City. She dare not go home for fear Prochaska will kill her The children are by a former wife of Prochaska's. There are four of them, the oldest being but nine years of age, and they have been left alone on the farm since last Tuesday. The oldest of meat was but a memory. child, a little boy, had made a shift to get them something to eat and keep them warm, but when discovered by the neighbors they were in a pitiful condition and suffering from cold and

hunger. It is not known where Prochaska thought he took the Union Pacific passenger train out of David City Wednesday morning.

COUPLE DIE IN HOTEL.

Man and Woman Believed to Have

Been in Suicide Agreement. B. L. Sheppard, traveling salesman for the Marshall Pennyweight Scales company, and Mrs. Leona Bruner Stewardess at the Lincoln Commercial club, were found dead in the apartments of the man in a business block on North Eleventh street. Gas pouring from the room caused an inquiry by occupants of the block, and when the door was broken open the room was so filled with gas it was impossible to remain in it. The couple had evidently been dead several hours, the supposition of the police being that they turned on the gas with suicidal intent, though the possibility of accidental death is admitted. There was no message to indicate a suicide compact, but that is the generally accepted heory. Sheppard was one of the best known traveling men running out of Lincoln, where he had lived many years. Mrs. Bruner was also well Each was about 37 years old Both had been married, but divorced.

FACTORY TO MAKE PIPES.

New Plant Will Be Established Em-

ploying Forty Persons. A factory for the manufacture o obacco pipes, employing forty persons, will be started in Omaha within the next three months. The company has already placed its pipes on the market, but until the new factory can be located the pipes will be made in an eastern factory. A location is now being sougth by the men behind the company, and as soon as it is found and a building can be secured the machinery will be installed and the factory start out with a pay roll numbering about forty.

SERIOUS INJURIES IN FIRE.

Two Farmers Caught in Prairie Fire

Are in Serious Condition. Word has reached Dickens that Messrs. Crosby and Thomas, two well known farmers residing about nine miles southeast of here, were badly if not fatally burned in the disastrous prairie fire of Oct. 7. These men were returning from Custer county with a corn sheller when the fire overtook them in the hills about two miles from their home. The fire was started by sparks from a train. Both men are in a bad condition, being totally blind

Lincoln Paper Mills Burns, The Lincoln paper mill plant, loca ted between the city and the state penitentiary, was totally destroyed by fire with the stock on hand. George E. Haskell, president of the company

snys the loss is between \$50,000 and

\$60,000; with insurance of but \$13,000.

Injured at Ball Game. Steve Graff of Goehner had his collar bone broken by a fout ball at a ball game Friday.

saloon Case Continued. The injunction suit brought againm the village board of Barneston to restrain it from granting saloon licenses Edward Feverance and John Wulken, was called in the district court and continued to next Saturday.

County Superinten lent Resigns. hast Monday Miss. Plorence N. in Emerson, was arrended by about tered her resignation and it was ac-789 teachers from Burt, Thurston, Dasepted, to take effect October 12. Mi.s. kota, Dixon, Cedur and Wayne copa-Mame McAndrews was applied to fill

CHICAGO'S SHOCKING CONDITION Fifteen Thousand School Children Suffering from Hunger.

According to the report of a com-

conditions since May, there are 5,000 his home, connected with a switch en-children in Chicago frequently sent to school breakfastless, while 10,000 others are habitually bungry as the result of receiving insufficient food. What to Presbyterian State Synod.

The Sunday services of the Presbyterian synod meeting full Wayne was terian synod meeting full Wayne was provide rooms and equipment to enable any philanthropic person, or organization, to relieve the distress. Many are opposed to the idea of giving free meals to children at school, believing that the proper course is to enter the homes of the people where destitution exists and relieve it there. They urge the argument that if the child who attends school is underfed the same condition, even perhaps to greater extent, applies to the younger children remaining at home. The problem is a serious one, and calls for quick solu-

Some of the conditionst found by the investigating committee were most pitiable. Hundreds of mothers, the report says, often go to bed hungry in order that their children may have something to eat next morning. This self-denial is habitual heroism in several districts of the poor. Fathers out, of work have been found who were regular beneficiaries of the free lunch counters in saloons, while their fami-

Children have been found on South Water street, faint with hunger, begging for dead fowl in the crates or for decayed fruit. They have been seen feasting on remnants of food from garwas filed against him by his wife and bage boxes in alleys and in a few instances clutching at crusts of bread thrown away by other children at school

In 949 homes children were found being raised in places unfit for human habitation. The city is filled with deserted wives with large families. Children were found who did not know the taste of butter and to whom the taste

MYSTERIOUS CMAHA MURDER. Charles E. Davis Is Held for the

Killing of Dr. Rustin. went when he was released, but it is Edward Davis has been held on the charge of shooting Dr. Frederick Rustin of Omaha early on the morning of Sept. 2. Bail was fixed at \$10,000 and was furnished. Mrs. Rice, who said

she had a suicide compact with Rustin, was a principal witness against Davis. Dr. Rustin was a married man in love with Mrs. Rice. He was heavily in debt and believed the only thing for him to do was to commit suicide in such a way as not to invalidate his insurance. According to Mrs. Rice he convinced her that she ought to kill him and then commit suicide. She tried, but her nerve failed. Then, she says, the doctor met Davis, who also wanted to die. The doctor, according to her, gave Davis polson with which to commit suicide, in consideration for which Davis agreed to shoot the doc-

tor that night. Davis admitted everything (even the taking of the poison) except the agreement to kill and the actual killing. Davis' attorney tried to convince the court that Mrs. Rice did the killing.

SCHOOLS OF COLLEGES

Hamline University, of St. Paul, has raised \$10,000 for a gymnasium and expects to double this sum.

Superintendent Heeter of the St. Paul schools and the school board will shortly take up the question of selecting four or five teachers to be sent to England on half or third pay to study the methods of

The Sons of Veterans at their annual convention in Niagara Falls have inaugurated a movement to enlarge and in crease the scope of the college established at Mason City, Iowa, to educate the sons and daughters of veterans.

At Reading, Pa., it is announced that the famous collection of butterflies and moths belonging to the late Herman Stecker has been sold to the Field Museum of Natwal History, Chicago, by

Members of the Minneapolis 'abde union of electrical workers have sent in a petition to the board of regents of the iniversity of Minnesota to establish for them a night school for instruction in practical electrical subjects.

For the first time in years there are n secret societies made up of high school pupils in Minneapolis, according to the annual report of Dr. C. M. Jordan, super intendent of city schools, made to the Minneapolis board of education.

Sixty white pupils went on strike a the Lincoln school in Topeka, Kan. The walked out and paraded up and down th street, declaring they would never enter the doors of the school again until the negro pupils are excluded. It is feared that the strike will spread to other ward

James J. Hill has made a gift of \$6,000 to Minnesota College, Minneapolis, for the erection of a new building at Harvard and Delaware streets.

To ascertain how many students of for eign birth and the races they belong to attending the University of Minnesote the immigration committee, authorized by Congress to conductan investigation of dent Cyrus Northrop of the university, blanks for the use of every student in the institution. The same action is taken

MONEY IN CANTELOUPES.

Former Desert Land Now Worth \$5,000 an Acre.

In some sections of Colorado and in the Southwest, where only a few years ago the land was a worthless desert, the canteloupe is king. The lusclous fruit is at its best where other fruits and vegetables are not grown. It is a hermit. Squashes, watermelons and pumpkins grown in its vicinity cause it to deteriorate, but pointoes grown in its neighborhood seem to add

to its virtue. From four districts in the West the export value of canteloupes this year will be \$10,000,000. In the vicinity of Glenwood, Colo., new land, redeemed by irrigation and devoted to canteloupes, is selling for \$5,000 an acre. This statement seems preposterous until one is confronted by the recorded deeds. A fruit farm of 20 acres which was bought at \$1,000 an acre three years ago produced in cantaloupes per acre in the three years \$1,500, \$2,100 and \$2,000, thus returning the purchase price each year with 50 per cent profit the first year and 100 per cent profit the following years.

The region about Glenwood which It s possible to irrigate does not exceed 20,000 acres and most of it has already been snapped up. The soil is incredibly rich, but has no rainfall.

Another canteloupe district is the Salton Sea, in southern California, formerly a desert strewn with bleaching human bones. Part of it is now irrigated and from one section there was shipped this year \$2,000,000 worth of meions, while as much more rotted on the ground. This former sun-baked desert is now bringing apricot trees into bearing in two years and giving crops of barley, kaffir corn, onlons and cantaloupes in succession on the same land In one year. The sun shines 365 days

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FARM.

President Asks Many and the Commission Is Busy.

President Roosevelt wants to know whether the farmer likes his farm and why. To receive this information a commission on country life, consisting of six members, is now conducting an investigation. After the farmer has made known his advantages and drawbacks, other citizens are to be asked whether they like their job, their home, their neighbors and why.

Some of the questions now going over the thousands of rural routes are as

"Are the farm homes in your neigh-borhood as good as they should be under

"Are the schools in your neighborho training boys and girls satisfactorily for life on the farm?" "Po the farmers in your neighborhood

get the returns they reasonably should from the sale of their products?" "Do the farmers in your neighborh receive from the railroads, highroads, trolley lines, etc., the service they rea-sonably should have?"

receive from the United States postal service, rural telephone, etc., the service they reasonably should expect?" "Are the farmers and their wives in ur neighborhood satisfactorily organzed to promote their mutual interest?" "Are the renters of farms in your righborhood making a satisfactory liv-

"Do the farmers in your neighborhood

"Is the supply of farm labor in your



Senator Culberson of Texas has been appointed to succeed David R. Francis of dissouri as chairman of the advisory committee of the Democratic national campaign organization. Mr. Francis has

Candidate Taft came out of his vaca tion seclusion at Middle Bass Island and started from Sandusky across Ohio by train, making many short addresses from the rear platform of the observation car in which he rode,

The Indiana campaign of the Independence party was opened in Indianapolls. Wiliam R. Hearst, Thomas L. Hisgen, presidential candidate, and George McCaskrin, candidate of the party for

Governor of Illinois, spoke, Candidate Bryan has issued a reply to the pamphlet published by President Van Cleave of the Manufacturers' Association in the interest of Taft. Bryan says that the Democratic labor plank is not an assault on the courts, and asks if the labor question is so important as to justify business men in ignoring all other basues. Instead of creating the "class spirit," as Van Cleave had said the jury trial clause did, Bryan holds that it nims to prevent having the writ of injunction

used to create or to favor a class. in a letter addressed to Rev. R. H. Gesuer, rector of Christ Episcopal church of Oswego, James S. Sherman, Republi-can vice presidential candidate, expressed himself unequivocally in favor of the nomination of Gov. Charles E. Hughes

"A prohibitionist does not have to be a total abstainer," said Eugene W. Chr-fin, prohibition candidate for president in a speech at the old capitol buildin St. Panl, "The prohibitionist is the who votes the prohibition ticket on tion day because he believes the print