

THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

The region about Tuxpan, in the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, is the natural habitat of the vanilla vine. The land is cleared of underbrush and the vine cutting, which should be about eighteen inches long, are planted beside suitable trees, left standing for the purpose. As soon as the joints commence to sprout they throw out tendrils, which cling tenaciously to the trees, and soon form climbing vines, which after three to four years, commence to bear. In the fifth year the vine will be in full bearing, and will produce from fifteen to forty beans, each bean worth from 8 to 10 cents Mexican (3.52 to 4.77 cents United States); in certain years the beans have been known to sell as high as 18 cents (8.59 cents) apiece. The cured beans command a much higher price. It is estimated that a five-acre vanilla plantation will yield sufficient income to render its owner independent for the remainder of his life.

The new Simpson tunnel is exactly twelve miles and 453 yards long, of which a little over seven miles is in Italian territory. The St. Gothard tunnel is nine miles and 564 yards long, the Mont Cenis a few yards short of eight miles, and the Arlberg tunnel six miles and 464 yards. All these tunnels have double railway tracks and their measurements are: Eight, seven yards, and width, nine yards. Although the Simpson tunnel is so much longer than either the St. Gothard or the Mont Cenis, it was completed in six and a half years. It took eight years to construct the St. Gothard and twelve years for the Mont Cenis.

Several tins of paint were found among the luggage of an Englishman who was traveling to Monaco last month. He was in charge of a racing craft, and intended to use the pigment to touch up the vessel after its long railway journey. The French customs officials, however, took exception to the paint, on the ground that it contained denatured spirits, whereupon the traveler argued that he intended bringing it back on leaving the country. Asked how he was going to bring it back, he replied: "On the sides of the boat." Even this plea did not suffice, the authorities arguing that the spirit would have evaporated.

In one of the frequent revolutions in Haiti the commander of the government forces at Port au Prince, the story goes, made a requisition on the authorities at Cape Hatien for men to aid in putting down the uprising. After a somewhat rough experience of two or three days the authorities got together the required number of men and loaded them aboard ship. Then the following message was sent: "Commander Government Forces, Port au Prince: I send you per steamer Saginaw today 100 volunteers. Please return the ropes with which they are tied.—Commander at Port Hatien."

There are only two districts in which there are important deposits of coal in Ireland—County Tyrone in the north, and the counties of Kilkenny, Queens and Carlow in the south. In Tyrone there are several valuable coal seams, with an aggregate thickness of about thirty feet, near the western shore of Lough Neagh. A seam four feet thick at Drumglass was worked formerly, but an influx of water from old workings drowned out the mine. There is one mine now open, and has been by a pottery company to obtain fuel for its works.

Consul Goding reports that in certain periods of time selected for investigation the number of divorces to every 10,000 marriages in New Zealand was 116.6, in South Australia 23, in Queensland 30, in West Australia and Tasmania 41, in Victoria 124.4, and in New South Wales 273.3. Canada has four divorces to every 10,000 marriages in the United Kingdom 11, Norway 16, Austria 43, Greece 50, Belgium 81, Sweden 87, Cape Colony 98, the Netherlands 103, Germany 165, France 180, Roumania 204, Switzerland 432 and the United States 612.

The wood of the zapote tree, of Mexico, from which chicle gum is obtained, is dark purplish red, and although exceedingly hard when first cut it easily worked until thoroughly seasoned, when only the finest edge tools have any effect on its flint-like surface. Sharp-pointed nails can be driven into the wood only about an inch. The fiber is so dense that the wood sinks rapidly in water, and will remain immersed for years without being affected in the least.

The production of quicksilver in 1904 is estimated at 3,531 tons, not including the output of the Russian basin, of which no statistics have been received as yet. In 1903 these countries yielded 190 and 362 tons respectively. The production in 1904 of the United States, Spain, Austria and Italy were 1480 tons, 420 tons, 335 tons and 335 tons respectively. Counting the output of Mexico and Russia, the world's production for 1904 will probably amount to 4,000 tons.

"Schooner" is a word of American manufacture. At Gloucester, Mass., at 1713, Capt. Andrew Robinson was the first vessel called by that name. As it slid off the stocks into the water the bystanders shouted, "Oh, how handsome!" (skims). Robinson's first vessel was called: "A scometer let her be." The name has been universally adopted in a singularly enough, is spelled in a Dutch manner, though it is pronounced as a scometer.

A man writing from a London lodging-house is sending letters to defendants whose names and addresses appear in the newspapers, offering to supply them with "wrinkles" on prison life that will add to their comfort while incarcerated—especially by which they will be able to obtain an improvement in the official dietary. All he asks in return is cast off clothing or boots and "railway fare paid in advance."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says he asked General Dragomiroff's opinion on Major General Meckel's claim that the Japanese success was due to German military instructors; and that Dragomiroff said: "Meckel's chatter does not deserve serious consideration. The whole affair was the work of Oyamada, a clerk and Oku, whom Meckel, of course, never taught anything."

Miss Jane Nathan, who is the first South African-born girl licensed to practice as a dental surgeon, has returned from her successful studies in Europe to begin her profession at Johannesburg, Cape Colony. She is also believed to be the first South African girl to take any medical degree.

Jacob H. Schiff, of New York, who is in the first line of American philanthropists, is chairman of a committee recently appointed to decide upon plans for the celebration this fall of the 150th anniversary of the Jewish settlement in North America.

OFFICER IN DISGRACE DEFENDS WOMAN

Captain G. W. Kirkman Under Sentence Declares Mrs. Chandler Innocent.

HE TELLS OF CHANGES

Says in Testimony They Were Guiltless of Offenses Charged and That They Were Simply Victims of Circumstances.

Lincoln, Neb., June 27.—Minor S. Bacon, who was engaged to take testimony in the recent trial of Captain G. W. Kirkman of Fort Niobrara, has in his possession a letter from Kirkman outlining his defense in the woman's scruple that he tumbled into. Kirkman was recently sentenced to three years at hard labor in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth for conduct unbecoming an officer.

Stripped of his uniform, his sword taken away from him, the object of scorn and disgrace, Kirkman paid an awful price for the dissipated life which he led. The disgraced officer defends the name of the beautiful wife of Lieutenant Chapman, who killed herself at a hotel at Omaha. He says that the unlawful relations charged had no existence in fact; that he and she were simply the victims of circumstances over which they had no control.

At the time he was charged with violating the conditions of his arrest by going to Valentine, he declares, he did not leave the fort till he was satisfied that he had secured proper permission. It was necessary, he insisted, that he see some witnesses of his at the town named, because they were about to leave the place and he had tried to see the proper officer and get permission to go thither. He was unable to see that individual in person, but understood that it would be all right to make the trip.

He went to the best hotel at Valentine. In the morning he met Mrs. Besie Chandler and she told him that she was desirous of seeing her husband at the fort that she might endeavor to effect a reconciliation. He then offered to drive her over and she had accepted. He then secured a rig from a livery stable and with Mrs. Chandler drove homeward.

He asserts that she was taken ill just before reaching her destination, and it was necessary to take her to his quarters. She was assigned to one of his rooms and he had gone to another.

He was tired and had donned his bathrobe to lie down and rest. It was while lying down that a guard broke in and demanded that Mrs. Chandler be produced. He had indignantly protested against the force that had been used, but it did no good.

After that he after Mrs. Chandler was found in the quarters of Kirkman she no longer attempted to gain an audience with her husband, but later journeyed to Omaha, where she killed herself.

Powerful interests tried to save Kirkman, but he had been transgressing military law in too flagrant a manner to escape this time, though he had once dodged punishment by being declared insane.

DEATH OF OLD SETTLER.

Citizen of Randolph for Years Dropped Dead Suddenly. Randolph, Neb., June 27.—Thos. G. Wright, aged about 58 years, dropped dead today while engaged in loading corn. He was an esteemed citizen of Randolph and has lived here about fifteen years. His wife and five children survive him.

WOULD RETAIN FAST TIME

Chicagoans Want Twentieth Century Fast Time Continued. Chicago, June 27.—The Post says: Headed by Vice President W. C. Brown and Passenger Traffic Manager C. F. Daly, of the Lake Shore road, the entire executive staff from the Chicago offices of the road will appeal to President Newman to rescind his order abandoning the eighteen-hour schedule for the Twentieth Century Limited. Believing that the New York officials do not fully understand the situation, do not realize that the wreck was due to causes entirely independent of fast running, and was the result of a switch misplaced by some miscreant, and that the results would have been far worse for a slower and longer train than they would have been to a short and fast train, every important officer of the Lake Shore system will meet President Newman in the company's New York headquarters next Sunday morning. They will ask that his first judgment as to ending the eighteen-hour schedule be reversed, and the fast system as instituted last Sunday be continued.

The basis of the appeal will be that the business demands the eighteen-hour service. The officials of the road have received messages from innumerable business sources protesting against the change and urging that effective steps be taken to alter the decision.

WAS CLEARLY MALICIOUS

Ohio's Chief Inspector Says High Speed Was Not Responsible for Wreck at Mentor. Springfield, O., June 27.—W. O. Jackson, chief inspector of railroads and telegraphs in Ohio, returned today from Mentor, where he investigated the Lake Shore wreck. He said: "That the switch was opened intentionally we know. Whether or not it was locked open we cannot tell, for all reports are meager. I do not think the speed of the train had anything to do with the wreck. Fast trains are no more liable to accident than any other, for they make fewer stops, and many accommodation trains run as fast between stations as the Twentieth Century."

THOUSAND YEARS IN PEN

Sentence of Texas Negro Convicted of Attempted Assault. St. Louis, June 26.—A special to the Republic from Waco, Tex., says: In the case of Lee Robertson, a negro charged with attempted criminal assault upon a white woman, the jury today brought in the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged and fix his punishment as confinement in the state prison at 1,000 years." The spectators in court cheered when the verdict was read, despite the admonitions of the court.

CLASSMATE INSANE

Professor Carl C. Rice, of Lincoln, Neb., Is Placed Under Arrest at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 28.—Professor Carl C. Rice of Lincoln, Neb., a Harvard graduate, classmate of Theodore Roosevelt, and a professor of Leland Stanford university, Palo Alto, Cal., is under guard in the insane department at St. Francis' hospital. His identity was learned through a name written on the flyleaf of an English-French pocket dictionary and a pair of spectacles. After much telegraphing the man's family was found in Lincoln, and word was received that his father is now on his way to Pittsburg. Overstudy is the cause given for Professor Rice's mental condition.

AUTOMOBILE LAW.

Regulates Speed and Requires Each Machine to Be Numbered. Lincoln, Neb., June 28.—Men who guide the reeling, plunging automobiles will have to be careful after July 1. A new law will go into effect and it applies to the man from Colorado, the rich chauffeur from Kansas and the hurried business man racing across the state from Iowa just as much as to the automobile owners who reside within the borders of the state. The description, with the name of the owner of every automobile in the state, must be filed with the secretary of state on or before July 1. A fee of \$1 is paid and the chauffeur is provided with a number. The number must be displayed on every vehicle. The various machines in use, such as gasoline and electric motors, are defined and all are classified as automobiles.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS.

A Successful Conference Is Held at Norfolk. Norfolk, Neb., June 28.—Nearly 100 delegates attended the Epworth league conference here from Madison, Wayne, Cedar, Stanton, Dixon, Boone, Colfax, Burt, Cuming and Thurston counties. It was declared the most successful conference yet held. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Rev. J. M. Bothwell, Madison; first vice president, Miss Gertrude Stutzman; second vice president, Miss Edith Stinson, Wayne; third vice president, Miss Sadie Cass, Lyons; fourth vice president, Mrs. A. L. Mickle, Pender; recording secretary, Mrs. O. S. Grant, Allen; corresponding secretary, Miss Ethel Doughty, Norfolk; Junior League superintendent, Mrs. R. J. Antles, Stanton; delegate to Denver, John Tannehill, Norfolk.

SHOOTING FRIEND.

Ten-Year-Old Lad While Angry Fires Revolver at Playmate. Omaha, Neb., June 28.—Seized by a sudden fit of uncontrollable anger, 10-year-old Victor Fleischer drew a revolver and shot down his 10-year-old playmate, Arthur Shroy. An examination showed that the bullet had passed through his right arm and struck his jaw just beneath the lower lip. His condition is not considered serious.

MUST LOCATE AGAIN.

Probably Cannot Hold Another Picnic in Clinton Park. Dakota City, Neb., June 28.—The twenty-fourth annual reunion and picnic of the Dakota County Pioneers' and Old Settlers' association will be held in this place on Thursday, August 31. Held at Clinton park, but as the proposed Ashland extension of the Great Northern railway runs through these grounds it is thought new grounds will have to be sought if the road is built before that time. In all probability the court house yard will hereafter be used for the annual gatherings.

IS ON TRIAL TODAY.

Charles M. Chamberlain Faces Court at Tecumseh. Tecumseh, Neb., June 28.—The long looked-for trial of Charles M. Chamberlain, alleged bank wrecker, absconder and embezzler, is set for today in the district court of Johnson county. Judge W. H. Kelliger will come from Auburn and will convene the body in regular session. A petty jury, which originally had not been called at term, will come on for service. The jury was called wholly in the Chamberlain matter.

BRAKEMAN IS CHARGED.

J. J. Kriss Accused of Being Responsible for Death of Man. Fremont, Neb., June 28.—A complaint has been filed and a warrant issued for the arrest of J. J. Kriss, the brakeman who was on the train when William McMahon was killed, charging him with manslaughter by kicking McMahon off a moving train on the Union Pacific on June 16 last.

CATTLE BARONS AFTER RUSH.

Are Trying to Have His Appointment Reconsidered. Omaha, Neb., June 28.—The cattle barons, indicted by the federal grand jury, are after the scalp of Special Assistant United States District Attorney S. R. Rush, who prosecuted the case against the Krause brothers. It is said that the cattlemen of Nebraska are making strenuous efforts at Washington to have the appointment of Mr. Rush reconsidered. Rush is regarded as a thorn in the side of the illegal land fence and since his vigorous prosecution of the Krause brothers and their subsequent conviction, it is understood that the land fence has become more determined than ever to get him out of the way.

A cattlemen from North Platte made the statement not long since: "We intend to have Rush's scalp within thirty days." Before the Krause case was called off were made to have him removed, but since that case resulted in a victory for the government his position has been strengthened.

It is stated that had the Krause brothers been acquitted the cattlemen would probably have been successful in their endeavors to have the special prosecutor removed.

TO STUDY TOTAL ECLIPSE.

Philadelphia, June 28.—With a party of government astronomers aboard the cruiser Dixie left League Island navy yard today destined for Algeria. The object of the trip is to observe the total eclipse of the sun August 30.

FIRE DAMAGE IS \$100,000.

Cleveland, O., June 28.—The building occupied by the Willard Storage Battery company was gutted by an early morning fire. The upper floors of Fairbanks, Morse & Co.'s warehouse were destroyed. The loss is \$100,000.

LARGEST CATTLE COMPANY TO QUIT

Most Extensive Stock Owners in Nebraska to Go Out of Business.

IT IS UNCLE SAM'S FAULT

This Company Was Involved in the Fence Cases and It Is Alleged Many Acres of Government Land Was Illegally Used.

Omaha, Neb., June 28.—The Standard Cattle company, one of the largest land and stock owners in Nebraska, is about to quit business. R. M. Allen, one of the officers and the main promoter of the company, which is backed by Boston financiers, was indicted by the last federal grand jury on the charge of illegally fencing 500,000 acres of government land in Sheridan county. It is believed by some federal court officials that the indictment against Allen had much to do with the action of the company suspending business.

For some time the company has been busily engaged in disposing of its huge herd of cattle. The case against the company was not pushed to trial for the reason that it was understood that the fences would be taken down. R. M. Allen states that the reason for the action of the company was that it was not making any money and the Boston backers thought it best to quit.

GETS NEW TRIAL.

August Jahne, Alleged Murderer of Matthew Sierk in Nebraska Likely to Be Freed. Lincoln, Neb., June 28.—August Jahne, who has served three years of a life sentence in the penitentiary on a conviction of the murder of Matthew Sierk, a cattleman of Box Butte county, was given a new trial today by the supreme court. The court held the evidence insufficient to sustain a conviction, which means the eventual release of Jahne. Jahne was accused of having first poisoned the man, then throwing him into a well and finally shooting him.

Seward Wins Over Bonacum. William Murphy of Seward won a decisive victory over Bishop Bonacum in the supreme court. Murphy and the bishop have been at feud for fifteen years, starting over Murphy's refusal to tax heavily the people of his parish for the building of the bishop's palace, and Bonacum has sought to break him ever since. The suit, just decided, is the possession of the church property at Seward, the bishop basing his suit on an alleged decree from Rome dismissing Murphy's appeal from the bishop's sentence. The supreme court refuses to assume jurisdiction of an injunction or decree issued by a church in a foreign country, and refuses to recognize the judicial decrees of Nebraska courts.

LAW IS KNOCKED OUT.

Supreme Court Holds That Nebraska Biennial Election Law Is Not Constitutional. Lincoln, Neb., June 28.—The supreme court today decided the biennial election law unconstitutional because it sought to extend the terms of constitutional officers beyond the limit fixed by that document. This affects all but five classes of officers, who were provided for in separate bills. The bill was passed last session in the hope of getting around the constitution by statutory enactment and doing away with yearly elections.

CUTS THROAT WITH RAZOR.

Lincoln Insurance Man Commits Suicide at Omaha. Omaha, Neb., June 28.—Lying face downward in a clump of bushes, bloody from a girthful gash in his throat, the dead body of John H. Faltz, general agent for the Connecticut Mutual Life insurance company of Hartford, Conn., with offices at Lincoln, was found by the crew of a freight train. A blood stained razor, clasped in his right hand, told how the deed had been committed. The body was discovered by Ervin Purcell and Harry Mose, aged boys, noticed the man take a seat in the bushes. Taking a small bible from his pocket the man read a few minutes and then dropped on his knees and prayed.

After closely examining a razor, which he took from his pocket, the man removed his collar and cravat, unbuttoned his shirtband, and drew the razor across his throat. Blood gushed from the wound and the man fell upon his back, but rolled over on his face in the contortions of death.

KILLED BY STREET CAR.

Section Man Meets Death While Working on Tracks. Omaha, Neb., June 24.—Julius Krueger, a section man employed by the street railway company, was run over and killed by a Courtland beach car, which literally ground him to pieces. "The motorman says he rang his bell, as is customary when a section gang is approached, but Krueger, being deaf, bent over to pull out the tie back toward the approaching car. He was struck and dragged for fifty feet.

BECAME RAVING MANIAC.

Nebraska Man Impairs Health by Scientific Research. Lincoln, Neb., June 24.—With health impaired by scientific research, C. C. Rice is now a raving maniac at Allegheny, Pa. He left Lincoln Saturday and appeared to be improving in health. Rice was a tutor in entomology at Leland Stanford university. He had just finished a thesis and taken an advanced degree. Several weeks ago he came to his home in Belmont to rest. Saturday he decided to leave for the east. A letter describing his condition was received from the authorities at Allegheny this morning.

DESPERADOES IN JAIL.

Conroe and Lunderman Thought to Be Leaders of Rosebud Thieving Gang. Butte, June 24.—Jim Conroe and Jack Lunderman, noted desperadoes of the plains, who have just been captured on the prairie south of here after a hard fight with guns, are in jail and will be tried at a special term of court next week on the charge of horse stealing and cattle rustling. They are believed to be ringleaders of the outlaws who have created a reign of terror throughout the Rosebud territory.

WANTS A POLICEMAN.

Young Woman Wants to Marry Minion of Law, One of Whom She Tried.

Omaha, Neb., June 26.—Miss Louisa Macklin wants to marry an Omaha policeman or detective. She delivered this ultimatum to Police Matron Etta Anderson, and, apparently, the young woman is quite sincere in making known her designs on the unmarried portion of Omaha's "finest."

Miss Macklin is 17 years of age. Miss Macklin's father was formerly a detective, and on January 2, last, the daughter married Jacob Zent, one of the policemen at Courtland beach. She says she left Zent after four months. The family originally came from the hills of North Carolina, but for some years have been living at Odebot and Ida Grove, Ia.

FRUIT WAS INJURED.

The Cherry and Peach Crop at Nebraska City Has Failed. Nebraska City, Neb., June 26.—Very little fruit will be raised in this vicinity this year. The early cherry crop is a failure and there will not be any peaches raised here. There will be a small crop of early apples, but the late apples are falling off the trees. The cold weather in April and May is said to have caused the poor fruit crop.

BRECKNER PLACED ON TRIAL.

Lad Who Shot and Killed Little Friend to Face Court. Omaha, Neb., June 26.—George Breckner, the 16-year-old South Omaha lad who shot and killed Arthur Kuhn, an 11-year-old boy, was brought to trial before Judge Dan on a charge of manslaughter. All efforts to save the lad from trial on technicalities have been overruled by Judge Day.

The affair was a most unfortunate one. Young Breckner met Arthur Kuhn and two other 11-year-old boys near South Omaha and attempted to frighten them by saying he was going to shoot. He raised the gun which he carried, pulled the trigger and young Kuhn's head was riddled with shot.

LOCKED IN COOL PLACE.

Grand Island Boy Met with a Singular Experience. Grand Island, Neb., June 26.—Frank Moran, aged 13 years, son of Michael Moran, boilermaker in Omaha, was taken from a refrigerator car in the east end of the yards yesterday morning after having been confined since last Sunday night, and suffering considerably, not having had anything to eat or drink. He was playing in the yards at Omaha with some other boys when a number of crooks caught hold of him and locked him in a refrigerator car. It was an empty car and being bound for the west was brought to Grand Island, where Moran was working in the yards this morning. He heard his pitiful cries and released him. The little fellow's eyes were badly inflamed from crying almost the whole time he was imprisoned.

WERE BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Fred Tauchs of Elkhorn and 3-Year-Old Daughter Perish. Elkhorn, Neb., June 26.—Mrs. Fred Tauchs and her 3-year-old daughter, wife and child of a well known farmer, were burned to death in a fire which entirely consumed the Tauchs home. The girls escaped. The origin of the fire is unknown. The flames were not discovered by Tauchs until they were upon him, and he was compelled to leap from his bed and rush for the door. His wife and child were sleeping in another room, and he was unable to get to them.

GIRLS DISAPPEAR.

Plainview Sisters Suddenly Depart for Paris Unknown. Plainview, Neb., June 24.—Della French, aged 22, and her 15-year-old sister, Elsie, who were working as domestics in respectable families, disappeared from here and have not been seen since. They left their clothes and trunks, and gave no reason for leaving. A thorough search was instituted Monday and it was learned that two girls answering their description were seen going to Denver. The father lives at Allen, Neb., and he has been notified.

KILLS LABOR TRUST.

Supreme Bench Decides Agitators Can Not Drive Men Into Unions. Boston, Mass., June 24.—The Massachusetts supreme court decided yesterday that the attempt of agitators to force all laborers to combine in unions is against the policy of the law because it aims at a monopoly of the labor market. The decision was in the case of Michael F. Berry against Jerry E. Donovan, representative of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union. The defendant was held personally liable for damages for obtaining the discharge of Berry, a nonunion shoemaker, from his position in a Haverhill factory because he was not a member of the union.

The court held that the contention that the discharge of Berry was justified on the score of warrantable competition was not a good defense in the case. The plaintiff was authorized to recover damages on the 1500 verdict ordered at a trial in a lower court.

The employing firm was under agreement with the union to hire only union men and not to retain a workman after notice from the union that he was objectionable. Donovan claimed that he acted under this agreement, but the court held he was not justified.

"We have no desire to put obstacles in the way of employees who are seeking by combination to obtain better conditions for themselves and their families," said the court. "We only say that under correct rules of law and with a proper regard for the rights of individuals labor unions can not be permitted to drive men out of employment because they choose to work independently."

TO GET ADDITIONAL PAY.

Washington, June 23.—Additional pay of \$1 a month to enlisted men in the army who qualify as "expert riflemen" is offered today in general orders issued by General Chaffee, chief of staff, and is calculated to stimulate rifle practice in the army. Qualification for the additional pay cannot be made by men in the artillery corps.

ATHLETE HURT BY "CRIBBING"

New Haven, Conn., June 23.—Cornelius G. Jew, the Yale varsity oarsman, who was charged with "cribbing" in an examination on psychology, was taken out of his boat today and Ortymayer of the varsity four was given his place.

MORE RAILWAYS FOR INDIA.

London, June 23.—The house of commons this afternoon authorized the raising of a loan not exceeding \$100,000,000 with the revenues of India as security, for construction, extension and equipment of railways in India.

SLOCUMB LAW IS UNDER FIRE

Superintendent at Winnebago Reservation Will Cause Arrests Under It.

THE LAWYERS ASSAIL IT

Declare It Unconstitutional and the Matter is Likely to Be Tested During Progress of Suits Against Liquor Dealers.

Winnebago, Neb., June 22.—A movement is on foot which will result in the Slocumb law of the state of Nebraska being passed in review before the supreme court, with a possibility of having it brought before the United States supreme court, as the result of the sale of liquor to Indians who have taken land in severalty.

Following the decisions of the residents of Homer to suspend the operation of saloons because Indians could secure liquor legally under the decision of the United States supreme court, the town of Hubbard, a few miles west of Homer, began to bid for the trade of the Indians by letting them know that no limit would be placed upon the quantity of firewater which they could obtain over the bars at that place.

The matter was brought to the attention of the superintendent in charge of the agency, and he has decided that the practice must stop. As Hubbard is not on the reservation it is impossible to convict the liquor dealers.

Liquor dealers are expected to contest the cases, and it is understood that they have secured the services of lawyers, who assure them that the law is unconstitutional, particularly as to that part referring to the sale of liquor to Indians.

In addition to this step against the liquor dealers who sell to Indians, it is possible that the United States supreme court may be given an opportunity to again pass upon the law which prohibits the sale to Indians generally and to modify, so far as it applies to the Winnebagoes, that rule which was established in the Kansas case, permitting the sale to Indians holding lands in severalty.

DIRECTORS OF BLAIR COLLEGE.

Professor J. P. Jensen Elected President of Institution. Cedar Falls, Ia., June 22.—The Danish Evangelical Lutheran, in convention here, decided to divide the church into districts conforming to the state lines for mission work. Professor J. P. Jensen of Blair was elected president of Dana college, Blair, Neb. The members of the board of directors are to be C. J. Clausen, Cedar Falls, and Professor C. X. Hansen and Professor J. P. Jensen of Blair. Three invitations were presented for the next convention, N. D. The latter place was selected.

STOLE A CHURCH BELL.

Omaha Police Looking for Man Who Took Away One. Omaha, Neb., June 22.—The large brass bell of the Methodist Episcopal church which has notified the congregation since the edifice was constructed years ago, that the hour of worship had arrived, was stolen by thieves Sunday night, and no trace of it can be found.

The bell had been dismantled, as the old church is being torn away in order to make place for a new one. The bell was to grace the belfry of the new church edifice.

Last week workmen placed the old bell in an improvised shed on the lot, where it was to remain until the raftering of the new belfry had been put in place. Workmen yesterday discovered that the bell had been stolen during the night, and the police were notified.

PREVENT FLAG DESECRATION.

Nebraska's Attorney General Supports Its Constitutionality. Lincoln, Neb., June 21.—Attorney General Brown filed in the supreme court a brief in support of the law to prevent desecration of the American flag. A brewery firm at Omaha has attacked the constitutionality of the law, and the attorney general makes extended argument in its support. One of his contentions is that its desecration tends to stimulate disorder and even riot, inasmuch as Grand Army men will not tolerate the use of the flag or its emblem for the purpose of advertising intoxicants or other wares.

MARRIED ON AN ISLAND.

A Fremont Couple Surprise Their Friends. Fremont, Neb., June 22.—On the big island in the Platte river south of Fremont was solemnized the marriage of Belle Eads and Ralph Jennings, County Judge A. H. Briggs performed the ceremony.

The marriage came as a surprise to a majority of the couple's friends. They had been camping with a party on the island nearly a week when they decided to be married before returning to the city.

REFORM GETS A SET-BACK

Chicago Civic Federation Against Municipal Ownership. Chicago, June 22.—The Civic Federation of Chicago at its biennial meeting adopted a special report made by the executive committee advising against municipal ownership. The report adopted commits the organization against either the operation or ownership of public utilities by the city, the reasons being given that the city's operation of its city waterworks system has not been successful enough to warrant a belief that the city could successfully operate a street car system or other public utility.

Alexander H. Revell was elected president of the federation for the ensuing two years.

DEATH LIST IS TWENTY-EIGHT

Baltimore, June 20.—The list of dead resulting from the collision on the Western Maryland railroad near Patapsco station Sunday evening was increased to twenty-eight by the death last night of James Benner, a railroad laborer at Catoctin, Md., who succumbed to his injuries at the city hospital here.

NOTED INDIAN DIES.

Chicago, June 20.—S. P. Sheerin, of Indiana, widely known in political and business circles, died suddenly here today while reading a paper at the Independent Telephone convention.