### Frontier LINCOLN MUTINEERS The O'Neill D. H. CRONIN, Publisher, NEBRASKA O'NEILL, A fool and his money are soon mar-

Even an idea hesitates to strike a an when he is down.

The man who always tells the truth catches the smallest fish.

The Christian population of India now numbers nearly 4,000,000.

Less than 3 per cent of the area of Norway is under cultivation.

The nearest to charity some people ever get is to offer suggestions.

Many a fellow wouldn't know he w in love if the girl didn't tell him.

The best cure for the fellow who thinks he knows it all is marriage.

The average man is willing to admit that he has more brains than money.

There are two imperial universities in Japan, but women are admitted to neither.

Some girls are so modest that they would blush even at the mention of a garter snake.

Simplicity in weddings is the unex-ected sign of sanity among the English aristocracy.

Lots of things look easy to manage, till you try them. Aeroplanes and wives, for instance.

Arkansas produces coal, silver, alena, slate, oil stones and clay of lena, slate, oil ery description. every

The average life of an elephant is one century, while a rabbit lives seven years and a cow 15.

A wood substitute made of grass is being experimented abroad for match making. dried with

Arkansas has the largest spring in the world, Mammoth spring, a full size river at its source, Spring river.

Under the direction of an expert from the United States the Australian state of Victoria has spent \$33,500,000 for ir-

So many ships have been lost in the strait between the Red sea and the Arabian gulf that the strait is called the Gate of Tears.

On an automobile wireless outfit built for the Austrian army the motor used to propel the car may also be utilized to drive the electric generator.

Electric smelting and refining pro-cesses are said to produce steel that is denser and more homogeneous than open hearth steel of the same general composition.

One western city has a highly ac-complished mayor. He is a lawyer by profession, the fastest shorthand writ-er in the city and the best amateur r in the city a prombone player.

A series of experiments in France has demonstrated that the best sig-nals to be displayed on the ground for aviators are Arabic numerals in white on a black background.

The American Medical association is to make a study of methods of resus-ditation from electrical shock. Many eminent physicians and electric engi-neers are to co-operate in the investi-gation, which it is hoped will have im-portant practical results.

Radium emits three streams of mi-nute particles. These all carry definite charges of electricity, which made their discovery possible. No micro-scope could detect them, but they be-came apparent under proper conditions because of the electrical charge.

The scheme on which King George's children are educated includes careful instruction in all the typical open air sports and games. Cricket, riding, fencing, boxing, shooting and the like the young prince of Wales has been carefully and scientifically taught by

## **VANISH FROM SIGHT** AND LEAVE NO SIGN 48 Hours' Search By Officers

and Citizens Fails to Develop Single Clew.

Lincoln, Neb., March 18 .-- When Convicts Taylor, Morley and Dowd slipped into the blinding snowstorm Thursday afternoon and faded from sight, they seem to have slipped into a mysterious hiding place, which may a hysterious multiplication of the preserved and the state of the second state of the

shot and dynamited their way out of the prison. Governor Aldrich arrived in the city on a night train and went to the pen-itentiary early this morning. He is conducting an investigation which it is hoped may disclose the means by which the friends of Taylor, bowd and Mor-ley were able to slip the guns and ex-plosives into their friends. Trusties are believed to have aided, while some suspicion points toward a prison guard.

prison guard.

prison guard. All ex-convicts in the city, whose time of release was recent, have been arrested and put through the sweat box. The officers refuse to give any statements as to what information they have disclosed. Two convicts, Burns and Riley, have been closely connected with the affair and are believed to have been instrumental in smuggling the weapons into the prison, but both the weapons into the prison, but both have disappeared. Burns accompanied a party of Lincoln "prison reformers" to the penitentiary about two weeks ago and smuggled some oplum into the prison under the eyes of the party.

### GOVERNMENT SPECIALIST TREATS TROUBLE OF EYES

TREATS TROUBLE OF EYES Winnebago, Neb., March 18.—Dr. Harrison, eye specialist employed by the government, has been examining the Indians of this reservation for tracoma, or what is more commonly known as granulated eye lids. This dis-ease is common among the Indians all over the United States and many whites are affected as well. The gov-ernment has employed three specialists to treat the disease and while they are sent among the Indians they by no means confine their efforts to the red man alone. Dr. Harrison has examin-ed many white people here and has examined the children of all the schools in this vicinity. He is assisted in his examined the children of all the schools in this vicinity. He is assisted in his work of operations by Miss Moore, a trained nurse. A number of operations have taken place at the agency and the probability of others is strong. Dr. Harrison and Miss Moore will take up this work on the Omaha reservation in the near future the near future.

### ENGINEERS INVESTIGATING

### CANAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Fremont, Neb., March 18.—Engineers representing the Kountze Brothers financial interests, which are to back financial interests, which are to back the Fremont power canal cevelopment, have arrived and at present are en-gaged in making measurements of the flow of water in the Loup and Platte rivers for comparative and other pur-poses. The rivers are carrying a vast quantity of water at present. Similar measurements will be made next July, when the water reaches its lowest flow. Seven years ago, New York engineers and capitalists, who examined the Platte and Loup projects decided that the one by which water would be taken from the Platte river between Fremont and Schuyler offered the best prospects, and so reported. and so reported. Fremonters who have closely followed

the power canal situation believe that the power canal situation believe that either the Doherty or Kountze Bros. In-terests, possibly a combination of them, are behind the present activities. They believe that the other proposi-tions talked of at Columbus and Lin-coln are nothing more than attempts to further interests of claimants, who are speculating upon the rights filed upon the two rivers involved.

### **NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES**

NELIGH-Henry Bertram spent the NELIGH-Henry Bertram spent the night in jail, charged with beating his wife because she told him she might re-quire a surgical operation. Mrs. Ber-tram had been confined to her bed for several days. Late at night she ran through the streets for more than two blocks, clad only in night clothes and stockings, to the home of Chris Shraham, from which Chief of Police Nichols was summoned. Mrs. Bertram's face was had. summoned. Mrs. Bertram's face was badly cut and one eye was completely closed. She said her husband had beaten her in

AUBURN-William Spradling, a veteran of the civil war, was found dead yester-day afternoon at his room, one block west of the Missouri Pacific depot, and it is believed he had been dead since the eve-ning before. He was about 70 years of age and for several years has run a corn-popper on the street. He lived alone, but leaves a wife from whom he was divorced and two sons and two daughters, two of whom reside in Auburn. An inquest

NORTH BEND-C. C. Frahm fell from his haymow into a stall containing two young colts yesterday and was badly trampled before James Hill, a neighbor, was able to rescue him. Mr. Frahm was injured in such a manner that he could not rise and the frightened colts pranced around in the inclosure striking him with their hoofs. His thigh bone was sprained and he suffered internal injuries. It is believed they will not prove fatal.

FREMONT-It has been definitely determined by the local Lewis-Clark chapter, D. A. R., to place the mammoth boulder that will mark the old western trails through Fremont in the Union Pacific railroad park, at the foot of Main street. The chapter is awaiting consent from Union Pacific officials before setting a time for the monument to be placed.

O'NEILL-J. A. Donohoe, an attorney of this place, filed yesterday as a candi-date on the democratic ticket at the pridate on the democratic ticket at the pri-maries for congressman from the Sixth congressional district. Donohoe has served one term as state senator. M. P. Kinkaid will be Donohoe's opponent on the republican ticket. He will be renominated without opposition.

HASTINGS-Camp 4001, Modern Woodmen of America, will meet tonight to make arrangements for caring for the large crowds expected at the state insur-gent meeting to be held here on the 20th. From letters received it is believed that hotels and restaurants will be unable to care for the great numbers expected.

HOOPER-Boys peering in at a window at the home of H. H. Wilson believed they at the hole of R. H. Which is a sliver closed and reported to Town Marshal Crawford. The whole neighborhood assembled and surrounded the place. Marshal Crawford entered and searched the premises, but found no one.

FREMONT-President F. McGivering of Remonstration Renkers' association, left the Nebraska Bankers' association, left yesterday for Chicago to attend a meet-ing of state association officers. The object of the meeting is to devise a means of combatting "an epidemic of crimes against banks and banking institutions."

YORK-The case of Miss Clara Garsma against Edward Johnson for \$10,000 for injuries received by being thrown from a carriage on account of the team being scared, as she alleges, by Johnson's auto-mobile, is being tried in district court this week

LYONS-The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Boyde Carlson was found dead in bed. The parents had been out to an entertainment and left the child with its grandmother, and it is thought that the child got smothered in some way in the bed.

FREMONT-A Fremont branch of the Railroad Employes' Protective and Investment company was organized at a meet-ing with the following officers: R. H. Wagner, president; K. K. Hicks, vice president; Charles Miller, secretary.

WYMORE-Wymore claims to have the champion egg sucker of the state, who issues a challenge to any sucker in the state. The contest is to be held July 4 here. Champion Harry Campbell ate 24 raw eggs at one sitting recently.

FREMONT-A hundred members of the Knights of Pyhthias lodge assembled at Kastle hall last night for a banquet in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the founding of the order.

one qualified jury could have been em-panelled from the voting population of the county.

the county. Difficulties of Trial. Should this have been undertaken and the voting population of the county had been exhausted wthout securing a qualified jury in either one or all of these cases, then the defendants would have been entitled to their liberty with-out trial. This was the condition which was to be avoided if possible. Another reason assigned by him for directing the acceptance of the plea is that in all the states of this union it is cus-tomary with trial courts upon pleas of guilty being entered, to impose a less sentence than would be imposed upon conviction at the end of a trial. A third reason assigned is that had the sentence than would be imposed upon conviction at the end of a trial. A third reason assigned is that had the cases been tried it would in all prob-ability cost the taxpayers of Cherry county from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to pay the expenses, and should the trials have resulted in conviction of murder is the second degree, or first degree with imprisonment for life, or man-slaughter, and the accused escape the death penalty, then the expenditure of this immense amount of money would have been inexcusable. Under the pleas made by the accused the court sen-tenced each and every one of them to imprisonment at hard labor during their natural life. This seemed to be, in the judgment of the court, adequate punishment under all the circum-stances. And if the legislative and executive branches of the government will see to it that this sentence is car-ried out, and that the accused remain in the perifentiary. then no person can ried out, and that the accused remain in the penitentiary, the no person can reasonably complain that the punish-ment imposed is inadequate.

"After a careful and thorough exam-ination of all the testimony adduced with special reference to finding out

to its source with the same result in every case—absolute eroneration of all officials concerned. True Bills Found. For printing malicious and slander-ous statements concerning the disposal of the cases at the October term of court, Ray W. Hitchcock, editor of the Cody Cow Boy, and Mrs. Lottle Cram-ner, editor of the Valentine Searchlight, were indicted for writing and causing to be printed and distributed a circular containing unwarranted charges of corruption and slanderous statements against Judge Westover and the county officials of Cherry county. F. Kemp Heath, former editor of a Cody news-paper and at present a lawyer of Cody, was indicted. While it was not within the province of the jury to indict any one for making elements attements of the county of the subject we are in-clined to approve of the acceptance of this plea as being to the best interests of the county of Cherry and its citi-zens." zens.'

of the county of Cherry and its citizens." Dismissal of Eunice Murphy. The citizens of Cody and vicinity were much wrought up that Eunice Murphy, the girl in the case should be dismissed without trial. As to this, Judge Westover made the following statement which appears in the report: "That when she was arrested and brought back to Valentine she had a preliminary examination before the county judge at which time all of the evidence against her which could be found by the state was submitted. This evidence was taken by Mr. Scott the official court reporter, and shortly thereafter transcribed by him. After a thorough examination of this evidence I became satisfied under the law that the evidence was not sufficient to war-rant or sustain a conviction, and on the first day of the term I took the matter up with the attorneys for the state, and asked them if they had any more evidence or different evidence against her than that produced at the preli-minary examination. They said they had not, and that the evidence at the The district court, there is a possibility that civil suits for damages for defamation of character may result at the next ist more court.
The district court and the next ist more than a statement which appears in the report of the form every sumpled of a for which is the next ist more than a statement which appears in the report of the state was submitted. This were taken by the state was submitted was the evidence was not sufficient to war- and or the stories circulated as it or used at the stores state of the state was submitted. This were the court and the store was not sufficient to war- and or sustain a conviction, and on the stores steverely criticised was many people of the county though the state as to the sufficiency of the state of the state was such the det to indicate y were the court and the altorneys for the state was such the det to indicate y and a treward the sufficiency of the state as to the **NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES** 

HASTINGS-A statement from the oard of trustees of Hastings college says that the work of the college will be continued. The vacancies on the board from resignations were filled with representative men of Hastings and the state, and a committee was elected to secure a president at an early date, and the field sec-retary, W. W. Smith, was directed to prosecute the work of completing the raising of the \$100,000 endowment, upon which task he has been engaged. It is not announced whether an effort will be made to secure the return of Dr. Turner as president. It is stated that the charter of the college vests the management with the trustees rather than with the synod.

UTICA-A stranger who says his name is John Wertman and his home in Okla-homa was found eight miles north of here at night almost frozen to death. He camped by the road side near a stream, though he carried \$700 in money. During the storm of the night he wandered away from his wagon and fell into the stream. In the morning he was found wandering up and down a wire fence in a demented condition. His feet are badly frozen and he has been unconscious most of the time wince he was brought to toorn. He will since he was brought to town. He will probably survive.

LINCOLN-Governor Aldrich has started out to collect information from a num ed out to collect information from a num-ber of other states in regard to the smug-gling of "dope" inside prison walls, im-moral practices among convicts, and gen-eral evils of penitentiary confinement. He will write to wardens of institutions in Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, New, York and a few other states, asking them for data gleaned from their own exfor data gleaned from their own exfor data gleaned from their own ex-perience or in other ways. With the facts thus secured, the governor expects to be in a position to deal more effectively with the situation at the state peritentiary here. The inquiry may extend to whether or not women are allowed to teach Sunday school classes in prisons elsewhere.

SPENCER-At a special bond election held in Spencer to vote \$5,000 worth of bonds for improvements made on the school building, the proposition carried by to 9 a light vote turning out. The 36 to 9, a light vote turning out. The school board met on the same evening and elected the following teachers for the next school year: C. E. Claar, superintendent; Emma Outhouse, principal; Stasia Walsh, grammar; Mina Trulock, intermediate; Julia Dennis, intermediate: Emma Pucelik, second primary; Elizabeth Derry, first primary.

BROKEN BOW-Claude Boyles, 16 or 17 years old, was fined in Judge Fodge's court for assault and battery on Miss Jessie Lovett, teacher of a school about 15 miles north of here. The boy went to the school house door, and when Miss Lovett appeared, made an insulting remark, at the same time grasping her by the arm and attempting to drag her outside. The teacher wrenched herself away and ran back to the school room where some pupils yet remained.

LINCOLN-The Nebraska supreme court reversed its ruling of a year ago, when it held that insurance is not trade and com-merce and therefore not subject to the anti-trust laws of the state. The court in an opinion by Justice Lettor, acclared surety companies subject to prosecution for violation of what is known as the Junkin anti-trust law. The case is that of an eastern bonding company alleged to be in a combine with other bonding companies.

LINCOLN-Acceptance by Congressman Henry, of Texas, chairman of the rules committee in the House, of an invitation to respond to a toast at the Bryan birth-day banquet here March 19, added another prominent democrat to the speaking list for the spread. Other acceptances are from Senators Gore, Owen and James, ex-Senator Petligrew, Governor Shafroth, of Colorado; George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, and Frederick Townsend Martin, of New York.

LINCOLN-The pure food department has just completed the testing of another, batch of seed corn submitted to it. One lot, which came from Decatur in Burt county, showed the highest per cent of germinating power of any yet tested, it developing 90 per cent. On the other hand, one lot of 50 kernels sent in from Saline county showed only 12 which germinated. and two lots from Burchard showed 26 and 27.7 per cent, respectively. WINNEBAGO-W. W. Small and wife returned from Madison, S. D., last week. Mr. Small has held the position of clerk in charge of the Omaha reservation with headquarters at Macy, Neb., for the past two years. Mr. Small was forced to leave his duties last month and undergo an op-eration for appendicitis at St. Joseph hospital in Sloux City. Upon his recovery he paid a visit to his parents. LINCOLN-In the case of Mrs. Neft against Emil Brandels, of Omaha, the supreme court yesterday reversed the de-cision of the lower court, holding that at the time of the accident in which Mrs. Neff was run down by the Brandels auto-mobile the relation of master and servant did not exist between the defendant and the chauffeur.

# EDITORS INDICTED County Officials for Slander in Connection

of Charles Sellers were disposed of and indicting for libelous statements and faise accusations, three prominent edi-tors of Cherry county, the grand jury which for the past 15 days has been in session here, made its report today. After a lengthy examination of over 70 witnesses in the case, all stories and

from every point of view and even the faintest rumor of corruption was traced to its source with the same result in every case—absolute exoneration of

THE JUDGE'S ACTS: Suits Will Be Started By Cherry

With Finding.

JURY APPROVES OF

Valentine, Neb., March 16 .- Wholly exonerating Judge W. H. Westover and the officials of Cherry county from the charge of corruption and misconduct of office, approving in every re spect the manner in which the cases of the four men charged with the murder of Charles Sellers were disposed of and

rumors to the effect that others were implicated in the foul crime were found to be baseless and false. Under the di-rection of A. W. Scattergood, of Ainsworth, personal representative of the at-torney general of Nebraska, the entire matter was thoroughly investigated matter

Heath, former editor of a Cody news-paper and at present a lawyer of Cody, was indicted. While it was not within the province of the jury to indict any one for making slanderous statements by word of mouth against Judge West-over, County Attorney John M. Tucker, Sheriff C. A. Rossiter, County Clerk F. A. Cumbow and J. T. Keeley, clerk of the district court, there is a possibility that civil suits for damages for defama-tion of character may result at the next term of court.

past masters

The British army without a brass band—such is the doleful prophecy of the Pall Mall Gazette. It says that a definite proposal has been brought for-ward that all the brass bands of the army, except those of the guards regi-ment, shall be abolished, and that the sole music provided for the future shall be that of the drums and fifes and bugles, with the pipers for the Scottish regiments.

Up in Oregon Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunway, a leader in the equal suf-frage movement, was run down by an express wagon in the street, and a crowd surrounded her. She was un-hurt and as the dust was brushed off her clothes the express driver asked her clothes the express driver asked anxiously if she would make him trouble. "No," she answered, "there will be no trouble—if you men all promise to vote for woman suffrage."

Old writers had no idea that the brain had anything to do with the mind. They associated the mind with the heart or with other organs of the body, doubtless because these organs are moved or affected by mental ac-tion. Aristotle, the best informed of the Greeks, said that the chief businass of the brain was to cool the blood for the heart.

birds of field and forest in Amer-The birds of held and forest in Amer-ica have been so thinned in numbers that countless insects are now working havoc among the crops of grain and fruit. Hence bird culture has been un-dertaken on a large scale in some states. A wealthy philanthropist of Michigan, near Detroit, has set apart 2,800 acres of land for the exclusive use and protection of birds.

Preparations are being made for sup-plying the Congo railway and the vari-ous steamboats on the Congo river and its tributaries with petroleum for fuel, in spite of the fact that an almost un-broken forest covers the hundreds of thousands of square miles of terri-tory. A company is laying a pipeline along the old Congo railway from Mat-adi to Leopoldville and storage tanks have already been erected. The change of the locomotives to oll burners has begun.

The oldest member of parliament in the world, the Hungarian deputy, M. Joseph Madarasz, who is now in his 99th year, issues a denial of the statement that he is about to retire into private life. M. Madarasz says that he means to retain his mandate till he has completed his 100th year, if not long-He carries a list of noted centenarians in the world constantly with him, and marks them off as they die. He is determined to outlive them all, and ome day to have the distinction of being the oldest man in the world.

SMALL POX APPEARS ON WINNEBAGO RESERVATION

WINNEBAGO RESERVATION Winnebago, Neb., March 18.—Con-siderable apprehension is felt here over the appearance of what seems to be small pox. Dr. H. H. Johnson to-day telephoned to the agency in con-ference with Dr. Daureghty concerning the cases so far developed. The public school has been closed and precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Three cases have developed in town and the son of Rev. G. W. Water-mulder, at the Indian mission, east of here, was visited by Dr. Daureghty to-day, but he lacked the symptoms.

#### NEBRASKA NEWS BRIEFS.

LINCOLN-Harry Reese, of Lincoln, has gone to Excelsior Springs, Mo., to see his father, Chief Justice Reese, who is suffering from a severe aliment of the sciatic nerves. According to reports Judge Reese is not improving and is suffering intense pain. Relatives here are not will-ing to concede that the chief justice is dangerously ill, however, and hope to witness an ultimate recovery.

FREMONT-A mammoth new bell that weighs 2.000 pounds will be installed in the belfry of St. Patrick's Catholic church as a gift to the church from Mrs. Julia Archer, who bought it in accordance with a request made by the late Henry Archer shortly before his death. The bell is a large and fine a bell as any in the cathe drais at Omaha and cost, exclusive o freight charges, \$600.

MADISON-Jacob Bahn, residing six miles west of Madison, was kicked by a horse and instantly killed about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. He was struck in the chest just over the heart and with such force that his body was hurled against the barn door, breaking it from its hinges. De Smart of this city was called to the Dr. Smart, of this city, was called to the scene of disaster, but life had fled before the doctor was able to reach the Bahn place. The unfortunate man was 68 years of age and leaves a wife and three sons.

WAYNE-Word has reached here that Miss Grace Hunter, who is visiting in Los Angeles, was stricken with blindness while at the breakfast table one day last week. Doctors who were called in the case give some encouragement that the sight may be recovered. The cause is nervous disorder.

WAYNE-Grant Mears, the sheriff of Wayne county for 10 years, who retired voluntarily last fall, has filed for the re-publican nomination for representative in the legislature.

OMAHA-Dates have been fixed in fed eral court by Judge Munger for the ex-amination and appraisal of the book values of the Omaha Gas company. This is a part of the proceedings in the case wherein the gas company is seeking to permanently enjoin the city from enforce-ing the "dollar gas" ordinance. The gas company is given until April 15 to com-plete its work, and then the city may be-gin and take such time as proves neces-'sary.

NORTH BEND-Seven new member have been taken in by the Methodist church and 18 by the First Presbyterian church as a result of the revival meet ings recently held.

NORTH BEND-The North Bend roller mills have been closed down temporarily for repairs.

LINCOLN-Mrs. Villa Scott, a young woman who came here from Tarkio, Mo., to get a divorce from her husband, killed herself late last night by swallowing car-bolic acid. Her acquaintances said they could give no reason for her act other than that she had become despondent.

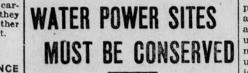
SERIOUS RISK INVOLVED IN MAIL ORDER INSURANCE

Lincoln, Neb., March 15 .- State Auditor Barton has issued a warning to merchants and manufacturers in the state that they should be careful about buying mail order fire insurance. Some of the big concerns of the state, in an effort to get their risks written at the lowast noesible price here here here lowest possible price, have been buy-ing from companies not authorized to do business in Nebraska and having no agents here.

Mr. Barton says that the Nebraska man who patronizes one of these com-panies is taking a big risk for the rea-son that if he has a loss he will have a time of it getting his money should the company refuse to pay. All com-panies duly admitted are required by law to appoint the state auditor as an agent upon whom service could be had. In the case of a dispute with one of the outlaw companies, as the auditor calls them, there is nothing left to do but to sue the company in the state or country of its home office. The Lon-don Lloyds is one of the companies particularly mentioned by the auditor as being engaged in this business in Nebraska. Mr. Barton says that the Nebraska

NEW YORK.—Miss Margaret Cam-eron, known as the ward of Edwin Hawley, and whose real name is Emma Sturges, has been deeded by the late financier's heirs property estimated to be worth \$1,000,000 and allowed a life income of \$25,000 a year, according to a statement made yesterday by John B. Stanchfield, attorney for the heirs.

PASADENA, CAL.—J. Condory, ac-cused by Mrs. Jack Cudahy of entering her, home to persecute and intimidate her, was held yesterday to answer be-fore the superior court to a charge of burglary. He went to jail in default of \$500 bail. Condory is accussed of entering the home of Mrs. Cudahy on the evening of February 28 and was identified by her. He denies that he was employed by anyone to harm Mrs Cudahy. As a result of the day's hear-ing. Mrs. Cudahy will be unable to foi-low her children east, where they are believed to have been taken by their guardian. She must stay here to tes-tify when the Condory case is tried. guardian. tify when



Washington, March 16 .- Concentra-

tion of control over water powers by

nies. A full report of the commission-er's investigation of water power devel-opment was presented to the president

Commissioner Smith directs particu-

Herbert K. Smith Makes Report in Which He Warns Taft Against Corporations.

points out that the owners can acquire auxiliary fuel plants and handle water and fuel power over the same distributing lines, and thus a complete commercial power monopoly might gradually be built up-in fact already exists-in a number of communities.

### Ten Big Groups.

Ten great groups of interests, with the General Electric company as the most powerful, are declared by Commissioner Smith to control or strongly influence about 60 per cent of the de-veloped commercial water power of the United States. These 10 groups them-selves are more or less inter-related, with resultant growing community of interests interests.

large interests in important localities Interests. Mr. Smith, urging immediate formu-lation of a definite policy of developing the remaining water power sites on the public domain, recommends, generally speaking, that the government retain the ultimate control of these sites. The problem of development, the commissioner continues, cannot be solved by fixing by law the solling price of water power by itself, which, in any event, will be controlled, by the cost of fuel power. is increasing so rapidly that Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, has reported to President Taft that the government should preserve title to the remaining power sites and develop them to prevent a possible mo-nopolization of public utility compa-

fuel power. operate the sites, selling the energy at market rates, or the public may lease the sites at a rental fairly representing its natural value." The commissioner favors the rental system. The bureau of corporations, in its in-vestigations, found concentration of water powers, according to the report, in three distinct phase. First there

San Antonio, Tex., March 16.-The robbers who attempted to hold up the Southern Pacific train near Sanderson and were killed have been identified as Ed Welch, an escaped criminal, and a man named Kilpatrick. Little is known of Kilpatrick.

STRIKE BREAKERS RETURN Chicago, March 15.—With the assist-ance of the Legal Aid society, 20 lath-ers imported here from St. Louis to work as strike breakers yesterday, won their fight to force the employment agent who brought them here to pay

fuel power.

water powers, according to the report, in three distinct phases. First, there was a centralization of control in each important locality; secondly, large in-terests influenced a number of these local concerns, and finally, there was found a growing relationship among the big interests.

SOME BETTER AT DENVER. Denver, Colo., March 16.-Railroad traffic conditions into Denver, showed a slight improvement today, with the arrival of one Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe train from the east and the an-

nouncement by Burlington officials that trains were able to get through from Chicago on delayed schedules, but not from St. Louis. Union Pacific and from St. Louis. Union Pacific and Rock Island trains were annulled again today. The Missouri Pacific is still blocked in eastern Colorado and western Kansas.

FREMONT-Morris Christensen. made an attempt to murder his wife and infant with a red hot poker on Sunday morning, was found a fit subject for state asylum treatment by the commission yesterday afternoon, and this morning was taken to the Norfolk state institution by Sheriff Condit. •

PAWNEE CITY-SuperIntendent I. G. Wilson of the city school has tendered his resignation to the board of education, to take effect at the close of the present school year. Mr. Wilson has been elected to the department of elementary English and dobating in the Peru state normal and school.

OGALALLA-The Keith County Fair association met at Ogalalla Saturday and set September 24, 25 and 26 as the dates of the fall fair. Keith county farmers and Ogalalla business men have contributed sufficient funds to erect a large pavilion and booths for the grounds.

SURPRISE-Eighty-six conversions in three weeks is the result so far of the Methodist revivals in progress here. Rev. Albert Jacobs and Mrs. Jacobs, of Linoin, have charge of the services.

FREMONT-Under the weight of the heavy snow the roof of the pavilion used as a skating rink on South Main street collapsed Monday night. None was in the structure at the time.

SCRIBNER-Henry Stockhorst, aged 40, a resident of Scribner for many years, died yesterday after a long illness. Mr. Stockhorst is survived by a wife.

WEST POINT-The West Point Woman's club is leading for the reform of certain of the ordinances of the city, espec-ially those relating to health and sanitary conditions, the enforcement of which has been in the past rather lax. The club proposes to inaugurate a house cleaning campaign in which it will be assisted by citizens at large. the

WEST POINT-The managers of the West Point Speed association are actively engaged in making preparations for the forthcoming race meet, July 30, 31 and

Commissioner Smith directs particu-lar attention to the increasing affilia-tion of water power concerns and pub-lic service agencies, such as street rall-way and lighting corporations, and oftentimes banks as well. The connec-tion between such concerns he regards of serious public significance. The rapidly increasing concentration of water power control about which the commissioner sounds a warning may become, he says, the nucleus for a mo-nopoly of both water and steam power. If the water power cannot meet the entire demand of a given locality, he

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