

NEW BURLINGTON LINE IN PROSPECT

Directors Approve Branch Between Kearney, Neb., and a Montana Point.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 11.—The Burlington railroad directors have approved of a new line from the Burlington's connection with the Union Pacific in Montana to its terminus at Kearney, Neb., General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington stated in a hearing before the state engineer of Wyoming.

The hearing was for the purpose of listening to a protest by the Burlington against the erection of a power dam on the Big Horn river by S. A. Boysen. The Burlington claims a right of way through the canyon, and it will interfere with its purpose if the canyon is blocked by a dam, this being the only route out of the Big Horn basin in Wyoming for the road, the Burlington is now building.

ABANDON MOTOR CAR ON BONESTEEL LINE

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 11.—Northwestern railroad officials say that the experiment of using a motor line between Norfolk and Bonesteel has proved unsatisfactory, and that it will be taken off February 14 and a passenger train reinstated. The motor will be taken to Pierre and used for interurban transportation over the big new railroad bridge there.

It is expected that the old schedule of one train a day to Bonesteel and return will be reinstated. This was the first motor car used on the Northwestern lines, but it was unable to perform the service required.

GRIEF KILLS BOY WHO WOULD BE MUSICIAN

New York, Feb. 11.—Heartbroken because his musical ambition was thwarted, 14-year-old Ernest Roth dropped dead today in Broadway on his way to a manual training school. The lad had remarkable musical talent, and begged to be allowed to study as a musician, but his father decided that he must learn engineering. He was a frail child, and was bitterly disappointed when sent to the Stuyvesant school for manual training.

While in a Broadway car on his way downtown to the school, the boy wept bitterly, and when he tried to get off he staggered and fell dead on the sidewalk. He was taken to the Roosevelt hospital. "Why, the boy is dead," said the doctor. "His heart failed—a very remarkable case."

BIG WOODWARE FIRM IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

New York, Feb. 10.—The appointment of Nicholas H. Cotwell as receiver for the Hardware and Woodware Manufacturing company, which owns and operates sixteen hardware and toy manufacturing plants in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio and Missouri, was announced today.

The company took over the property and business of the National Novelty corporation last year and is capitalized at \$3,750,000. Counsel for the receiver said that its assets are \$2,500,000 and its liabilities \$1,250,000. The company's financial statement, he said, is due to contraction of its bank credits during the recent financial stress.

GUARD RAIL SAVES A WHOLE TRAIN

Detroit, Feb. 10.—The heavy iron and cement guard rail on the Wabash railroad bridge over the Huron river at French Landing, about thirty miles west here, saved the fast New York-Chicago passenger train which had been derailed today by a sprung rail, from falling into the Huron river, which is forty feet deep at this point.

The train was moving at about thirty miles an hour when all five passenger cars behind the baggage car jumped the track, and when the train was stopped several of them were resting against the guard rail.

GERMANY HELPS MOORS UNDER CONDITIONS

Berlin, Feb. 11.—The reply of the German foreign office to the appeal made by Abd El Aziz, sultan of Morocco, for help against the French occupation of portions of Moroccan territory, includes two specific declarations: First, that treatment of the Moroccan question must be clearly within the terms of the Algeciras act; second, that followers of Abd El Aziz have violated this act. Consequently, the sultan must direct his appeal to all signatories of the act and not to Germany alone. The message of the German note has been communicated to France.

PUSH CAR SERVES AS HEARSE FOR FEUDIST

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 11.—The funeral of Judge Hargis took place in the little family burial ground at noon today. The body was placed in a grave adjacent to the graves of Hargis' three brothers, all of whom died of bullet wounds inflicted by implacable enemies.

The funeral cortege was a unique spectacle. The body was taken across the river via the bridge and there placed upon a push car and rolled down the tracks of the Lexington and Eastern railroad and thence carried about 200 yards to the grave.

The attendants walked, forming a procession in the track behind the car which served as a hearse. There is no hearse in the town, neither is there a professional undertaker in the region.

ATTEMPT TO OUST SALOONS FROM LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 11.—At a largely attended meeting held here last night to discuss the question of the continuance of saloons, a resolution was adopted by a decisive vote declaring for absolute prohibition in Lincoln, beginning with the new municipal year. The question of no license will be submitted at a special election to be held at a date fixed by the city council, probably in April.

NOTORIOUS FEUDIST KILLED BY HIS SON

NO REMORSE OVER TRAGEDY.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 10.—Beach Hargis, who killed his father, Judge Hargis, yesterday, yesterday, made a statement today in which he said his father attempted to assault him when he went into the store before the shooting. He expressed no remorse over the tragedy.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 10.—Former County Judge James Hargis, for many years member of the state democratic executive committee, accused of complicity in many murders and a prominent figure in the feuds which have disturbed Breathitt county for several years, was shot and instantly killed in his general store here by his son, Beach Hargis. The son fired five shots in rapid succession at his father, who fell dead while his clerks were waiting on customers.

The two men are reported to have had a quarrel several nights ago, when the father, it is alleged, was compelled to resort to violence to restrain his son. Young Hargis, it is said, has been drinking heavily of late. Judge Hargis, it is said, spoke to his son about his drinking and a quarrel resulted. Father and son stepped behind a counter in the store, when the son, after only a few minutes' conversation, drew a revolver and fired five shots. Four took effect, the noted mountain character falling dead.

Young Hargis was arrested and placed in jail. He was raving like a maniac and the officers were compelled to drag him to jail.

Purchased Own Casket.

Judge Hargis will be buried in a casket which he himself purchased about a month ago. Some time during the early part of last month Judge Hargis went to the National Casket company at Louisville and requested that he be shown the most elaborate coffin the company had in stock. Nothing suited him and he finally ordered one along his own ideas, costing \$1,500. The following telegram has been sent to the company:

"Express the casket selected by James Hargis, as he is dead."
"Mrs. (Judge) James Hargis."

TRAIN JUMPS TRACK; NO ONE IS KILLED

Olean, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The Pennsylvania express train from Baltimore was wrecked today near Franklinville, 21 miles north of here. No one was killed. Sixteen persons were more or less injured. The coach, sleeper and locomotive were thrown into a small creek.

Among the injured are: Wilson Guggenheim, A. C. Nell, C. W. Townsend, of Washington; L. P. Clawson, Thomas C. Blackmer, of Chicago; W. Kilmer, Olean, N. Y.; Eugene Kleist, mayor of North Tonawanda.

IN CONGRESS

NO INCREASE IN PAY OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES

Washington, Feb. 10.—In the face of prevailing business conditions on which postal revenues are based, and in view of the large increase in salaries last year, I think it is extremely improbable that the committee will this year recommend any general increase of salaries of postal employes outside of the regular classification advances.

EXPOSITION GIFT PASSES; OPPOSED BY BURKETT

Washington, Feb. 10.—During the debate in the Senate on the Alaskan exposition gift bill, Senator Burkett's opposition to hold the exposition did not originate in Alaska. "It has been put forward," he said, "by a lot of boomers of Seattle, who propose to boom their real estate and their own private interests."

"The men that promote this exposition," said Senator Burkett, "are not the men who have to bear the responsibility for the bills incurred. They start an exposition," he said, "and unload their ideas on the community and then demand our money and the money of every nation on earth to pay for it."

LARGE ADDITION TO NATIONAL FOREST PARK

Washington, Feb. 10.—The president has signed a proclamation creating additions in the Trinity national forest, California. They amount to 350,471 acres. The additions are contiguous tracts of timber land lying mostly in Humboldt and Trinity counties. They make the total area of the Trinity forest nearly 1,600,000 acres. The value of the timber included in the addition is estimated at \$4,500,000.

COUNTRIES TO UNITE IN SAVING NIAGARA

Washington, Feb. 10.—President efforts are to be made in congress to prevent the re-enactment of what is known as the Burton law passed in 1906, governing the disposition of the waters of Niagara Falls. The object of that enactment was to conserve the waters of the falls against the encroachment of commercial enterprise. It was destined as a purely temporary measure to be supplanted by a general convention or treaty on this subject between the United States and Canada and which is intended to cover also the disposition of other waters forming a boundary line between the two countries. The Burton law expires in less than a year and a half.

HOUSE PASSES THE OMNIBUS CLAIMS BILL

Washington, Feb. 10.—The omnibus claims bill, carrying a total allowance of \$16,000,000 in payment of claims for stores and supplies furnished the army of the United States during the civil war; claims of volunteer officers for service pay, and claims by churches, colleges and other societies, was passed by the House today.

The bill carries recommendations conforming to the findings by the court of claims under the Bowman act. Among the larger amounts are: Illinois, \$5,800; Missouri, \$17,300.

GIRL ACCUSED OF FORGING CHECKS HELD TO GRAND JURY

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Estella Taylor, a young woman from Minneapolis, who was recently arrested in Galesburg, Ill. on a charge of passing numerous forged checks in this city, today was held to await the action of the grand jury in bonds of \$1,500. In a preliminary hearing it was contended that the young woman was insane.

RAILROAD EARNINGS TO DECREASE---HILL

Great Northern Magnate Does Not Take an Optimistic View of Situation.

New York, Feb. 11.—James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern railway, says the coming summer will show a decrease in railroad earnings over last summer.

"I am not so much of an optimist," he said, "as to predict that railroad earnings this summer will not be below those of last summer. I am sure they will be. But there are more people in this country than ever before, they are people of fair intelligence. What the country needs now is rest. Let us have rest and let a stop be put to this ghost dancing, everything will work out all right."

"Things are quiet enough everywhere, but up in the northwest we are feeling it less than in other places. We have no large industrial plants there. The farmers will plant as much wheat as ever. I should say the percentage of idle equipment on Great Northern was somewhat less than the percentage reported to be idle on roads of the country as a whole."

BUYS OUT THEATER TO AID A HOSPITAL

New York, Feb. 11.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, jr., again has come to the aid of the Nassau hospital in Mineola, L. I. She is deeply interested in the institution which is near her summer home, and has aided the management in many ways in the past. A short time ago it was feared the institution would have to be closed for lack of funds, but later it was arranged to keep the hospital open.

Now Mrs. Vanderbilt has planned to give a big benefit to reduce the debt under which the hospital has struggled. She has arranged with the management for a special matinee performance of "The Merry Widow" in its gift to the New Amsterdam theater Tuesday, February 11, and has bought out the entire house for that day.

The seats and boxes will be sold and the audience promises to be one of the notable society gatherings of the winter. The tickets will be placed on sale at Tynan's in the hotels as well as at the theater.

All of the Long Island colonies in the Mineola section are interested in the hospital, and it is anticipated there will be a general response to the plan for aiding the institution arranged by Mrs. Vanderbilt. Mrs. Morgan H. Miller, an address before the students of Columbia university, Mr. Perkins defended the big corporations as a natural outgrowth of business conditions and declared that it has accomplished great good and is a source of suggestion of developments of accomplishing much more.

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"GEN." COXEY TELLS YOUNG TRAMPS TO SETTLE DOWN; VOTE

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—Boy tramps who were drawn here by the national convention of the unemployed, now in session, and who were not permitted in the councils, which were limited to "chiefs," held a meeting at which addresses were made by men of reputation among the wanderers. "Kansas City Kid" was the guest of honor, because his "moniker" (monogram) is on more water tanks than that of any other traveler, and short speeches, brimful of advice, were delivered by other well known tramps.

"New Haven Kid" contrasted conditions in the East and West and said his experience had been that a tramp is more liable to arrest in the East than the West. "Kid Murphy," of Springfield (Illinois), advised against the use of "white line" (alcohol and water), saying it caused many holdups.

"Jersey Red," who recently returned from Africa, advised tramps to keep away from the sea because they had to work hard on ships.

"Gen." J. S. Coxe urged the tramps to settle down, that they might be voters by the time his bill came up for action in congress.

Rev. John Hills and Dr. Reilman, who styles himself "King of Tramps," also spoke, urging the tramps to become "hoboes" and seek after work.

ONCE WEALTHY MAN IS CHARITY PATIENT

St. Louis, Feb. 10.—Dr. James Shephard Cabanne, founder of fashionable Cabanne Place and once owner of most of the land there, now valued at millions of dollars, has been taken to the city hospital, a penniless patient.

HALL FOUND GUILTY OF LAND FRAUDS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 11.—Former United States District Attorney John H. Hall, indicted for conspiracy with the Butte Creek Land, Live Stock and Lumber company, to maintain an alleged illegal fence which included 20,000 acres of public land in Wheeler county, today was found guilty.

The trial has been bitterly fought on both sides.

JAPANESE LABOR IS MENACE SAY UNIONS

Denver, Feb. 10.—The wage workers of Denver have perfected a permanent organization for the purpose of protecting themselves against the invasion of Japanese labor into Colorado. It will be known as "The Yellow Peril Exclusion League." Members of the industrial unions are advancing the movement.

During the past few months Japanese laborers have been imported into Denver and Colorado by the hundreds. They are entering every line of trade, it is charged, in competition with American labor, and working for wages much below the union scale.

Peaceful measures of dealing with the problem were advocated by a majority of the speakers. Two or three expressed themselves as in favor of radical action. All were agreed that the question of excluding the Japanese has grown to such proportions that immediate action must be taken. It was decided that the movement will not be confined to organized labor, and a resolution was adopted calling upon all laboring men to take an active interest in the campaign that has been inaugurated against the employment of Japanese laborers.

BLAST BLOWERS FACE OFF CARELESS WORKMAN

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Three men were fatally injured and several others seriously hurt, as a result of dynamite in the hands of a careless workman in Hawthorne today, by the carelessness of Richard Schoebur, a workman, who rammied the explosive too tightly in the hole he had drilled for the blast. Schoebur's face was blown entirely off and he was otherwise mangled in terrible fashion.

Deaths in Coal Mines.

Port Hood, N. S. Feb. 10.—Ten men imprisoned are believed to be dead as the result of an explosion in the Port Hood coal mines today. Seven bodies have been taken out.

FAMOUS OLD SHIP TAVERN IS CLOSED

London, Feb. 10.—The Ship Tavern, one of the most famous of London's riverside inns, located in Greenwich, has closed its doors after an existence extending back to the days of the great English statesman, William Pitt. It was at the Ship Tavern that Pitt instituted the famous ministerial whitebait dinners during his term of 18 years as a member of the ministry.

In the days when Greenwich was a fashionable riverside resort, the Ship Tavern became known all over the world. It was while William Pitt was leader of the ministry, 120 years ago, that he introduced the custom of gathering together yearly at the close of the parliamentary session the cabinet ministers, judges of the high court and other members of the government to partake of a banquet at the Ship Tavern, known as the ministerial whitebait dinner. Its feature was whitebait, small fish not much more than an inch in length, for which Greenwich is famous, and which is considered a great delicacy. It is eaten with cayenne pepper, lemon juice and brown bread and butter.

The custom of the ministerial whitebait dinner at the Ship Tavern was discontinued regularly from the time it was instituted by Pitt until 1880. After that time the custom was not observed regularly, and ten years ago it fell into entire disuse.

MAN WHO "FOUND" H. C. FRICK DEAD

Pittsburg, Feb. 10.—Judge Thomas Mellon, who discovered the genius in H. C. Frick and loaned him \$30,000 to begin the coke business, died here on his 95th birthday. He was stricken as he arose to celebrate with his aged wife their natal anniversaries, Mrs. Mellon being 91 years old.

Though the founder of a fortune, estimated at \$15,000,000, the books in the assessor's office show he is possessed of only \$30,000 personal property. Eighty-three years ago Judge Mellon walked into Pittsburg with a dollar in his pocket. About 15 years ago he turned his fortune over to his sons and they increased it.

Judge Mellon founded the banking house which bears the family name and has deposits of over \$25,000,000. He once successfully fought the Standard Oil company, and bidding with his grandson, W. L. Mellon, a pipe line to the seaboard, which they later sold to the Standard for \$4,500,000.

THREATS AGAINST LIFE MADE FRANCO FLEE

Lisbon, Feb. 10.—The secret and sudden flight of Franco, the former premier, from Lisbon across the frontier into Spain, accompanied by his wife and son, was caused by the threats of death which had been made against him since he fled from Madrid. Franco has been in receipt of many letters, all threatening vengeance. Alreadly Franco as dictator had been plotted against and had gone about protected by armed guards, who also watched his home for days. He proposed his iron rule should do him harm and of late to these were added the emity of those who held that Franco was responsible, indirectly at least, for the tragedy of Saturday last.

Two of Franco's ministers also have disappeared.

VERY WEALTHY WOMAN TO WED SELF-MADE MAN

New York, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Anna Weightman Walker, widow of Robert J. C. Walker, of Philadelphia, and daughter of the late Wm. Weightman, made announcement today of her engagement to Frederick Cortland Penfield, diplomat and author. The engagement is of recent date, although Mrs. Walker and her fiancé have been friends for years. It was not intended to announce the betrothal until months later, but rumors had spread so it was decided to make it public at once.

Mrs. Weightman Walker inherited a fortune of \$400,000 under the will of her father, the late Wm. Weightman, of Germantown, Penn., who gained his wealth in manufacturing drugs. Frederick Penfield, a typical diplomat, is a self-made man, at one time having been a reporter on the Hartford Courier.

WHAT IS SAUSAGE? HERE'S THE ANSWER

Chicago, Feb. 10.—"What is sausage," was determined by United States food experts after a day's conference in the Auditorium annex. The commission holds: "It shall contain no larger amount of water than the meats from which it is prepared and if it bears the name descriptive of composition or origin, it must correspond to such descriptive name. 'Blood sausage' shall be distinguished by fresh blood from neat cattle or swine."

JOBBER WILL ASK CONGRESS TO OUTLAW EXPRESS COMPANIES

Association Declares There is No Reason Why They Should Exist.

St. Louis, S. D., Feb. 11.—H. M. Jones, of this city, president of the Western Fruit Jobbers' association, an organization embracing all the territory west of the Mississippi river, announces that his organization expects to ask congress before the end of the present session to enact legislation outlawing the express companies.

Immediately following the special report of the Interstate Commerce commission upon the business of the express companies of the United States, the association will begin its organized effort to have the express business declared illegal.

It was this organization which, two years ago, fought the private car lines all through the session of congress at which the railway rate bill was enacted. A special committee of the Senate spent seven weeks hearing the evidence collected by the association. As a result of the rate bill, which requires the railroad companies to own the equipment necessary to transportation, the private car lines have been ended. This was accomplished when the Senate voted down amendments to the rate bill introduced by Senator Kittredge, of South Dakota, to recognize the private car lines as common carriers.

Work of Association.

It was also the work of this organization that put a resolution through congress a year ago, directing the Interstate Commerce commission to inquire into and report upon the express business. The commission appointed Special Examiner Brown, who has held meetings in Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago, Dallas and Fort Worth. The fruit jobbers' association was represented by its attorneys at these hearings, and the express companies by a number of lawyers headed by Frank Stockton, attorney for the Wells Fargo company.

Frank Galnes, an attorney of Omaha, is now making a brief of the evidence, in behalf of the fruit jobbers' association, which he will present to the commission. The attorneys for the express companies will make a plea for their clients. This will probably be done within a week. The association hopes that the Interstate Commerce commission can make its report to congress within a fortnight, or a month at the latest. Upon that report and its showings, the association will ask congress to abolish the express companies as a needless tax upon the shipping interests of the country.

Fight to Finish.

"The report of the commission," said Mr. Jones, "will show that 90 per cent of the business of the express companies is done by employees of the railway companies. The express companies have no railroads, no means of transportation. They own practically no property. In most cases their offices are simply rented. All that is required by them is desk room in which to collect their money and make storage rooms from which to make deliveries."

"Yet these express companies are capitalized at tremendous sums. The shippers are paying dividends on blue sky to enrich the stockholders of these companies. We not only pay the railroad companies for transportation, but we must pay the express companies an additional sum. We are paying twice for all transportation carried by the express companies."

"It should be understood the Western Fruit Jobbers' association is in this fight to stay. We will keep it until a law is passed that refuses to allow any but common carriers to accept freight for transportation."

ADMIRAL DEFENDS UNCLE SAM'S SHIPS AGAINST MUCKRAKE

Washington, Feb. 10.—Admiral Converse today submitted to Secretary Metcalf a report upon the results of his investigation into the recently published criticisms of the designs of American naval vessels. It is not probable its contents will be made public until the president has had an opportunity to read it, if then. It may be stated the report undertakes to demonstrate as clearly as possible the figures and comparisons of foreign navies. The scale drawings can establish the fact that the fighting ships of the American navy at the date of their design were the best ships in the world of their class and that they are today comparable on even terms with the ships of any other navy.

DREW CHECK FOR 1,000 KISSES; WIDOW SUES

Newark, N. J., Feb. 11.—When the breach of promise suit of Mrs. Margaret Ives, a widow, against Edwin G. Koenig, an ex-widower, comes up for Jersey adjudication next spring, the friends of both litigants promise to attend in large numbers.

Mrs. Ives, who at the decease of her husband was supposed to be a woman of large means, began her suit against Koenig yesterday. She sets forth that until it was known that the late Mr. Ives had left little instead of much she was besieged by suitors, of whom Koenig was the most ardent.

Koenig, she avers, wrote her 81 interesting letters and gave her a check that she couldn't cash.

The check is on the federal bank, and is for "one thousand kisses," payable to Mrs. Ives. The check was duly presented, it seems, and a facetious teller wrote on the back of it:

"Bank cannot honor. Maker will have to pay in person."

Koenig married another woman, and now Mrs. Ives demands \$50,000 damages.

ARE INDICTED FOR ROBBIING UNCLE SAM

Portland, Me., Feb. 11.—Geo. Frederick Terry, general manager of the Sawyer Publishing company, at Waterville, and Henry W. Boshan, who for a number of years handled second and third class mail matter in the Waterville postoffice, were indicted in the federal court today for alleged joint conspiracy to defraud the government out of postage. It is alleged the government has been robbed of many thousands of dollars a year for several years.

JOHN D. WILL PROVIDE PLAYGROUND FOR BOYS

New York, Feb. 8.—Great summer playgrounds, where city children may hunt Indians, is the latest philanthropy in which John D. Rockefeller intends to use part of his wealth, added by a new recruit to the army of philanthropists, Harold McCormick, John D.'s Chicago son-in-law.

Captain Jack Crawford is authority for the statement. He says he is to direct charge of the first playground to be opened on a tract of wilderness in Michigan on Portage lake, about 12 miles from the town of Manistee.

The plan provides not only for a playground, but for a systematic supervision of the boys' summer play, which will be largely along the lines of hunting, trapping, woodcraft, swimming, military exercises. Regular exercise in the old tricks of the wild and woolly west will be employed and the boys will go on weekly expeditions.

There will be stage coaches for the boys to save from the attacks of bandits, the outlaws being other boys of the vacation crowd. There will be a typical old-time frontier post where the lads will learn the life of the mounted service.

FOUR FIRES AT ONCE IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—Four fires early today, all burning at the same time, caused damage estimated at \$200,000, the first fire started on the freight steamer Aris, lying at the wharf, in the Delaware river. Before the names on the steamer were extinguished, fire broke out in the drug store of Jacob Bros., in Chestnut street, which was ended. This was accomplished when the Senate voted down amendments to the rate bill introduced by Senator Kittredge, of South Dakota, to recognize the private car lines as common carriers.

The fourth fire started at Marshall and Ritten streets where four dwellings were damaged and 20 persons forced to seek shelter from the snowstorm.

\$120,000 FIRE IN RACINE, WIS., CLUB

Racine, Wis., Feb. 8.—Five firemen were injured and a loss of \$120,000 was the result of fire in the rooms of the Racine club early today. Eight men were on ladders on the south wall of the structure when it fell.

HURON LAND OFFICE IS DISCONTINUED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Under an executive order signed by the president, the commissioner of the general land office has published a notice of the discontinuance of the Huron land office and the transfer of the lands, business and archives thereof to it and its consolidation with the Pierre land district, the office of which district is located at Pierre.

The transfer and consolidation will become effective April 1, 1908. Local offices at Huron will discontinue business at the close of business hours on March 31, 1908.

The action was recommended in view of the small range of unappropriated public lands in the Huron district as well as the cost of maintaining said office, under sections 2248 and 2252 of the revised statutes.

GERMAN JACKIES MUST NOT TATTOO

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The practice of tattooing on the bodies of bluejackets, so widespread in all navies, and more so in the American and British navies than in others, has just received a severe blow from a Hamburg physician called to attend a sailor of the German battleship Deutschland, who was suffering from a mysterious wasting disease.

The sick man, with others of his messmates who joined with him only a year ago, permitted one of the older seamen to tattoo on their breasts the emblem of their ship as a souvenir of their period of service. Shortly afterward the young sailor went on the sick list. The ship's doctor not being able to effect a cure, he consulted a specialist, who decided that the patient was suffering from cuticular tuberculosis, and on investigation it was discovered that one of the other recruits on whom the tattooing needles had been used immediately beforehand, had been afflicted with the disease since childhood. Both men have since been discharged from the navy as unfit for further service.

The specialist reported to the authorities that other and even more virulent diseases could be transmitted from one person to another in this way, and the naval authorities are now doing their utmost to discourage the practice of tattooing.

A Dusseldorf doctor has discovered a simple and painless method of removing tattoo marks without leaving scars. After injecting a pain killer around the tattooed surface, he makes an incision and raises the skin containing the colored substance, which as a rule does not penetrate deeply. He then entirely punches out the ink with a many pointed instrument or scrapes it away from the inside with a lancet, and then replaces the skin, which in a few days resumes its natural faculties without inconvenience to the patient.

MRS. SHONTS IS NO SMUGGLER---THE CASE WILL BE DROPPED

New York, Feb. 8.—The treasury department, it was learned today, will take no further action following the raid by customs inspectors on the home of Theodore F. Shonts for alleged untaxed goods imported from Europe by Mrs. Shonts and her daughter, Theodora, who is to marry the Duc De Chaulnes February 15.

Mrs. Shonts is said to have satisfied both the president and Secretary Cortelyou that there is no cause for confiscation of the goods on a charge of smuggling.

It is said on high authority that the case will be dropped.

LAST OF MURDER SUSPECTS CON ESSES; GETS LIFE SENTENCE

Boulder, Mont., Feb.