YNEILL,

The greatest sales of pictures by American artists were those of the American artists were those of the Thomas B. Clark collection, in 1899, when George Inness' "Grey Lowery Day" was knocked down for \$10,150, the highest price ever paid for the work of an American painter at public sale, and the W. T. Evans collection in 1900. and the W. T. Evans collection in 1900. This brought \$159,340. Since then P. C. Hanford's one night's sale brought \$124,135; E. J. Milliken's twenty-six paintings, \$128,328 in one evening; the F. O. Matthiesen's two nights' sale, \$348,780; the Mrs. Warren collection, \$345,025, and the D. C. Lyall collection reached a total of \$244,900. The Mrs. Warren sale was noted for one of the most remarkable advances in the cost of a painting ever recorded in America. In 1899 Knoedler & Co. sold her a "Shepherdess," by Millet, for \$800. They bought it back at the sale of her collection fourteen years later and paid \$24,500 for it.

This world is to be weighed once more, doubts being ascertained by sci-entists as to the accuracy of previous estimate; but whether the error be a case of short weight or overweight has yet to be settled. An expedition is to set out to Egypt where the great pyramid will be utilized by the investigators. First, the weight of the pyramid will be acceptable and then the weight will be ascertained, and then the weight of the earth estimated from its proportionate size. The swinging of pendulums will be the gauge. From the force exerted by the pyramid in pulling the swinging pendulum from its natural course the weight of the pyramid can be estimated, and that of the earth—the exact size of which is known— -the exact size of which is known-can then be calculated easily.

"The idea that the wearing of wings, breasts and other feather ornaments on women's millinery necessitates the wholesale slaughter of birds is all bosh," said a manufacturer of feather goods. "Once in a while a fashion tomes in that calls for a particular feather or quill that only one bird profuces, but wings, breasts and even the whole birds are made from the feathers plucked from poultry, dressed for table use. We take bales of feathers, sort them, dye them, brush them, curl them, and work them up into whatever is wanted, and not a bird's life is sacrificed."

A certain Pittsburg millionaire vis-ted Philadelphia's Academy of the Natural Sciences. Its collection of Natural Sciences. Its collection of stuffed birds is considered one of the finest in America. The custodian could not help praising it. "I've never figured it out," said he, "but it is safe to say, at a guess, that these stuffed birds are worth not less than \$200,000." "Heavens!" exclaimed the man of money. "Is it possible! What are they stuffed with?"

When a Neapolitan wishes to effect the death of an enemy he takes some phject, often a lemon, which he uses to represent the heart of his victim, and he pierces it with nails or pins, which he fastens securely with twine. With appropriate incantations this ficitious heart is roasted over a slow fire, and is placed as near to the intended rictim as circumstances allow.

The surgeons who operated on a man in the London hospital the other day found in him twenty-five pieces of cork, twenty pieces of tin foll, a leaden bul-let, a piece of string eighteen inches long, ninepence in small change, a plece of leather nine inches long with a hook at each end, several pieces of day pipestem and portions of a news-

The French war minister is at present engaged in solving the apparently insoluble problem of the ideal cavalry helmet. Two models are under consideration—one having a deep visor and the other a neck screen. This latter has been so constructed that the neck screen does not cause inconvenience while firing in the prone position.

In presenting colors to the second battalion, South Staffordshire regiment at Benares, India, the other day, the Prince of Wales recalled the fact that the regiment had been shipwrecked three times, each time showing perfect discipline, and he remarked that a shipwreck tested a regiment's discipline more severly than a battle.

A splendid funeral procession was A splendid funeral procession was proceeding from Hongo, Japan, to bury the body of Taron, the head of a gambling den, when the police stopped the ceremony, as the dead man was believed to be an escaped convict. This was found to be true and the body was taken to the prison burial ground.

Since his marriage the German prown prince has turned over a new eaf and is settling down strenuously. He is full of plans for developing his princely estate at Oels, and has promised to double the salaries of his employes if they produce the best wheat and rye in Silesia.

Captain Bailey K. Ashford has had so much success in fighting the "lazy bug" in Porto Rico that Government Agent Harris has been sent to the island to be instructed in his methods, with a view of introducing them among the men digging the Panama canal.

The duke of Connaught is one of the The duke of Connaught is one of the most experienced horticulturists of the day. When at his home at Bagshot house he busies himself almost every day in his garden. He lays out the beds with his own hands and has quite a remarkable knowledge of botany.

Stalls for the sale of fruit and flowers will be opened shortly in the stations of the District (underground) railway, London. But no bananas or branges will be sold, because of the danger that might arise from skins thrown on the platforms.

Fiction has decreased in popularity among users of the public library in the district of Columbia, for while, during the last year, the circulation has increased 27 per cent., the proportion of fiction has decreased 12 per cent.

There is a compulsory character league in England, the business of which is to urge on parliament the passage of a bill making it compulsory for all employers to give a written character to their employes when leaving.

The recent visit of King Edward to France has given the French another English phrase, which they have added to "high life," "sportsman," "fashionable" and the rest. They now call fine weather "King's weather."

The Right Hon. John Burns, M. P., has become a social ion in London. He has already had luncheon with Lady Dorothy Nevill and the Duchess of Sutherland, and is in great request in aristocratic circles.

Will S. Hayes, whose songs, "Mollie Darling," "The Little Old Log Cabin in the Lane," etc., were sung twoscore years ago, is living in Louisville, Ky., and recently celebrated the 74th anniversary of his birth.

THE O'NEILL FRONTIER WIND AND SNOW IN **WESTERN NEBRASKA**

Storm of Unusual Severity Sweeping Over That Part of the State.

TEMPERATURE FREEZING

Sixty Mile an Hour Wind Wreaking Havoc to Talegraph Lines, and Trains Are Being Run With Difficulty.

· Omaha, Neb., April 17.-A wind, snow and sleet storm of unusual severity is reported sweeping over the western part of Nebraska and extending into eastern Colorado and into the Black Hills.

At Union Pacific headquarters At Union Pacific headquarters the storm was reported most severe in the vicinity of Julesburg, Colo., where the wind was blowing at the rate of sixty miles an hour and a heavy snow falling and badly drifting. The roofs of two cars standing on a siding a short distance west of Julesburg were blown off, wrecking the telegraph wires.

East of North Platte, Neb., the storm was also severe, the Union Pacific dispatchers at Grand Island being sent by special train west of the breaks in

by special train west of the breaks in the telegraph lines to handle trains. On the Burlington the storm extends west from Alliance. The temperature is close to freezing. Along the Northwestern the storm is

known to extend from Long Pine, Neb., into the Black Hills.

MURDER THE VERDICT IN PENDER CASE

Jury Brings in Verdict of Murder in the Second Degree Against John Walker, Indian.

Pender, Neb., April 17.—The jury in the district court this afternoon brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree against John Walker, the Indian who was charged with the murder of Nathan Lyon, a short time against John Walker, the second of the seco The defendant's attorneys make the announcement that a move for a sec ond trial will be made.

FOR HER GOOD NAME.

Woman Travels 4,000 Miles and Has Husband's Divorce Set Aside.

Lincoln, Neb., April 17.—For the sake of her good name, Mrs. Cornelia Cel-pelka has traveled 4,000 miles. She has

of her good name, Mrs. Cornelia Celpelka has traveled 4,000 miles. She has come all the way from Austria to America, and from New York city to Crete, Neb., in order that she might refute the infamous charges brought against her by her husband, Dr. Celpelka, of Crete, who had obtained a divorce from her without her knowledge. The woman wishes the decree of divorce set aside and her name cleared from the charges of infidelity preferred by Dr. Celpelka.

In 1891 the two were married in a little Bohemian town called Ceska Trebora, and lived happily there for about three years. But in 1894 Mrs. Celpelka says that the serious illness of her father made it necessary for her to go to him and nurse him for three months. At the end of that time she herself became ill. Upon her recovery she says that she found that her husband had disappeared. Some time after she found him in an Austrian town, where the man was ordered to pay her sixty Austrian dollars a month. It was not found him in an Austrian town, where the man was ordered to pay her sixty Austrian dollars a month. It was not long before Celpelka disappeared again, and for all these years the wife has been trying to locate him. Through the aid of the Austrian consular officials she got track of him this year and found that he had secured a divorce without her knowledge. At first she was inclined to let the matter rest at that, but when she learned the charges that had been made against her. Mrs. Celpeika made immediate preparations for crossing the ocean and fighting the had been made against her, Mrs.

Judge Adams, of Hastings, yesterday set aside the decree of divorce and gave the wife leave to file an answer. He also awarded her *000 for fees and an allowance of \$25 per month, pending the disposition of the case, which is to be given another hearing in May.

RECONCILIATION BY CHILD.

Sight of Child on Fremont Street Aids Battle Creek Father.

Fremont, Neb., April 17.-While passing up a street in Fremont, George Trum of Battle Breek, Neb., caught rum of Battle Breek, Neb., caught sight of his little daughter, whom he had not seen for six weeks. The girl, who is only 8 years of age, saw her father at the same time and ran to get away from him. She managed to Trum, who had been hurting for him

Trum, who had been hurting for his wife, hurried to the authorities and instituted a search of the city. Mrs. Turm and the girl were located at the depot. Trum approached them, there was a family reconciliation and the ofwithdrew

When Trum told his story to the of-ficers he said Mrs. Trum had gone away, presumably to undergo an oper-ation in a hospital. She neither wrote to him nor came home, which caused him to become apprehensive. He went to Norfolk, learned the woman had been there and then came to Fremont, where he saw his girl on the street,

THREE ARE KILLED.

Mother and Two Children Perish and Others Are Hurt at Grade Crossing.

Greenville, Pa.. Apvi' 17.—As the result of a grade crossing accident on the Eric road near here today Mrs. Maud Calvin and two little daughters were killed and two other children seriously

SUBSIDY'S CLOSE CALL

Southern Pacific Mail Bonus Has One Majority.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—As soon as the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read in the house today, sevreal members took the floor to correct the record of their votes on the South-ern railway mail subsidy. After cor-rections were made the subsidy re-mained in the bill by but one majority The conference report on the bill for the settlement of the affairs of the five civilized trices of Indians was agreed

A special order was then inaugurated A special order was then manufurated by offering a resolution by Sperry of Connecticut commercionating the life and public service of the late Orville Hitch took Plats

REBRASKANS TO PLANT TREES ON APRIL 23

Governor Mickey Issues Annual Proclamation, Setting Aside the 23d as Arbor Day.

Lincoln, Neb., April 13.-Governo

Lincoln, Neb., April 13.—Governo Mickey has set apart April 23 as Arbo. day by the following proclamation:

"By virtue of the authority of legislative enactment, and in accordance with the custom which has been established in nearly every state in the union, I, John H. Mickey, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, appointing Monday, April 23, 1906, to be observed as Arbor day.

"Nebraska owes a debt of gratitude to the tree planters of pioneer days."

to the tree planters of pioneer days which she can never repay. These pilwhich she can never repay. These pilgrims of a generation ago not only demonstrated that trees could be successfully grown upon our then bleak prairies, but they realized the importance of such growth upon climatic conditions and they inspired the settlers with a zeal for forestry which has dotted the state with groves, making our climate more equable in point of humidity and substantially adding of humidity and substantially adding to the beauty of nature and enjoyment of man.

'Statisticians tell us that the natural forests are being rapidly depleted and that it is a question of a comparatively that it is a question of a comparatively short time when the demand for lumber will have to be supplied from artificial groves. Let us anticipate that time and get ready in the present for the necessities of the future. I regard the planting of trees as a patriotic duty and I call upon all citizens, in every walk of life, to devote at least a portion of the day to practical forestry. Let the minds of the school children be especially directed in this channel and let their instructors, by precept and example, teach them not precept and example, teach them not only how to plant trees, but teach them also the important place which the forest occupies in the economy of nature, and let us all, both old and young, plant at least one tree, for our own pleasure and for the benefit of posterity."

NEBRASKA-WISCONSIN DEBATE.

Governor Cummins, of Iowa, Chosen for One of the Judges.

Lincoln, Neb., April 13.—Governor A. B. Cummins, of Iowa, has been chosen to act as one of the judges of the Nebraska-Wisconsin university debate to be held at Madison this month, the other judge chosen so far being Fred C. Howe, an eminent lawyer of Cleveland, O.

The debating contest between the

Cornhuskers and the Badgers is attracting the attention of many western colleges as well as the universities. The subject of the debate is: "Resolved, that in some industries, at least in railroading and mining, it would be a good policy to require the employer to pay compensations to employes for industrial accidents."

The subject was chosen by the Badgers and was later approved by the Nebraska University Debating club. Nebraska has the affirmative.

ONE MINER, AND HE STRUCK.

Nebraska's One and Only Coal Mine Had a Strike All Its Own.

Lincoln, Neb., April 13.—Nebraska's only coal mine, operated with a single coal miner, has undergone a strike, and the miner won, all his demands being granted

The one mine is at Peru. It was The one mine is at Peru. It was discovered only within the last month, and the people have been much excited over the timely find. The state normal school at Peru ran out of fuel hecause of the general shortage and contracted with the owners of the mine to furnish it with all that may be reasoned. to furnish it with all that may be nec-One miner was imported from Mis-

souri. The officials at the state capitol learned today that the mine yesterday became flooded. The miner was given orders to bail.

Not he. No bailing for him. He was

a union miner and expected union consideration. He dumped his tools on the ground and demanded such menial assistance as was necessary. He would not attack the vein in the water nor would he bail. The owners remem-bered their contract with the state school and surrendered. This one mine, if its solitary profes-sional miner may be appeared is cal-

sional miner may be appeased, is calculated to keep the city of Peru, and possibly a part of the state, free from all possible distress due to the strike.

HIGH WATER IN NEBRASKA. Anoka, Neb., April 10.—Owing to the melting of the winter's snow the water has been the highest this spring in many years. Many bridges have been out, and traffic between stations and inland towns was for a while sus-pended. Rain began to fall Saturday, and, while it has now stopped, the weather is still very unsettled. Farming has commenced in general.

MARRIED AT WEST POINT.

West Point, Neb., April 10.—Miss Lettie Floyd Moulton, daughter of Mrs. M. A. Moulton, formerly of this city, now of Omaha, was married to J. Re-Henry of Fremor'. They will specified six months in Europe, after a visit in Chicago and New York. The number of births and deaths reg-

istered by the officers of the bureau of vital statistics for Cuming county, dur-ing the month of March are as follows: Births, 16; deaths, 6.

OLD SETTLER DEAD.

Carter, aged 55 years, died 1 arter, aged 55 years, died here st night of Bright's disease. She survived by her husband and eight alldren. The Carters have been idenchildren. tified with this place since its birth and Carter's death is universally

LEAPS 135 FEET AND MAY SURVIVE ORDEAL

New York Hebrew Jumps Off Bridge Into East River and Is Rescued by Ferryboat.

New York. April 13.—Nathan Isaacs today jumped from the center span of the new Williamsburg bridge into East river, 135 feet below, and was rescued by the crew of a ferryboat. His clothing was in ribbons, his shoes torn from his feet and he was terribly bruised by the impact of his body upon the water. Isaacs was unconscious when rescued, but soon revived and may recover. and may recover.

DEWEY WAS ADRIFT.

Giant Dry Dock Loose in the Mediter-

ranean for a Day.
Washington, April 12.—The drydock
Dewcy broke its towlines in the Mediterranean off Malta and drifted about in a storm for about twenty-three hours, but is now again in the control of the vessels towing it.

This information reached the navy de partment in a dispatch from Admiral Sigsbee dated at Messina, Sicily, yester-

'ECULIAR DEATH OF FREMONT MAN

lody of C. W. Cook Was Found in the Rear of His Shoe Store.

WAS DEATH ACCIDENTAL?

Jeveral Facts Indicate a Mishap While Handling a Double-Barreled Shotgun-News of the State.

Fremont, Neb., April 12.-A discharge from a shotgun killed C. W. Cook, manager of the Star shoe store, in the rear of his place of business. In the store at the time were three men, who, hurrying to the rear door, opened it, and look's body, which was propped against the lower panel, fell to the floor.

shooting was accidental may never be known. Until last Christmas he was considered a model young man. Lately he had been spending money reckless-The business had been good and if there was a shortage it was small. Cook was troubled with heart disease,

Whether Cook killed himself or the

and had suffered fainting spells, which greatly worried him. He had been in anusually good spirits and remarked about his improved condition.

Cook was only 24 years of age, but possessed remarkable business ability. He was graduated from the schools at Blair and at once entered the employ of the Blair Shoe com any, which concern sent him here to open a branch. He is survived by a young wife, who was Miss Eva Higsley, to whom he was wedded at Blair last June. His parents came here from Blair a year ago

SOME RELIGION IN WINSIDE ALL WOOL

its Width in Doubt-Church in Darkness, Congregation Sings "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Winside, Neb., April 12.—"Mary Had a Little Lamb," was sung as a doxology by the congregation of the Methodist church last night, a peculiar incident in this strict denomination.

The lights in the church went out before the services were over and while the congregation sat in darkness waiting for the janitor to remedy the trou-ble, some unknown person in the rear of the room started to sing the nur-sery ditty and half the congregation joined in the chanting of "Mary Had a Little Lamb, Its Fleece Was White as

Several minutes were required to restore order.

None of the singers is known or ar-ests would be made it is asserted.

MILLARD WILL RUN.

Senator Returns from Washington and Announces He Will Be Candidate Again.

Omaha, Neb., April 12.—Senator J. H. Millard announced today for the first time that he will be a candidate for reelection to the United States senate next fall. He is the fifth candidate to leclare himself.

MOST BEAUTIFUL CHILD.

Nebraska Claims the Most Beautifu. Child in the World.

Norfolk, Neb., April 12.—Nebraska now claims the most beautiful child in the world. Bickford Benjamin Bon-ney, who will be 6 years of age the 26th of this month, and who is the son of B. R. Bonney, a barber, now lives at Wisner Neb, with his parents.

Bickford was termed Lampre, the most celebrated flower painter in the world, to be more beau-tiful than a flower. Walter Russell, the most famous child painter in the world, when he made a tour of America searching for the most beautiful child, found but twelve children in the country who met his requirements, and of these Bickford was the choice.

COURT AT PENDER.

Two Murder Cases to Come Up for Trial at Present Term.

Pender, Neb., April 12.—District court convened here yesterday with Judge Graves on the bench. There are nearly sixty cases on the docket, the two most important ones being the Silas Wood and the Walker Indian murder cases. Helphand of Omaha, charg burning a car of merchandise charged with place containing defendant's old stock of clothing, will probably be dismissed, as his partner had died since the action was started and the clerk, Sam Harwich, has been acquitted of the

"I HAVE NOT ELOPED."

The Declaration of Mrs. John McCoy.

The Declaration of Mrs. John McCoy, of Valley, in Fairbury.

Fairbury, Neb., April 9.—Mrs. John McCoy, of Valley, charged by Mrs. William Wright with eloping with her husband, was here today. Mrs. McCoy said the charge was not true. She said she intended to leave Monday for Valley and that she would pass through Lincoln on the Union Pacific road. "I have not eloped and do not want to elope," said Mrs. McCoy. At Nebraska City Mrs. Wright is said to have discovered that her husband and Mrs. McCoy had registered at a hotel Mrs. McCoy had registered at a hotel as E. N. Smith and wife. The officers declined to make an arrest until a complaint was filed. Saturday noon Mrs. Wright and an attorney appeared on the scene and to file a complaint, but the couple could not be found.

MR. COX VERY ILL.

Grand Island, Neb., April 9.—Assistant Division Superintendent Cox of the Union Pacific is very ill at his home in this city, his condition being regarded as most serious.

CHANCE TO WIPE OUT DEBT. Lincoln, Neb., April 9.—State Treas state debt can be paid off within four years if proper business methods are adopted in the management of the state's affairs. The debt at this time is over the \$2,000,000 mark, or about what it was six years ago. During the present year, however, Mr. Mortensen believes it will be reduced probably \$500,-000. Most of the heavy expenses in-curred during the last year, because of the appropriations made by the last legislature, have been paid and there will be no heavy drain on the treasury until the next legislature meets.

TORNADO CARNIVAL

Half Dozen or More of Them in Kansas and Texas Deal Death and Destruction.

Dallas, Tex., April 16.-It is reported today that six persons were killed and several injured in a tornado which swept over Briggs, Tex., yesterday afternoon. The dead are: M. R. Hickman and daughter, Arnet Taber and wife, R. A. Paterson and wife. A number of helbdings in a district were R. A. Paterson and wife. A number of buildings in a district were destroyed. At Cleburn the storm blew down the grandstand in the ball park during the progress of a game and several progress. game and several persons were

Wichita, Kan., April 16.—A tornado firuck at Stafford, Kan., at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, resulting in injury to several houses. The storm came from the southwest, passed over the business part of the town without damage, first striking two blocks east of the main street where the home of damage, first striking two blocks east of the main street, where the home of Fred Tanner and the parsonage of the Congregational church were demolished. The Quaker church was blown down, the debris falling upon the home of Mrs. Ella Granger, which was also destroyed. Mrs. Granger was injured, but not seriously.

Mrs. Ed Gleisburg saw the storm coming and ran into the yard to rescue her child, which was playing there. Before she reached him she was picked up and hurled against a telephone pole across the street. She was seriously injured. The child was unhurt.

The storm then lifted, but struck

The storm then lifted, but struck again in the north-ast part of the town, demolishing several houses and damaging others.

ing others.

Four miles west of Stafford another tornado blew down several farm buildings and seriously injured R. F. Silvers, who saw the storm coming and hought shelter in a granary filled with theat. This storm passed two miles last of Hudson, where other small damge is reported. ge is reported.

The sun shone brightly while these

torms were wreaking their havoc.

Another tornado is reported at Bushanother tornado is reported at Busrion, thirty miles north of Stafford. Several residences and other buildings
were blown down. No one was seriously injured. Wires are down and little
confirmation can be obtained from
Bushton.

Therefore, Kan April 16. At least

Topeka, Kan., April 16.-At least seven tornadoes were seen east and northeast of Great Bend, Barton county, yesterday afternoon. The school house in district No. 82, vacant at the time, was demolished, and a thrashing outfit was destroyed. No other damage reports have come in. Some rain and hail fell. Three years ago a number of tornadoes occurred in the same neighborhood, doing much damage to property.

DOWIE WILL QUIT IF GIVEN A SHARE

Attorneys on Both Sides of Controver sy Say Peaceful Settlement Is in Sight.

Chicago, April 16 .- Peace hovers over

chicago, April 16.—Peace hovers over the warring factions that are endeavoring to secure control of Zion City. This statement was authorized last night by the legal advisers of both Dr. Dowie and General Overseer Voliva.

After an all day conference Attorney Emil C. Wetten, representing Dowie, said: "We are nearer a peaceful solution of this question now than we have been at any stage of the proceedings. tion of this question now than we have been at any stage of the proceedings. We have changed our minds relative to the filling of a bill in equity, declaring the transferring of the ownership of the property of Zion City by Voliva to Deacon Alexander Granger to be void, and will await further developments. As a matter of formality we filed a paper in the circuit court of Lake county of this state declaring that the power of attorney granted to General Overseer Voliva by "First Apostle" John Alexander Dowie was absolutely void, inasmuch as Voliva had not geted in accordance with the instructions given him in reference to instructions given him in reference to the execution of the powers delegated to him by Dowle, and had designed to transcend his authority and misapply the property of Dowle, and that there-pon Dowle forwarded Voliva a telegram revoking the power of attorney."

Power of Attorney Is Legai. According to the contestants decision of the court upon the valid-ity of the telegraphic revocation of the power of attorney will decide

the power of attorney will decide the question as to in whom rests the control of Zion City.

On this question Attorney Wetten said: "The telegraphic power of attorney delegated to Voliva by Dowie is absolutely legal and will stand in any court of lav."

At the termination of the confernce, which was participated in by

nce, which was participated in by Judge V. V. Barnes, the legal adviser of Zion, Jacob Newman, counsel for Voliva, and his forces and Attorney Wetten, Mr. Newman said: "Dowie and his advisers admitted that we have in our possession documentary evidence to the effect that Dowie and his advisers admit that 95 per cent, of the property helpops to the Christian." the property belongs to the Christian Catholic church, and he has further-more acquiesced in the proposition that if he is given 5 per cent, of this property, after he has been installed in temporary control, both ecclesiastically and financially, he will retire. In other words, Dowie desires to be vindicated, reinstated with the full powers attending the first apostleship of the Chris-tian Catholic church, whereupon he will issue an edict declaring that 95 per cent. of the property of Zion City belongs to the church and that 5 percent. belongs to him personally (Dowle). According to conservative estimates given out by the two factions this would give to Dowle \$1,000,-000 and to the church \$19,000,000. 000 and to the church \$19,000,000

WIFE GETS INTEREST RATE OF 80 PER CENT

Sensation at Testimony Involves Family of President of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Milwaukee, April 16.-The most sencational feature today of the examination of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company by the legislative investigating committee, was the production of documentary evidence tend ing to show that Mrs. Henry L. Palmer, wife of the president of the company, was a frequent investor in loans on policies of the Northwestern Mutual, and that on one of these loans at least negotiated in 1889, she obtained interest at the rate of 80 per cent.

PASS UP KANSAS.

Standard Oil Advances Product, but Not There.

Lima, O., April 16.—Crude oil was advanced for all fields save in Kentucky and Kansas by the Standard Oil company today. The change adds 3 cents a barrel to the eastern, and 2 cents to the western product.

MONEY MARKET.

New York, April 13.—Money steady at 4666 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 51266 per cent.; Sterling exchange at decline, \$4.84.9564.85 on dem. pd; \$4.82.7567 \$2.30 for sixty days.

FIXES TONNAGE AND THE RATES AS WELL

Bystem of Controling Coal Transportation Is Exposed in Philadelphia.

BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Railroads Are Limited on Bueiness and Charges Through an Association, and Must Settle With Others for All Excess Traffic.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 14.—That rates are fixed by the traffic associa-

tions composed of various coal carrying railroads, was the admission drawn from railroad officials at the final hearing of the Interstate Commerce commission's investigation into the alleged abuses of the coal trade. Through Joseph G. Searles, coal traffic manager of the Pennsylvania Rail-

road company, who is also chairman of the All-Rail Traffic association, it was learned that this organization not only fixes the percentage of tonnage al-lotted to each railroad, but also estab-

lishes the rates.

Counsel for the commission produced the minutes of a meeting of the Tidewater Bituminous Steam Coal Traffic water Bituminous Steam Coal Trainc association held on September 19, 1900. The records showed that a resolution offered by the Norfolk and Western company permitting that company and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad to carry tidewater coal at the rate of \$1.25 a ton was voted down and that the rate was fixed at \$1.40 a ton on Mr. Searles' resolution.

Settled With Each Other.

Mr. Searles admitted that there had been an agreement as to the tonnage to be allowed each road and that if been an agreement as to the tonnage to be allowed each road and that if one road shipped more and another less, a settlement was made. He said that there had been no settlements since 1896. In explaining the establishment of rates, Mr. Searles stated that each company fixed its price which was later agreed to by the members of the association. If any company should reduce the rate, he said, it would demoralize the general situation.

Mr. Searles denied that there was an

moralize the general situation.

Mr. Searles denied that there was an understanding to maintain rates between all rail and all water associations for the purpose of preventing competition. It was shown by the records of the "traffic association" that in 1889 the rate on soft coal to New York and New England points was \$1.54 except to the Boston and Maine connection which had a \$1.45 rate. In 1900 these rates were raised to \$1.85 and \$1.75 respectively. Since then there has been no change. Mr. Searles denied also that the purpose of these rates was to stop competition.

to stop competition.
W. W. Atterbury, general manager of the Pennsylvania railroad, was recalled and produced the documents re-lating to cars and tonnage which the commisson asked for.

LATTER PART OF AUGUST Governor Cummins Considering Date

for the All-States Convention on Senator Question. Des Moines, Ia., April 14.-Governor Cummins has under consideration now the matter of calling the convention of delegates of the states of the union to secure uniform action to obtain an

amendment to the constitution for a direct vote of the people on United States senators for the latter part of August or the first part of September. The exact date will 53 decided upon The resolution as passed by the legislature directs the governor to call a convention of five delegates from each state to meet in Des Moines for the purpose of securing a uniform, aggressive action on the part of the several states of the union. Twenty-three states have passed the necessary resolution asking congress to call a constitutional convention. It is necessary that two-thirds of the states, or thirty, pass such a resolution before congress must call the convention. The action of only seven additional states is

CZAR WILL NOT LEAVE HIS PALACE

Given Out That Nicholas Will Have Parliament Come to Him to Hear His Speech.

St. Petersburg, April 14.-The question whether the emperor will come to St. Petersburg to open parliament has, according to the Novoe Vremya, been decided in the negative. Representa-tives will be summoned either to Tsarkoe-Selo or to Peterhof palace. There they will be presented to the emperor and will listen to his speech from the throne, after which they will return to St. Petersburg and elect a president of the lower house. Statistics regarding the 179 members

so far elected to the lower house parliament show the liberals have overwhelming majority, and that only five representatives are classed as re-actionaries.

OFFICERS CONTROL

They With Trustees Determine Policy of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 14.-The insurance investigating committee selected by the Wisconsin legislature for the investigation of life insurance companies began this morning.

What will undoubtedly be the major

portion of its work is the investigation of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company. Admissions were made by President H. L. Palmer of the com-pany, who was the first witness, which showed that practically the officers and trustees of the company were in a posi-tion to control its elections through the proxy system.

BOTH ARE GUILTY.

Green and Gaynor, Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud the Government, to Be Punished.

Savannah, Ga., April 14.—Green and Gaynor were found guilty on all three indictments by the jury this afternoon. Judge Speer will impose sentences to-morrow. The trial consumed about thirteen and a half weeks. The defendants were charged with conspiracy to de-fraud the government and embezzlement in connection with big govern-ment engineering work in this vicinity.