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NEBRASKA

Miss Gina Krog, of Christiania, has been nominated by the radical party of Norway for deputy in the parliamentary elections now pending. Miss Krog visited the United States last spring on her way to the International Council of Women in Toronto. She delivered several lectures to suffrage societies in New York and spoke to the Norwegian women in Brooklyn. She is said to have had more to do with obtaining the ballot for the women of Norway than any other individual, man or woman.

One of the characters well known on the Berlin Bourse one morning wagered that he would ask the same question of some answerer each. He went to first one and then another, until he had reached the number of 50. And this is how he won the bet: He whispered half audibly to each, "I say, have you heard that Meyer had failed?" What Meyer? queried the whole 50, one after another.

According to statistics of taxes, while there were 94,123 billiard tables in France in 1892, in 1906 there were only 89,230, whereas if the game was held in its own right it should have increased as the children grew to billiard playing age. The decadence of the game, which has had famous votaries, is ascribed to the success of outdoor sports, and especially to the intense and widespread interest now taken in motor racing.

No tantalum minerals are known to have been produced in the United States in 1908, according to F. L. Hess, whose reports are published by the Mineral Resources of the United States, Calendar Year 1908, published by the geological survey. The tantalum used in the manufacture of lamps in this country is made in Germany and exported at a cost of \$300 or more a pound.

Old tin cans which find their way to the domestic rubbish heap have been turned to good account by the Liverpool corporation. Last year, from this source, the health authorities realized \$1,500. In future the revenue is likely to be increased, because the authorities are engaged in putting down a new plant. It is estimated that at least \$6,000 a year might be derived from this form of municipal trading.

Through the prescription seems to have disappeared from the pharmacopoeia of modern "beauty specialists." It was for centuries notorious that to feed on snails, that death of the skin, win perpetual youth, to cure pimple, again, or any other swelling, all that was necessary was to munch a viper, from the tail up, as it might be a stick of celery, while yet another snake, if eaten, conferred the power of understanding all the tongues of birds.

Queen Helena of Italy has signified her intention of becoming a member of the International Congress of Mothers. She wishes to see that the welfare of the children of the world, and will send a special envoy to the next meeting of the organization, which is to be held in Denver next year.

Sir Thomas Browne, author of the "Religio Medici," believed in witches. He wrote: "For my part, I have ever believed, and do now know, that there are witches. They that doubt of them do not only deny them, but spirits and are obliquely, and upon consequence a sort, not of infidels, but atheists."

Among the clocks at Versailles is one of great interest historically, for it is believed to be Marie Antoinette, the hapless consort of Louis XVI. It is a musical clock. For many years it has been out of order, but on the initiative of Comte de Beauchamp it has been restored by M. Lefroy, a designer and the constructor of the timepiece.

A German inventor has brought out a new process for lacquering brass tubing by revolving it in a lathe and applying the lacquer while the tubing is heated electrically. Formerly the heating had to be done in ovens with a separate operation for every coat of lacquer.

Japan's foreign trade for the first half of 1908 amounted to \$200,750,000, a decrease of \$13,000,000 from that of the first half of 1907. Exports were \$137,500,000 (increase \$7,000,000) and imports \$197,250,000 (decrease \$20,000,000). The balance of trade in favor of Japan gained \$27,000,000.

The tobacco grown in the United States is of two general types or classes: (1) Cigar tobacco, and (2) chewing, smoking, snuff and export tobaccos. In 1908 something more than 150,000,000 pounds of cigar tobacco was grown in the United States and nearly four times the amount of the other types.

A new explosive of British invention, which is said to possess possibilities of revolutionizing the blasting work in connection with the construction of the Panama canal, has been tested on the Isthmus of Panama recently, and as a result the canal commission has ordered 20 tons of it for trial.

Health Commissioner Ritchie, of Boston, declares that pneumonia is now the most fatal disease in his jurisdiction. According to the present figures of the board of health, pneumonia cases first, heart disease second and tuberculosis, which was first in 1900, third.

Richard Pybus of the Old Lodge, Derby, at the local agricultural show in 1906, guessed the exact weight of a live bullock—854 pounds. In 1907 his estimate was only one pound out, and this year he was within one and one-half pounds of the correct weight.

Coatsville, Pa., is making preparations for celebrating next year the 100th anniversary of the rolling of the first boiler plate in America. This was done in that place in 1810 in a small mill operated by water power, which was the beginning of a great plant.

Many natives of the province of Ontario, Canada, are moving into the United States, principally into New York state. The population of the city of Kings-on has increased only twenty in the last year. The emigrants are mostly young married couples.

Mineral oil, which includes petroleum, is one of the few articles of staple production in the United States whose sales abroad in the fiscal year 1909 showed an increase over those of the preceding year.

When a division is taken in the house of commons a two-minute sandglass is turned to allow members time to enter the house. Then the doors are locked.

Columbia university boys have taken a step in the matter of reform that will meet with commendation. They have barred mustaches.

MURDERED MAN IS FOUND IN CELLAR; SUSPECT ARRESTED

Robbery and the Motive—Man Under Arrest Watched Over Remains of Victim.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 14.—Joseph McKay, aged 39, a physical giant of Brunswick, Neb., was yesterday jailed for the murder of A. G. Brown, the village harnessmaker, whose body was found hidden in the cellar of his home Wednesday night. The skull crushed and chopped to a pulp with an ax that lay by his side.

Brown, a bachelor of 50, lived alone at the edge of town. He was missed from his shop for three days, and Wednesday night citizens broke into his house, found a pool of blood in his parlor and the body in the cellar. He always carried his money with him, but not a penny was found in his pockets. His watch had not been touched.

McKay became nervous when the coroner and sheriff were investigating. His wife said he had \$3 in his possession, but the sheriff found \$29 hidden under the bed in his house.

On the 18th McKay lived in a house owned by Brown and adjoining Brown's house. He sat up with the body after the murder was discovered.

The murdered man's body was taken to Tripoli, Ia., a brother living there.

BIG SUMS PAID FOR PRIZE EARS OF CORN

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14.—When the prize winners were put on sale at the National Corn exposition Friday, farmers, publishers of agriculture papers and plant breeders paid higher prices for the prize winners than have ever been paid before for such samples of ears.

E. E. Faville, editor of Successful Farming, takes home to Des Moines the prize 10 ears of corn, having paid \$335 for them. The corn was grown by J. R. Overstreet, of Franklin, Ind., who won \$1,000. They are known as the "champion sweepstake ears," and brought almost \$100 more than the 10 ears last year.

Arthur Capper, of Topeka, paid \$280 for the best bushel of corn in the world, containing 70 ears, and at the rate Faville paid the bushel would have cost him \$2,345.

H. E. Krueger, of Beaver Dam, Wis., who won the sweepstakes on wheat, producing the best peck the world has ever seen, according to judges, paid \$104 for the peck that he might retain if it and take it back to Wisconsin for seed.

NEBRASKA DEFEATED IN ANNUAL DEBATE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—Debaters of the University of Minnesota last night defeated those of Nebraska university in their annual contest. The decision of the judges was two to one in favor of the visitors. Nebraska had the affirmative side of the question:

"Resolved, That a graduated income tax, with an exemption of incomes under \$5,000 per annum, would be a desirable modification of our system of federal taxation." Governor Shaalenberger presided.

MAGAZINE DEVOTED TO PLANT BREEDING, MAN AND ANIMALS

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14.—Wille M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, with his associates, will start a magazine devoted to the scientific breeding of plants and animals, while a new department has been organized in the American Breeders' association to study heredity in man, and David Jordan will head the work and conduct the department in the magazine.

This was decided at the closing meeting of the American Breeders' association today when 1,200 new members were welcomed and the organization voted to ask manufacturing, commercial and transportation interests concerned with increased farm products, to provide the association with sufficient funds to put the publication on a business basis at once.

VICTIMS WATCH DEATH APPROACH

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 14.—Entrapped in a lake of burning tar, four men were held fast at the McClintock & Irvine company's roofing plant in this city early today, and were compelled to watch the gradually approaching flames. Three of them were burned to death, but the fourth managed to extricate himself, although he was seriously burned.

It is said the men were not employed at the works, but since winter set in had been sleeping there at night. In some manner the valve of a tar vat opened and before the sleeping men knew their danger they were engulfed. Unable to free themselves they saw the tar flow to a boiler by which it was sprayed heated. Then as the men crawled towards them, they frantically cried for help. The night watchman was attracted by the cries, but was powerless to aid them.

EMBEZZLER THOUGHT TO HAVE KEPT BIG BUNCH OF PLUNDER

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 14.—Edward G. Cunliffe, an Adams Express clerk, who conspired with a package containing \$101,000 in October 1905, was released from the penitentiary here today after serving a little over four years.

Following a search in this country and South America, Cunliffe was arrested in Bridgeport, Conn., his former home.

Cunliffe refused to discuss a report that he still retained a large portion of the money.

TRANSPORT FLOATED. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 14.—The transport Prairie, which went aground in the Delaware river on the night of December 2, while proceeding down the river with 750 marines for Central America, was floated at 10:15 a. m. today.

COMMONER DENIES BRYAN WILL DECLARE FOR PROHIBITION

Not to Be Pushed as National Issue, but State Control to Be Fostered.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13.—A statement in behalf of W. J. Bryan, which will be published today in the Commoner, denies that he intends to make an effort to push prohibition as a national issue. The statement follows:

"Mr. Bryan does not expect to see prohibition a paramount issue in national politics. If that ever comes it is not likely to be in Mr. Bryan's day.

"Mr. Bryan may, however, be truthfully credited with a desire to assist in securing for the several states absolute and exclusive control over the liquor traffic—including control over all shipments of liquor as soon as the liquor enters the state. It will be interesting to see how some democratic editors will explain their opposition to the good old democratic doctrine that the state ought to be allowed to attend to its own business."

MISSING STENOGRAPHER LOCATED IN HOSPITAL

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13.—Miss Anna Lee Owen, Neb., young woman, who was slugged at Kansas City last July, because, as stenographer in the "graft" investigation, it was alleged she was in possession of facts which it was desirable to hide, was located yesterday in the Wesleyan hospital at University place, near Lincoln, where it was said she was seriously ill from a nervous trouble.

Her mother said that the family did not care to talk about the matter. Her daughter was still seriously ill, in a very serious condition, but hope was held out by the physicians that she would recover. The stenographer's notes of Miss Owen, she said, were in a Kansas City bank vault.

USE TELEPHONE SERVICE TO OPERATE TRAINS

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company has recently purchased from the Western Electric company apparatus for a complete telephone train dispatching circuit extending from Chardon, Neb., to Long Pine, Neb., a distance of 198 miles. The circuit will be very complete and the line itself has been constructed entirely of new material.

The telephone method of handling trains is of special value in sections such as that between Chardon and Long Pine, owing to the fact that during certain seasons of the year a great many of the stations consist simply of sidings. These stations, however, during a large portion of the year, are important shipping points for the ranchers in that vicinity. In many places there are no telegraph stations and at such points telephones will be installed, rendering it possible for any authorized person to obtain stock cars or other freight accommodations on short notice, and it is possible to handle the business through the nearest telegraph office.

HOTELS FINED FOR VIOLATION OF LAW

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 13.—Proprietors of three of the principal hotels in the city were today before Judge Crawford in the police court accused of having sold liquor after 8 p. m., in violation of the new daylight liquor law. The sentence carries with it the revocation of the licenses of the principal hotels and makes it mandatory for the board of fire and police to revoke them forthwith. It also makes it impossible for the convicted persons to secure licenses for next year. There is no appeal from the decision of the police court.

ROCK ISLAND OFFICER ACCORDED PROMOTION

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 13.—Geo. E. Pentecost, division passenger agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, has been appointed assistant general manager of persons road with headquarters at Kansas City. The appointment takes effect today.

STATE POLICE QUELL BATTLE OVER A DOLL

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—A doll and the argument of two children for its possession caused more trouble at the McClintock & Irvine company's roofing plant here, than was ever known in the history of that mining town.

Two little girls, after arguing for the possession of a doll, fastened their fingers in each other's locks and pulled with such force that the doll they screamed with anger and pain. The women and men of their families rushed from their homes and in an instant the two families were fighting.

In less than ten minutes a hundred men were battling up and down the main street of the town. Bricks were thrown and clubs were used with freedom. Several combatants were knocked unconscious. A squad of state police, who were near Meadow Lands, galloped to the town, using their maces on every fighting man near them. Twelve of the combatants were handcuffed and taken before a justice of the peace.

SUGAR THIEVES SAY OLD SCALES WERE WORTHLESS

New York, Dec. 10.—In his opening address for the defense in the sugar trials today, General Cochrane declared that the 17 scales on the Brooklyn dock on which the alleged underweighing was done, were of an obsolete style and grossly inaccurate of themselves, and that many of the government weights were incompetent.

"These defective scales, owned and operated by the government," continued General Cochrane, "weighed more than 900,000 tons of sugar every year and no man in human reason could hope to supervise them." The line of defense indicated by the statement was that it would be claimed the shortages in weights were due to the scales and the government employees and not to any manipulation by the sugar company's employees, as the government charges.

AFTER 28 YEARS HUSBAND AND WIFE RATIFY MARRIAGE

Raise Daughter to Womanhood and Then Learn That Marriage Is Invalid.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—After 28 years of married life and becoming the parents of a daughter now 23 years old, Millard P. Hascall and his wife, of Lincoln, discovered that the woman had never been lawfully divorced from her first husband. They called on County Judge Cosgrave yesterday and had the ceremony performed. This time it was a valid one, as less than a month ago the woman's first husband, Stephen V. Gerard, died. Details that were made public at the time of his death revealed to the Hascalls for the first time the fact that their union was invalid in the eyes of the law.

Hascall is a contractor, and lived in Lincoln for a quarter of a century. She was a young girl, about 20, when she married Gerard. Differences arose and she returned home to her father. While there Gerard and his attorney visited her and induced her to begin action for divorce in a county in which neither was a resident. The decree was granted, and ignorant that it was invalid, she later married Hascall. Four lawyers were called into the case and they advised a remarriage. The couple will take no honeymoon journey.

BLEW OUT THE GAS WITH USUAL RESULTS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—Mrs. H. O. Cook, of Oakland, Ia., and her son-in-law, D. B. Kansey, of Walnut, Ia., narrowly escaped death here Monday night through their ignorance of how to work gas jets. The couple, the woman 75 years old, and the man nearly 60, occupied separate beds in one room in a lodging house. Kansey got up during the night to see what time it was and it is presumed blew out the gas. When the landlord found them in the morning Kansey was nearly dead, while the woman was barely conscious.

NEBRASKA IN GRIP OF COLD WEATHER

Storm and Temperature Combine to Prevent Movement in Produce and Supplies.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, introduced in the House today a joint resolution for an investigation of the properties of the American Telephone and Telegraph, Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies, and directing the department of commerce and labor to make a physical valuation of these properties and report at the next session of congress.

LOW TEMPERATURE BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 11.—The government thermometer registered 18 below zero here this morning, the coldest ever known so early in the winter. The wind changed to the south today and a rise in temperature is expected.

Trade Effected.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—Twelve degrees below zero was the temperature recorded at the weather bureau at 6 a. m. today. At 10 o'clock the mercury stood at 11 degrees below.

Hay cannot be purchased at any price and the roads are so bad that none can be delivered. Coal dealers and merchants find it almost impossible to make deliveries.

HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT IS UNDER CHARGES

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—Right after Christmas, on December 27, the board of public lands and buildings will take testimony on the charges filed with it by Felix Newton, that immorality and cruelty to patients were practiced at the Lincoln asylum for the insane. At the same time Newton's charge that the superintendent, Dr. Woodard, of Aurora, is guilty of embezzlement, will be ventilated.

Newton is an educated young German-Russian, who drew the appointment of bookkeeper at the asylum as a reward for political services last year. After he got in the institution, he essayed to assist in the management without the consent or upon the request of the superintendent, who finally fired Felix, after he found that a hint or a command was equally ineffective. Newton responded by bombarding the governor with charges and writing letters to the newspapers. After he had made his charge to the republican board, the governor and the superintendent declared they wanted an end put to the matter by an investigation, and Newton will now be called upon to make good.

BOARD CLOSES DEAL FOR WAYNE NORMAL

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—The trustees of the Wayne Normal school have notified the State Normal board that they would accept the proposition made to them by the board for the purchase of the school by the board. The board's price is \$70,000.

While the legislature appropriated \$80,000 or so much of it as might be necessary for the purchase of the school, it made no provision for the expense of maintaining it after it was purchased. The board notified Mrs. Pile, who is now conducting the school, to continue in charge as if she owned it until some other provision can be made. She probably will have charge of it until another legislature makes an appropriation for running the institution.

COLD WEATHER BOOSTS THE PRICE OF CORN

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—Rain and snow that have made the country roads impassable and corn husking an unpopular pastime have sent the price of that cereal to an unusual height. Sixty cents a bushel is offered freely in this section for corn for feeding purposes. This is 5 cents above the Chicago price, whereas usually corn in Nebraska can do no better than 5 to 8 cents under that quotation.

WOMAN'S DAY AT OMAHA CORN SHOW

Omaha, Dec. 9.—At woman's day at the National Corn exposition. The program was arranged by the presidents of the state federations of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota.

The session was presided over by Mrs. F. H. Cole, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs. The following addresses were delivered:

"The States' Aid: Woman's Clubs," Mrs. Frances D. Esterett, president of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Good Citizenship as Influenced by Home Training," Mrs. Julian M. Richards, president of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Play and Playgrounds," Mrs. C. C. Goodard, president of the Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Value of Organization," Mrs. C. G. Higbee, president of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs.

PHYSICIAN IS CHARGED WITH YOUNG GIRL'S DEATH

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 9.—Dr. W. H. Johnson, one of the leading physicians of Lincoln, was arrested last night, charged with being responsible for the death of Amanda Mueller, a 16-year-old girl who died four days ago at a local hospital. The arrest followed a coroner's inquest on the body of the girl, and a verdict that her death was due to a criminal operation. An anonymous letter received Saturday by County Attorney Tyrell suggesting an investigation of the case resulted in the inquest and last night's arrest. Miss Mueller was the daughter of a well known Lincoln traveling man.

NEBRASKA CONSUMERS ARE SHORT ON COAL

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 9.—The big snowstorms of the last few days have brought many Lincoln people to the point of freezing. With the usual desire not to buy any coal until it was needed, the sudden cold snap caught many with only a few days' supply on hand. Coal dealers are all rushed to death with orders that they cannot fill, because of the slowness with which deliveries can be made. In the unpaved district there is several feet of mud under the snow, and the streets are impassable in many places.

Several big establishments about town have had work keeping up their fires. The desire to wait until necessity forces a contribution to the coal men deterred the owners from putting in their orders, and now they have to take their turns with the other improvidents.

HITCHCOCK IS AFTER TELEGRAPH COMBINE

Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, introduced in the House today a joint resolution for an investigation of the properties of the American Telephone and Telegraph, Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies, and directing the department of commerce and labor to make a physical valuation of these properties and report at the next session of congress.

Mr. Hitchcock explained that he did this because of the reports that the companies were to be consolidated and their capitalization largely increased. He believed a valuation should be made and that capitalization should not be permitted of such volume as would be unjust to the public interests.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE SUMMONED BY DENEEN

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 9.—Governor Deneen last night issued a proclamation calling the legislature in extra session December 14. Twenty subjects are included in the call. The most important are:

To enact a primary election law. To enact a corrupt practices law. To enact laws concerning the construction of a deep waterway and the development of water power between Leckport and Eliza and to issue bonds in payment therefor.

To consider and act upon a proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States in reference to a federal income tax. To enact legislation authorizing cities, villages and incorporated towns of this state to adopt the "commission form of government."

To enact laws providing for suitable fire fighting equipment to be installed at or in all coal mines.

COUNT BONI STARTS NEW LAWSUIT OVER CHILDREN'S CUSTODY

Paris, Dec. 9.—Count Boni De Castellane instituted a new court action today in connection with the education of his children. He asked the court to order his former wife, the present Princess De Sagan, to appoint a tutor for the youngest of their three sons, Jay, with the stipulation that the tutor shall make periodical reports of the boy's progress.

The plaintiff asks also a determination of the rights of the parents in the matter of escorting the two eldest sons to and from school, and prays that the defendant be condemned to pay the cost of the present action.

OL TRUST DECISION TO BLOCK COPPER MERGER

New York, Dec. 9.—The recent Standard Oil decision in the federal courts is said today to have changed the plans of the proposed copper merger and there may be some delay in effecting the copper combination.

BERLIN—Direct telegraphic communication between Germany and England and France was entirely cut off throughout the day yesterday by a storm that swept the British Isles and France, and it was necessary to send all messages to those countries by way of the United States. The trouble lasted until midnight, when direct cable again was opened. The storm itself was scarcely felt here.

CINCINNATI, OHIO—The national association of ice cream manufacturers and the first cold snap arrived simultaneously here yesterday.

PORTUGAL'S KING IN LOVE WITH AN ENGLISH ACTRESS

Would Make Lily Elsie His Queen If He Had the Power.

London, Dec. 10.—King Manuel of Portugal proved a very cozy matrimonial subject during his visit here, and the elaborate plans that were made to induce him to select a British princess as a bride had a decidedly nebulous outcome.

All the eligible English princesses were paraded for his inspection, but, despite all efforts to induce him to concentrate his affections on Princess Alexandra, Manuel seemed to fancy Princess Louise of Battemberg, a cousin of Queen Victoria Ena of Spain; yet even this attachment is very indefinite, as Manuel, with rare youthful caution, paid marked attention to King Edward's unmarried daughter, Princess Victoria. At the Drury Lane she and Manuel astonished the management by smoking cigarettes and indulging in high jinks between the acts. While it is true that King Manuel does not seem to have been captivated by any of the royal princesses, he did fall a victim to the charms of Lily Elsie, the actress who introduced the "Merry Widow" to London theaters.

The young king visited Lily's theater during his stay in London and pronounced Miss Elsie the most beautiful and fascinating woman he had ever seen, and declared that if it was within his power he would make her queen of Portugal. She has the beauty and fascinating charms of the actress threaten to upset the matrimonial projects which King Edward had planned for the youthful monarch of Portugal.

WIFE 'PHONES OFTEN; HE SEEKS A DIVORCE

Boston, Dec. 10.—George L. Holton, who four years ago, when he was superintendent of a desk company in Somerville, applied to the superior court for an injunction to restrain his wife from annoying him by frequent calls for him and the telephone has begun proceedings for divorce in St. Louis.

What he alleges as his wife's insistent habit of "calling him on the telephone at all hours of the day and night" is made the subject of this suit. Mr. Holton told how, when he had a position in Somerville, his employers told him that they would discharge him if his wife did not stop calling him up every few minutes on the phone.

"I asked her to cure herself of the habit," said Mr. Holton, "and the only way I got a little respite was by applying for an injunction to restrain her."

On the issue of the injunction in the equity session of the superior court the application was denied, the court holding that the husband's employers must bring the action in such cases.

COURT RAILROADS A NEGRO TO GALLOWS

Mob Swarms Around Trial and Forces Quick Sentencing of Accused.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 10.—Whether the extraordinary circumstances of the trial and sentence to death at Williamstown, Ky., yesterday of the negro, Earl Thompson, will make the proceedings illegal, was the subject of discussion in Kentucky today.

A mob which had met Thompson at the train when he was brought back from Lexington to answer a charge of criminal assault on the person of a white woman, surrounded the courtroom and threatened to break in if the judge would not sentence Thompson to hanging within 30 days and keep him meanwhile in the Williamstown jail. Cammack delivered the pledge from the jail steps.

Within the court house previously Thompson had been tried and found guilty, while a mob overran the court chamber and a member of it lunged at the negro with a knife.

Thompson and his wife entered a strong plea of not guilty. Judge Cammack fixed the hanging for January 7 next.

WAGES RAISED ON MICHIGAN CENTRAL TO AVERT STRIKE

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 10.—In regard to a report emanating from Lansing, Mich., that the Michigan Central railroad had increased the wages of its trainmen and telegraph operators, General Superintendent W. Brown, of the Michigan Central, said:

"The conductors and brakemen were given an increase of approximately 15 per cent several weeks ago. The negotiations with the men extended till nearly the last of October, but the increase was made effective at once."

The operators also offered an increase that affected 50 offices on our lines, but they declined our offer and are trying to arrange an interview with the general manager."

WISCONSIN BANKER TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Another Mineral Point Financier Indicted by the Federal Grand Jury.

Jamesville, Wis., Dec. 10.—Calvert Spensley, president of the defunct First National bank of Mineral Point, who was indicted by the La Crosse grand jury, was arrested and taken today to Madison, where it was expected he would give bond.

Thomas Tompkin, a retired farmer living in Mineral Point, accompanied Mr. Spensley and the marshal and stated he was prepared to give bond up to \$100,000 for Spensley.

BUSINESS MAN HELD UP

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 10.—Robert Burson, a prominent business man of this city, was held up in the fashionable residence district at North hill by two footpads. A large amount of money and his gold watch were taken.

COLD WEATHER IN INDIANA

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—Today the temperature early all over the state made a long drop to zero. Telegraph and telephone wires snapped, and high winds threw down poles in many directions. Interurban railroads were impeded by heavy drifts of snow in the northern part of the state.