

# THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

It was decided early last year, soon after the death of Dr. Penrose, to commemorate his work in Athens by building onto the students' hostel of the British school in Athens a library to bear his name. Mr. Penrose was the first director of the school in Athens, and was called on more than once by the Athenian authorities to advise as to the preservation of the Parthenon. The total cost of the building and fittings will be about \$5,750, and so far \$2,000 has been received in subscriptions toward this object. The school can, if necessary, afford out of its own resources the sum of \$3,000, but no more, so it seems that at least \$750 should be raised by subscription if the building is to be opened free of debt during the archaeological congress in Athens next spring.

Some interesting experiments in blasting tree butts with gelignite—a blasting explosive—have recently been carried out at Lord Leigh's Stoneleigh Abbey estate, near Kenilworth, England. The usual boring was made and filled with the explosive. An electric detonator was attached which enabled the operator to retire under cover at a safe distance. The butts operated on were of various size and species, but in each case the method was found to give satisfactory results. It is also claimed to combine efficiency with economy.

This will help you to figure out just how large Texas really is. If you have a star mathematician in your family, tell him the number of square miles there are in the big state, then tell him the population of the globe. Then ask him if all the people in the world were placed in Texas and its soil divided out among them per capita, how large would the man's farm be who had a wife and two children? When he gets through figuring, then whisper in his ear: "More than half an acre."

The New York Historical society was 10 years old on November 20, and an anonymous gift of \$200,000, just received, places it in a position where it can progress in its work in a more satisfactory manner than before. Some people know that this society possesses one of the finest art galleries in America, and a collection of Egyptian antiquities which Miss Amelia B. Edwards pronounced as the finest outside of Egypt and surpassing them in some lines.

The American Bar association has passed a resolution in favor of establishing in the department of justice, Washington, a laboratory for the study of the criminal, pauper and defective classes. In the department of justice, Washington, Mr. McDonald has for several years been carrying on work of this kind under many difficulties, and it is mainly owing to his initiative that the foregoing resolution was framed.

The rails of the Mexican Gulf railroad are laid on mahogany sleepers and the bridges built of white marble. In West Mexico is a line with ebony sleepers and ballast of silver ore drawn from the mines beside the track. The engineers constructing these railways had no other material on the route, and found it cheaper to use these seeming extravaganzas than to import the ordinary material.

Captain Scott, R. N., and the officers of the Discovery Antarctic expedition were present at the opening of the Antarctic expedition of water colors, photographs and other articles of interest, used in the south Polar regions during their recent expedition, which took place at the Bruton galleries. Sir Clements Markham, president of the Royal Geographical society opened the exhibition.

In some interesting notes on the researches of Dr. David, a Swiss naturalist, in the Congo forest, there is reference to a find made by him of an armadillo, four feet long, closely resembling its congener of the pampas. It frequently assumes an erect attitude, supporting itself on its tail and holding the tree trunks with its powerful foreclaws.

The Messrs. Nicola of Pittsburgh have presented to the Carnegie museum a magnificent tusk of a mastodon found on their property at Sharon, Pa. Director W. J. Holland, of the museum, says it is one of the most beautifully preserved and perfect pieces of fossil ivory found in America, preserving its whiteness and grain in a splendid manner.

The authorities of the Congo Free State are endeavoring to popularize travel through their territory, and it has just been officially announced that the Congo railway has reduced the rate for first-class fares to \$2 for a journey of 240 miles. This is a great reduction on former fares and is the lowest rate in west Africa.

Clarence H. Mackay, who since his father died has been the head of the big telegraph and cable system established by his father, is another enthusiastic sportsman. He is fond of horses and lately has taken a great fancy to yachts. He used to be an excellent shot and is very fond of hunting big game.

The recent riots in Innsbruck did not last long because the Italian government, which knows that it cannot have the Tyrol, was moderate in its remonstrances; and the Austrian authorities to not like demonstrations in which the students hurled for Germany and sang the "Wacht am Rhein."

The famous Austrian novelist, Madame Mary von Ebner-Eschenbach, possesses one of the finest collections of watches. A number of these timepieces are over 200 years old, and many of them are set in diamonds. The collection is said to be worth over \$50,000.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt loves horses. He has a large farm near Newport, where he keeps his fine animals. He is one of the best four-in-hand whips in New York, and in the coaching season his turnout is on the road daily.

In spite of strong efforts made to increase poultry culture in England, the importation of eggs has again increased during the last year, amounting in value to \$22,064,800, as against \$29,420,000 during the year 1902.

When dining with the king of England (where uniform is not worn) the proper dress consists of evening dress coat, evening dress waistcoat, breeches and black silk stockings or trousers and white necktie.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, in spite of his activity in business and as an inventor, devotes lots of his time in the summer to yachting. That is really his only pastime, and he is intensely fond of the sport.

A large deposit of copper has been discovered in the state of Santa Catarina, Brazil. Work on exploitation has already been started. The deposit is in the hands of a German syndicate.

# HEROIC FIGHT OF

## NEBRASKA WOMAN

### Gives Her Life Saving Her Children From Their Burning Home.

### DIED IN GREAT AGONY

#### Fatally Burned by Explosion of Gasoline and Her Home in Flames, Mother Enacts a Terrible Tragedy.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 4.—Cleaning clothing for the approaching holiday and its celebration, using gasoline for the purpose, Mrs. Joseph Reuss was burned to death in a terribly tragic manner at her home near Elgin, Neb.

Using an open pan of gasoline a short distance from a heated stove, the woman was suddenly covered with flaming fluid as the result of an explosion. Attempting desperately to quench the flames that enveloped her body, cutting her clothing and leaping into her face and hair, she used up almost all of her strength. Quilts and blankets, which she seized in an effort to stop the fire were burned.

Finally despairing in her attempt to put out the flames she ran out of the house succeeded in reaching the water tank at the barn and dived into the icy liquid. With a hissing water put a stop to the fire, but her clothing had been so nearly destroyed that the frail particles remaining dropped off into the tank, leaving her suffering woman nude. Still courageous, however, she ran back to the house to put out the fire and save her children. When she had done this she dropped exhausted into a chair, where her husband, some hours later, found her moaning and charred to a night and a day she lived in horrible agony, finally succumbing. She was formerly Miss Gertrude Eichman of Carroll, Ia.

### WINNEBAGO REPORT DELAYED

#### Inspector Wright Is Ill at His Home in Wisconsin.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Albert O. Wright, supervisor of Indian schools, who some weeks ago made an exhaustive examination of conditions on the Winnebago reservation growing out of the charges made by Father Schell, is lying dangerously ill at his home in Madison, Wis. Supervisor Wright, it is supposed, gathered many interesting facts regarding the situation on and contiguous to the Winnebago reservation, but owing to his sudden illness his observations have not yet been communicated to the Indian bureau. Commissioner Jones regrets this, as it had been his hope to clear up the moral atmosphere alleged to surround the Winnebago before his term of office expired. However, it now seems that this is not to be, and it will remain for his successor, Francis E. Leupp, to deal with the troublesome problems of which complaint has been made.

### GUARANTY BOND FILED.

#### Treasurer Mortensen Has Plenty Offers to Give Personal Bond.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 4.—State Treasurer Mortensen does not intend to give a personal bond, neither does he expect to resign his office. He has until Thursday to attend to the matter and things are already shaping themselves so that no Omaha bank need embarrass itself because of the state treasurer's refusal to give his guaranty bond for \$1,000,000 and it is not improbable that he will tender this to the governor and that notwithstanding the supreme court opinion it will be accepted and approved.

The bond episode has demonstrated to the money market in full moneyed men that who are willing to go on the bond of Mr. Mortensen and that without a guaranty bond behind them. He has received many telegrams from all parts of the state offering to go on his bond. All of these the state treasurer has refused with thanks. Those bankers, however, who have sent in messages to the effect that they desire to go on the bond will not be forgotten by the treasurer when the bond is finally fixed up, and neither will he hold resentment against the Omaha bankers, but it is safe to predict that the smaller banks out in the state will get a larger share of the state money and the deposits in the Omaha banks will be correspondingly cut down.

All the money in the various state funds, as shown by the report of Treasurer Mortensen for the month of December, is at the lowest ebb, when compared with the reports of several months back. In all funds there is on hand only \$174,539.92. This is due to the enormous amount of money that has been paid out this month, including the money in the temporary school fund which was apportioned to the various school districts of the state. There was expended during the month \$581,089.94, and there was a notable amount at the beginning of the month \$336,553.62. During the fiscal year the receipts and expenditures run along neck and neck, and the expenditures just a little ahead of the receipts. There was paid into the treasury during the year \$2,875,273.40, and there was paid out \$3,894,176.88.

### FEDERATION WINS OUT.

#### Saloons in Omaha Must Close Places of Business at 12.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4.—The Civic federation performed a notable triumph at a session of the fire and police commissioners in its crusade for stricter regulations of saloons and vice. Protests had been filed by the federation against the granting of licenses to fifteen saloons in the eighth district and to the music halls. Licenses were issued in giving that they would be closed promptly at midnight and that liquor should not be sold either to minors or to women. Licenses were also issued to the understanding that no women of immoral character should be allowed to enter or mingle with audiences. The protests were withdrawn. Mr. Thomas remarked that three things which most deeply constituted the Civic federation had been granted.

### RECEPTION TO M'GREEVEY.

#### O'Neill Banker Finds Many Friends Willing to Sympathize.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 2.—Bernard McGreevey had, perhaps, more callers to see him at the county jail than anyone else in the town. He says everyone appears to be friendly and that several have expressed their good wishes toward him. McGreevey at one time lived on a homestead northwest of town and many of his old neighbors called to see him.

No move has been made yet looking toward bail, but several offers of bail have been made. The date of the preliminary hearing will be fixed by the county judge to take place on January 12.

# CANDIDATES ON DECK.

## Aspirants for Places During Session of Legislature Are Out Looking for Plums.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—Evidently desiring to get in on the ground floor early, a number of candidates for places in the legislature have arrived and opened headquarters or have taken rooms so their friends can have a place to congregate.

The candidates for speaker here tonight are House of Representatives, Jennings of Thayer, Fries of Arcadia, Mockett of Lancaster, Senators Tucker of Richardson and Backson of Gage are also here, but both refused to say which of the candidates they would vote for.

John Wall and Clyde Barnard, chief and assistant clerk in the house, are looking after their interests as fast as the members of house get here. Persons looking for jobs in the senate are waiting for the call, though it is not expected that the places will go beyond J. Pool of Cass county, who is a candidate for secretary, will have opposition among the old senators, and already some of the members have received letters urging that they vote against him.

### DIAMONDS DROPPED FROM DRAY.

#### Peculiar Adventure of Lincoln Woman Who Sues for \$30.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—One day not ago a Lincoln delivery company was engaged to deliver household goods for Nellie Larson. Among other things was a satchel containing \$200 worth of diamonds. They never arrived.

The woman advertised for their return and alleges she paid Detective James F. Dawson \$25 reward for bringing them in. She has now brought suit in the court of Justice Greene to recover this amount and to advise the charges. She says that when she sought an accounting with the delivery company her importunities were met with indifference. Charging carelessness in the delivery of the goods, inattention in the management of the property in the dray, she asks judgment for \$30 from the delivery company. Detective Dawson said that the diamonds dropped from the van; that a woman answered an advertisement in a Lincoln paper and while she was in the office was accosted by himself and another officer who led her away to her home on North Fourth street, where they searched for the diamonds, gave her the reward offered and returned the jewels to the woman who lost them. Mr. Dawson said that the recompense was identical what they gave the finder, whose name has been forgotten.

A few days ago a woman visited a Lincoln attorney, told of a missing parcel of diamonds and of her grievance against police officers. She said she went to the office of the paper, asked the address of the owner who had advertised and while waiting for it, under some pretext of a search for the diamonds, she had the diamonds, gave her the reward offered and returned the jewels to the woman who lost them. Mr. Dawson said that the recompense was identical what they gave the finder, whose name has been forgotten.

### UPHOLDS CHIEF DONAHUE.

#### Charges Filed Against Officer by the Civic Federation Not Sustained.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2.—A verdict yesterday rendered by the board of fire and police commissioners in favor of Chief of Police Donahue, against whom charges had been filed by the civic federation with harboring criminals and in other ways violating his oath of office. The charges were filed by Elmer E. Thomas, on behalf of the civic federation. The decision is signed by all the members of the board and states that the evidence does not sustain the charges.

### SON THOUGHT DEAD, RETURNS.

#### Went to Transvaal Six Years Ago and Served in Boer Army.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fohsion are perhaps the happiest people in the state since the return of their son, John, who came home on Christmas day, after an absence of six years. The reunion of the family was made doubly happy by the fact that for four years the aged parents had mourned the boy as dead.

Young Fohsion, in company with a party of prospectors, went to South Africa about five years ago, and was there at the outbreak of the hostilities between England and the Boer republic. The last letter his parents received from him stated that he had joined the Boer forces, and was preparing to take active part in the hostilities against the opposition forces. Hearing nothing further from the boy from that time to the present, the parents feared that he had been killed.

### INJURED IN A RUNAWAY.

#### Lyons, Neb., Dec. 30.—Joseph Larson's driving horse in turning a corner struck the sidewalk, throwing him to the ground on his head. The horse then rushed into a passing funeral procession, but was caught. Mr. Larson was not seriously hurt.

### FIRE AT GOEHNER.

#### Drug Store and Hotel, Both Frame Structures, Burned.

Goehner, Neb., Dec. 31.—C. W. Mosser's drug store and the Goehner hotel, a frame structure, which, together with the drug store, burned to the ground yesterday. Ernest Kruhm's hardware store was damaged considerably, but by heroic work of the citizens it was saved from burning.

# DR. CHADWICK AT

## LAST IN NEW YORK

### Was Greatly Shocked When He Learned That He Had Been Indicted.

### HE SAYS HE IS INNOCENT

#### Cannot Believe Things He Has Read in the Newspapers Can Be True—Will Return to Cleveland Freely.

New York, Jan. 3.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, under indictment at Cleveland with his wife for uttering a forgery, reached here today on the steamer Pretoria. Dr. Chadwick and daughter occupied one of the poorer stations in the second cabin.

An Associated Press representative met Dr. Chadwick and delivered some mail for the doctor. The doctor was reading a paper when first seen. Upon approaching the wharf Dr. Chadwick became quite nervous, and the approach of the reporter caused him great trepidation. He was asked for an interview but declined to talk at that time. He was later informed of his indictment, and trembling markedly, said: "I have heard nothing of this matter and will say nothing until I get some authoritative information." He then went into his daughter's cabin and remained until Sheriff Barry arrived with a warrant.

"There will be no arrest or even detention of the doctor," said Sheriff Barry. "Dr. Chadwick has consented to return to Cleveland without formality." Dr. Chadwick gave to the Associated Press the following interview: "I am shocked by the recent turn of events. I am innocent of all charges against me, and can point with pride to my thirty-five years of residence in Cleveland. I cannot believe that the dreadful things printed in the papers are true. I am entirely without prejudice as to the case except what I have read in the papers and what you have been good enough to tell me."

Papers in a civil suit were served by a Brooklyn, Mass. officer, but others were refused permission to see the doctor. The party did not go to New York, but will leave for Cleveland from Jersey City this afternoon. The doctor's daughter will visit relatives in Florida.

# THE CHADWICKS MEET.

## Husband and Wife Enact a Touching Scene in Cleveland Jail.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 3.—Unheralded and unembarrassed by a crowd of the curious, the homecoming of Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick was in diametric contrast to the arrival of his wife three weeks since. The early hour of the arrival and the fact that but few people were about at that hour made the doctor's arrival quite like that of any ordinary traveler. No one was at the station to meet him, with the exception of Attorney Kershaw. Even his stepson, Emil Hoover, failed to see him until 9 o'clock. Young Hoover had planned to board the train at the Euclid avenue station, but the train had come into the station and departed before Emil was able to get to the station.

Sheriff Barry and Dr. Chadwick were quickly driven to the county jail. A bond provided Saturday by Attorney Virgil P. Kline and Attorney Dawley was at the jail on the arrival of Dr. Chadwick.

After the preliminaries in the sheriff's office Dr. Chadwick was escorted by Sheriff Barry to the fourth floor of the woman's ward, where his wife is held a prisoner. The meeting between the two was pathetic in the extreme. Mrs. Chadwick arose when she heard the steps in the corridor and fell into her husband's arms when she recognized him. Both broke down and wept convulsively for several minutes while clinging to each other, the sheriff attempting to console them. There was no artificiality about the scene. Genuine grief, genuine joy intermingled. Even the sheriff, hardened by continual contact with people in distress, was deeply affected. Little by little the first shock grew less severe, and the two sat down for a talk that continued for an hour and a half. There were pleadings and partial responses when the more serious predicament of husband and wife was at length appreciated.

Dr. Chadwick has lost his all in the operations of his wife and the large independent fortune of his only child has been swept away. Sufficient reason, it would seem, for some act of heartlessness on his part. Mrs. Chadwick tried to impute to him with the thought of her innocence of any wrong doing. His only response to these pleas was "I hope so."

The troubles into which both have been plunged were thoroughly discussed. The wife told the story of which was said to be the result of which Mrs. Chadwick joined. There were no apparent evasions, but there was a constant cry of "trust me, trust me," on the part of the woman. "Don't believe these stories which the newspapers have been printing about me," she said. "They are all lies; every one of them. I have done nothing wrong. Believe me, trust me; everything will come out all right in the end, and it will be seen that I have not been guilty of these things the public charge me with. Don't think I deceive you; I will tell you the truth, and I will tell you that all these reports are lies—lies."

"I can only hope so," was the husband's answer. "I have trusted and it is hard to believe anything, my mind is so confused. This has all been such a terrible shock and I don't understand any of it. I want to think of it. I don't say I won't trust you; only give me time to collect my thoughts. Ever since I heard of this trouble in Paris I have been bothered, and my life has been made almost unbearable. I have been followed and hounded until I can think of nothing else. I am not the judge; I can only hope that everything will come out all right, as you say."

# SHOCK RESTORED VOICE

## Indianapolis Young Woman Made Speechless by Illness, Recovers as Result of Emotion.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 21.—After having been unable to speak for fifteen years, Miss Emma Rogers suddenly recovered her voice last night, and today talked with friends as well as she ever did. Miss Rogers had an attack of the grip and became very nervous, with the result that she lost her voice. She learned the deaf mute alphabet and for years communicated with members of the family in that way.

The recovery of speech, according to the family, was the result of a nervous shock. For several months a young man has been boarding at her father's house, becoming attached to the young woman. Yesterday another man who had had trouble with the lover and had made threats against him, applied to Mrs. Rogers for board. Mr. Rogers was inclined to take him as a boarder, but Miss Emma heard the conversation and protested violently by gestures and use of the sign language against his admission.

The parent grew more determined, and it is said, spoke disparagingly of the daughter's lover. This excited her greatly, and she suddenly began to protest with her voice. She was so much affected by the recovery of speech that she became ill and a physician had to be called. An aunt of the young lady lost her voice several years ago, and six months later recovered it as suddenly as it had been lost.

# MYSTERY IN KILLING.

## Man Fatally Shot Thinks He Was Victim of a New York Police Conspiracy.

New York, Dec. 31.—William O'Brien was probably fatally shot while standing near where Robert Brennan was killed by Patrolman Mallon last May. O'Brien was the principal witness against Mallon. O'Brien's assailants escaped, and he refuses to make a statement.

"When you're against the cops, get all that's coming to you," said the wounded man. "Three suspects are under arrest. Brennan was walking down the Bowery and just passed the saloon where Brennan was killed, when a shot rang out. O'Brien fell with a bullet in the abdomen. The police advance the theory that O'Brien had been in a fight."

# HOLIDAYS STOP TRADE

## Inventories, the Great Storm and Other Causes Give Progress a Severe Check.

New York, Jan. 3.—Dun & Co.'s Review says: "Holiday week brought customary quiet conditions in the business world, inventories and preparations for annual settlements monopolizing attention except in some branches of manufacture where immediate deliveries were required. Severe storms also interrupted communication and transportation, particularly at the west, but on the whole the elements were hopeful, for the drought was broken in the Pittsburgh region. By this resumption of a boating stage on the rivers shipments of coal were made possible and a surplus output restored to normal volume. Annual reviews indicate that business has made a much better showing than seemed possible at the outset, the second half comparing very favorably with the first six months, and suggesting that the business movement for the last week of the year and the increase of \$1,543,163 in exports and a very large gain of \$3,819,245 in imports, as compared with 1902.

# IRON INDUSTRY IS PROSPEROUS.

Buoyant sentiments prevailed in the iron and steel industry. Quotations are not only well maintained, but in many instances further advances marked the last days of the old year. The industry on a whole is in a remarkably strong position, as compared with the close of last year. Supplies of native hides are accumulating owing to the holiday movement of cattle, and the tone is easier, but small stocks of branded hides maintain that department. The leather market is strong in tone, because it is believed that footwear manufacturers will purchase freely in the near future. Although salesmen for New England shoe factories have secured few spring orders in the western territory, owing to the high priced demand, the limited supply in the hands of jobbers and dealers will necessitate replacing of broken assortments in the near future. Textile manufacturing is progressing satisfactorily, despite the peculiar conditions of the raw material markets. Woolen goods are more reluctant to place orders on account of the sharp decline in cotton, but the limited stocks and difficulty of securing prompt delivery hold prices steady. There is a good inquiry for export. Woolen goods are advancing because of the upward tendency of wool, and purchasers are more willing to place contracts at prevailing rates. Failures this week number 252 in the United States, against 320 last year, and 11 in Canada, compared with 17 a year ago.

# INSURANCE SWINDLE.

## A New York Man Charged With Conspiracy and Forgery Involving \$150,000.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Charges of conspiracy, false pretense and forgery, involving \$150,000 are made against John Hough, alias Bigger, who was committed to the city hall police court yesterday to await a requisition from the New York authorities. New York detectives arrested Hough as he was leaving the county jail, where he had served six months for swindling operations in the name of Peter Boyer Sign Manufacturing company of Philadelphia.

According to information in the possession of the police department Hough and other persons who have since disappeared established an insurance company under the name of the American Mutual Insurance company of America. The concern, it is alleged, wrote \$4,000,000 worth of fire insurance and collected \$150,000 in premiums, the insured having been led, it is charged, to believe that Hough was the American agent of Lloyd's of London. Six months ago a collapse followed an alleged non-payment of a policy and the prosecution claims that the discovery was then made that the safe was filled with assets in the shape of worthless deeds and mortgages. The New York authorities asked that he be released on less than \$100,000 bail and he was held to await requisition. His attorney has secured a writ of habeas corpus returnable January 4.

# FAIRBANKS A MASON.

## Vice President-Elect Takes the First Three Degrees in One Day and Becomes a Master.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—Vice President-elect C. W. Fairbanks was initiated today into the mysteries of Free Masonry. He began with the apprentice degree, advanced in three hours to the dignity of a fellow craftsman and ended tonight with the third or Master Mason's degree. The taking of the three degrees in one day is unusual, and the ceremonies attracted many members of the order to this city by its novelty as well as by reason of the distinguished position of the candidate. Mr. Fairbanks is a long-time worshiper of the order through which he was about to pass. He took all sabbies good naturedly, but as he approached the lodge room it was evident that he regarded his entrance into Masonry as a serious matter.

# DEPEW SAYS HE WINS

## Junior Senator From New York Announces That He Is Certain of His Re-Election.

New York, Dec. 31.—Senator Depew said today he had won in his campaign for re-election. He made the announcement after a conference with Governor Odell, Speaker Nixon and a few others.

# KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

## Illinois Man Held His Wife on Railroad Tracks While a Train Ran Over Both.

Carbondale, Ill., Jan. 3.—A. B. Hemphill and wife were killed near here by a fast train on the Illinois Central. Hemphill was drinking heavily, and during a quarrel threw his wife to the track and held her there while the train ran over both of them.

# PRESIDENT TAKES A HAND.

## Washington, Jan. 3.—It is announced by order of the president, District Attorney Hall of the federal district of Oregon, has been removed from office.

Hall was indicted for reappointment by both Senator Mitchell and Representative Herrmann, both of whom refused to take the oath of office. The grand jury in the land fraud cases. The president took up the charges of irregularities in the district attorney's office and this caused an inquiry to be made. On the reports received today's action was taken. It is alleged there has been obstruction of justice and that certain prominent men have been shielded and attempts made to prevent certain parties giving evidence before the grand jury.

The announcement of Hall's removal was made by Attorney General Moody after a conference with the president. Moody declined to say what the charges, if any, were, but added it was for the good of the service. Earlier in the day Senator Fulton of Oregon had a conference with the president in regard to the land fraud cases.