

Great Britain is again considering the adoption of a uniform decimal system of weights, measures and currency The movement was started by the British imperial council of commerce, which urged that the system be adopt-ed so inade relations with foreign countries might be developed.

odging and \$2 or \$3 a month to \$15

A "sleeper" has been discovered in the Ohio law regulating hours of labor for women. The word "city" excludes vil-Inges and Attorney General Turner ruled first the law limiting the hours of wessess workers under 21 years of age does not apply to mercantile es-tablishments in villages.

# A curious possible source of value in A chrome possible source of value in unconsidered waste is revealed by a British chemist's thought that tobacco ash contains 20 per cent of potash. He estimates that the ash of a cigar con-tains 0.5 grains of potash; that of a cigaret, 1.76 grains, and that of an or-dinary pipe of tobacco, 1.6 grains.

H. G. Herrasti, of Wasterly, R. I., conducted some experiments to deter-mine how much pressure a hen's egg would stand. The force was applied through the long axis of the egg and it was 20 and that brown eggs broke at an average pressure of 155 pounds and white eggs at a pressure of 112.5.

Frederick Woodman, of Banger, Me., tells the story: Two hunters in an automobile saw a deer come out of the bushes and walk along the road. One of the men took aim and was about to fire when another deer stepped out beside The hunter changed his aim and get both with one shot.

A turnip raised by Harry A. Nicker-on, of Boothbay, Me., weighed 2014 ounds when pulled from the ground, and measured more than a yard around at the largest part. It is of the or-dinary white variety, and all the others in the bod were of the usual size.

Togenty-six wealthy farmers living near Byors, Colo., have leased 320 acres to be planted to beans in the spring, the pieceeds, or such part as neces-sary, to be used to defray expenses to see the games of the world's series in

The erection of poles for electric wires has been facilitated by the in-vention of a truck for the purpose. It receives picked up four 40-foot chest-nut nois, carried them 200 feet, and deposited them in holes in 25 minutes.

Eugene Heth, an aviator of Chicago, asks \$25,000 damages from John S. Berger. Heth was compelled to leave his machine in Berger's cornfield over night. The cows ate the wings. Berger had freth arrested as a trespasser.

Two girls, students at the University of California, have concluded an ex-periment which consisted in living on pecanuts. For three months they ate notifing else but these nuts. The pea-nuts cost 16 cents a day.

One of the oldest houses in Eath is that ewned by Dr. William J. Rouse. It was built by Jonathan Philbrook in 1743. The frame is of hewn lumber, 16x7 inches, and the corner posts are 12 inches square.

Two new wireless stations have been established by the Colombian govern-ment, one at Aracua, on the Colombia-Venezuela frontier, the other at Orocue the Meta river, some 200 miles east on the Mei of Bogota.

in Senate to Pass Measure.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 12—The house blayed a joke on itself Friday when it failed to line up sufficient supporters for a bill to pay for an investigation ordered by that body early in the ses-tion. The house had appropriated 1, investigate the reliverat for 500 to investigate the railroad car shortage and it was the opinion of many of the members that the afore-ald shortage could be ended in a short me. The railway commission put on a extra force of men at railroad eadquarters to find out what had beme. ome of all the cars usually on Nebras-a roads, and why they were not in the state. The finance committee put in an emergency appropriation, but when it came to voting it, not enough members came to voting it, not enough members of the house could be found to give the necessary 67 votes for the bill with the emergency clause attached. After several members had scolded the mem-bers for being tightwads and debt dodgers the bill, without the emer-sency clause, secured 70 votes, but it was then too late to make the money available before July next. It is ex-pected the senate will correct the omis-sion. The objectors said the commis-The objectors said the commision ought to have known without aving to spend any extra money.

age Until Next

July.

## The Insurance Bill.

A determined effort will be made in the house Monday to resurrect the in-urance agents' combination or anti-ompetition rate bill. The committee coported it for indefinite postponement, only one of the nine members favoring. only one of the nine members favoring. This was Trumble, of Sherman, a mem-ber of the legislative committee of the agents' association. The objection to the bill is that while it pretends to give the state authority to fix insurance rates, the federal court has held repeat-edly that the state has no authority to fix the provide the state of the bill of prito fix the maximum rate at which a pri-vate person or corporation may sell what it has to dispose of. This leaves the bill merely a legal authorization of the present combination rates made Arthur Mullen, who was a lobbyist for the bill two years ago, is said to have again been enlisted, and between now and Monday, when the house meets again, it is expected a lot of pressure will be brought from home business in-terests that the insurance men feel they can call.

they can call. Women suffragists are not dismayed when, by a vote of 22 to 8, the San-dall bill, reported to the general file, was recommitted for consideration along with the bill sent over by the house, where three-fourths of the mem-bers voted for it. The suffragists have pledges from enough senators to carry it, but they suspect some of these are not very strong in the faith. The op-position argues that the question was settled in November, 1914, by the referendum, when full suffrage was de-feated. As the referendum amendment prevents the submission of the same question until three years have passed, they say it is a violation of the spirit of that measure to ask for limited suf-frage now, and that senators ought not to listen. Against this it is urged that the referendum bar would not have prevented limited suffrage from being submitted last year, as the proposi-tions are not the same. They cite the democratic national platform, which declared in favor of suffrage and rec-ommended that it be adopted in the states as laying a charge upon the 23 democratic senators to support the bill

SHOOTS SELF WHILE **PHONING TO FRIEND** 

House Eliminates Forest Board. Lincoln: Neb., Feb. 10.-The house Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 10-The senate after passing a bill appropriating \$80:-000 for a new hog barn at the state fair grounds, took an economical streak and

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judiciary committee sat in solemn state Thursday afternoon in the senate chamber on the house bill permitting defeated, 50 to 39, a bill making the temporary forest station commission permanent. The commission cost about women to vote for president and vicepresident and municipal officers. The bill was vigorously opposed by a group of anti-suffragists from Omaha, and it \$1,300 the last two years, but one of the most effective arguments against it of anti-suffragists from Omaha, and it was supported by equally eloquent suf-fragists, principally from Lincoln. The antis said that they didn't want to have the ballot thrust upon them and that the majority of the women did noi want it. The women have limited suf-frage now, the right to vote for school officers, but not 10 per cent of them avail themselves of the opportunity The suffragists say they want the bal-lot to enable them to participate in the was by the chairman of the finance committee who dug up a warrant issued to W. Ball, of Valentine, one of the commissioners, for \$186 expenses for a recent junket to Washington. One of the items was \$13.59 for telephoning and telegraphing. The chairman wondered telegraphing. The chairman wondered if Mr. Ball spent the money advising his Nebraska friends of his safe ar-The suffragists say they want the bal-lot to enable them to participate in the determination of questions vitally af-fecting them, and yet, said the antis, they didn't take and do not take the chance offered to take part in those matters that determine the conduct of the schools which their children attend. They objected to partial suffrage any-way. rival. The house had developed little opposition until the bill came up for Thirty-three votes were recorded against the hog barn appropriation. One was by McAllister, of Dakota, who said that he was unwilling to vote for a palace for hogs while so many of his

The chances are that the senate will kill the bill. The suffragists have as-surances of friendliness towards it from 22 members, five more than they need, but they are doubtful if the necessary number will stand hitched.

### Senate Up With Its Work.

The senate is well up with its work, notwithstanding its frequent layoffs, and is now taking the afternoons off in order that the committees may grind out enough bills to keep the whole body at work. The house adjourns at 3 o'clock every afternoon in order to al-low the committees to work, but its general file now has about 40 bills on it.

#### Doctors After the House.

The house is being bombarded by the The house is being bombarded by the doctors of the state, who are divided in sentiment over whether the present board of health secretaries should be fired in a body and a new one created that is not to act in health matters unless the state board of health, com-posed of state officials, calls for its advice, or whether they should be re-tained and in the enlargment of the staff and new duties and the appoint-ment of the members their recommenment of the members their recommen-dations and assignments govern. Sev-eral of the secretaries have drawn fire because of their political activities, and the clashes between the different schools forms another reason for the row. The bills are to be sent to the head of the federal bureau of health to determine which meets his approval, that being another point in dispute.

The house recommended for passage a bill permitting the city of Valentine to go into the real estate business. When the government abandoned the fort near there, it sold all the land to the city at \$1.25 an acre. Most of this has been given away for public pur-poses, but the city has 160 acres lying close to the city. It asked and secured permission from the house to plat the land, sell the lots and use the money to build a system of sewerage. The house also passed a bill which permits entry-The house recommended for passage also passed a bill which permits entry-men under the federal reclamation projects to vote and to have all other privileges of private land owners.

The senate had a real good laugh when, among a number of telegrams read by the secretary, one was read from Frances B. Heald, a well known suffrage leader, asking members to "promote suffering." The erudite telegraph operator had originally spelled it sufferige, and a waggish senator had hange this to suffering.

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Doctors.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 9-After the house had decided to punish any school teacher, superintendent or principal who acted as agent for school book or school supply companies, by forfeiting their employment, it decided it had acted too hastily, and sent the bill back to the committee of the whole for fur-ther consideration. It was found that a clause in the bill might prevent a teacher from sharing in the profits of any text book he might write and which might be adopted anywhere in the state the state.

# Hit at Quack Doctors.

Hit at Quack Doctors. The house thinks it has put out of business the regularly licensed doctors who go into a town, open up an office for a few days or weeks, advertise lib-erally and after securing notes from afflicted persons, move on. The state law did not reach these men because they were regular, but this amendment, introduced by Dr. Hoffmeister, declares fellow citizens were forced to live in shacks. Reischek was against it be-cause he did not believe the state should such practice to be unprofessional con-luct and thus brings them within the tatute which provides for punishment vote \$80,000 for a building for hogs to occupy four days in a year when there for unprofessional conduct

## Doctors in a Row.

were not sufficient accommodations in the insane hospitals to care for the wards of the state, Taylor voted for it under protest, his protest being based on the fact that the state board of agri-The doctors of the state are in a nice ittle row over an effort made by one action to put the secretaries of the state board of health out of business by state board of health out of business by reorganizing the health bureau, placing one man in complete charge and mak-ing him the arbiter of what shall be done and by whom. The bill came be-fore the senate Tuesday, but was sent back to the committee for a fuller ex-planation of its purposes. It carries an appropriation of \$25,000, increasing salaries and number of employes. The income of newspapers is threatculture, which supervises the expendi-ture, is a self perpetuating body. The only debate in the senate was over a bill drafting the district court judges of the state in groups of three

judges of the state in groups of three to help the supreme court catch up with its work. This would give three judges already on the payroll this sort of work all the time, thus supplanting the court commissioners, an illegally constituted body, who draw \$12,000 a year for their work. The senators insisted that if the dis-The income of newspapers is threat-ened by a bill by Senator Neal, which passed the committee of the whole of the senate Tuesday. It says that one publication a week is sufficient for egal notices in newspapers

#### Recommends Rail Bill.

trict judges had time enough now for that work there were too many judges, and they did not believe this was true. Howell, of Douglas, had suggested it as a means of lawfully doing what it is The senate recommended for passage house record 7, requiring railroads to use their abandoned right of way or else return it to the public. The rail-roads are fighting the bill because they claim they own the land, but the sena-tors urged that as the land had been given by the state for certain specific use it reverted to it when such use was not made.

#### To Fine Intoxicated Drivers.

third reading: S. F. 12, by Howell-Pension of at least \$50 a month for janitors and engineers em-ployed by the Omaha school board. S. F. 72, by McMullen-Drunken drivers of automobiles to be subject to a fine of from \$100 to \$300 and three to six months in jail, and l'able to damages in the mini-mum sum of \$300. S. F. 74, by McMullen-Theft of an auto-mobile punishable by fine of from \$100 to \$300 and from three to six months in jail. S. F. 85, by Chappell-Authorizes suspen-sion of judgment in misdemeanor cases. S. F. 133, by Robertson-Referees' sales to be held any place in the county desig-nated by the judges. Two bills introduced by McMullen, of Gage, senate files 72 and 74, were recommended for passage. The first provides that a drunken driver of an automobile may be fined from \$100 to \$300 and sentenced to iail for a term of from three to six months. It increases the maximum fine for damages done by a drunken driver from \$100 to \$300. The other bill increases the maximum penalty for stealing an automobile from \$100 to a fine of \$300 and adds a jail sentence of from three to six months. nated by the judges. S. F. 40, by Neal-Publication in one is-sue each week in daily, tri-weekly, semi-weekly newspaper sufficient for legal no Robertson's senate file 63, to levy a state wide tax of about \$3,000,000 a Weakly it was a set of the set of

state wide tax of about \$3,000,000 a year to pay school teachers' salaries, was laid over it has request. House record 86, by Flansburg, to shorten the time for appeal to the su-preme court from six months to three menths, was recommended for passage.

Minimum Wage for Women.

The house passed house record 34, a minimum wage bill for women in certain designated employments. It says that no less than \$1 a day shall be paid **OVER LIMITED VOTE** to minors, not less than \$1.20 a day to women who are inexperienced in the employment and not less than \$1.50 a

gation of the high cost of foods in the United States with special reference to alleged violations of the antitrust laws. The department of agriculture will assist in the investigation. Alleged ma-nipulations, control and conspiracies in distribution of food will be gone into particularly.

## The President's Letter.

The President's Letter. President Wilson's letter directing the inquiry is as follows: "An adequate supply of food prod-ucts is a matter of concern to the na-tion at all times. It is of peculiar im-portance at present. Our domestle food supply is normally very large and has become increasingly varied. In some re-spects it has steadily expanded and has kept pace with the increasing popula-tion. Unfortunately, this is not true, however, of a large number of impor-tant staple products, including certain cercals and particularly meats. "While the population of the nation has increased 26,000,000 since 1900, the production of the two ledding cereals, corn and wheat, while tending to in-

corn and wheat, while tending to increase, has shown only a slight ad-vance, and that of meat products in the same period has shown an increase of only 3,500,000 pounds, a decrease of 29 pounds per capita."

#### Some Headway Made.

"Much can be done and is being done to change this situation through improved methods of production and through the control or eradication of plant and animal disease. But there are problems also of distribution, and, in some respects, the problems present-ed in this field are the more difficult. Much work has been done, and, consid-ering the limited nature of the powers under which it has been conducted, not a little headway has been made, partic-ularly in obtaining and diffusing useful

information. "Nevertheless, it is not yet clear in many directions just what the nature of the difficulty is or what measures should be adopted to effect funda-mental improvements. Many necessary facts are not available and it is ques-tionable whether any single agency of the government at present possesses the requisite power and equipment to secure the information needed to enable both public and private instrumentali-ties to render their fullest services to the public.

"It is obvious that there will be no sufficient incentive to enlarge produc-tion if there does not exist an unch-structed economical system of distribu-tion. Unjustifiable fluctuations in price are not merely demoralizing; they in-evitably deter adequate production.

#### Trust Charges Made.

"It has been alleged before committees of congress and elsewhere that the course of trade in important food products is not free, but is restricted and controlled by aryicidial and illegal means. It is of the highest public concern to ascertain the truth or falsity of the allegations. No business can be transacted effectively in an atmosphere of suspicion. If the allegations are well grounded, it is necessary that the ma-ture and extent of the evils and abuses the accurately determined, so that prop-er remedies, legislative or administra-tive may be applied. If they are not true, it is equally essential that the public be informed to that effect, so that unrest and dissatisfaction may be

"In any event, because of the grave public interest which the food supply effects the efficient maintenance of the duties imposed on agencies of the gov-ernment requires that all the important facts be ascertained. To this end the powers of such agencies should be adequate, if in any respect they are now deficient. Storage Men Hit. "Pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by the act creating the fea-eral commission, therefore, I direct the commission within the scope of its powers to investigate and report the facts relating to the production, ownership, manufacture, storage and distribution of foodstuffs and the products, or by-products arising from or in connection with their preparation and manufac-ture; to ascertain the facts bearing on alleged violations of the antitrust acts and particularly upon the questions whether there are manipulational trusts, combinations, conspiracies or re-straints of trade out of harmeny with the law or the public interest. "I am aware that the commission has additional authority in this field additional authority in this field through the power conferred upon it field to prevent certain persons, partnerships or corporations from using unfait methods of competition in commerce. I presume that you may see fit to exer-cise that authority upon your own initiative without direction from me. "The department of agriculture has been engaged for several years in studying problems of distribution. I have noted that it, has been proposed in the congress to add to the funds of the department and give it larger pow-ers to conduct its investigations. As its activities will touch phases of the problem I am calling to your attention which may not be covered by your in-quiry and may furnish information of great importance for the purposes contemplated. I shall direct that department to cooperate with you in this enterprise.

Almost a whole gymnasium is con-tained in a new chair in which a seated person, by pulling straps over his shoulders, manipulates levers and weights that exercise most of his

Miss Beryl Smithson, of Seattle, Wash., runs an elevator in an office building. Although still in her teens, she drives to work in an automobile bought with her savings from her ele-vator job.

The Turkish government has taken up a project for the irrigation of nearly 500,000 acres of the Adama plain, the Cilicia of antiquity, at a cost of \$17,-600,000 and eight or 10 years of work.

Ducing the last few years refrigeration has steadily received more and more attention in Russia. A boom in cold storage construction was expected there when the war broke out.

An American built locomotive of the decaped type in hauling a train 2,800 feet long, with a load of 4,424 tons, broke the European records for hauling a heavily loaded freight train.

Ira Black, age 75, of Palermo, Me, husked out 163 bushels of corn, made 47 long traces, picked nearly all the apples on his farm and gathered the garden vegetables this fall.

William Graham, of Blue Point, N. , built a model of the great sphinx Egypt in his front yard. This model is just one-seventh the size of the real sphinx. It weighs 42 tons.

Aztec corn 1,000 years old was re-cently planted in Kansas. It grows much faster than modern corn and the grains will be at a premimum.

Paraguay has valuable forest re-sources, the most important of which is quebracho, particularly rich in tannin.

Apparatus to enable a man to cut own hair or that of other men without instruction is a recent invention.

A folding handle, which can be car-ried in a pocket, is intended to be used with a post card to form a fan.

The importation of patent medicines containing ingredients detrimental to health is prohibited in Ecuador.

Germans have developed a process for spinning kapok fibers into yarn that can be woven into textiles.

There is \$500,000,000 capital invested in United States lumber plants.

A new baby carriage which includes receptacles for clothing, can be folded to resemble a suitcase when not used for its principal purpose.

Gold, silver, copper, coffee, sisal, tex-tile and other fibers, rubber, hides and skins, tobacco and sugar form Mexico's chief exports.

The women of Capri have acted as porters for ages, while many of the men sell coral specimens.

Seal pups born on the Pribnof islands were more numerous by 10,450 this year than last year.

# **Charles Eberly's Friend Begged** Him to Stay His Hand-Was Despondent.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 12-Calling up a Council Bluffs friend from his room at a local hotel, Charles Eberly, 54, last night told the former that he was about to blow his brains out. He did so while the friend pleaded with him to his hand.

stay his hand. "Listen and you'll hear the shot." said Eberly to E. A. Lathrop, 508 Har-rison street. Council Bluffs. Lathrop heard it. Despondency because he had lost his position in a loan office and failed to find other work is believed to have been the cause of the suicide. The only known relative is Vera Eberly, a niece, living in Honolulu.

Eberly, a niece, hving in Honoldid. Eberly entered the hotel about 7 o'clock and asked for a room. The clerk in charge told him there were no va-cant rooms, and it is said Eberly grew angry and demanded that he be ac-commodated. The clerk finally com-plied be giving him the room. Eherly commodated. The clerk main commodated. The clerk main commodated the room. Eberly had no luggage. He took stationery with him from the desk and wrote the name of Lathrop, with the latter's address, on a sheet of paper, following this by his own name. He then got Lathrop of the telephone

this by his own name. He then got La-throp on the telephone. "He told me he was going to blow his brains out," said Lathrop. "I pleaded with him not to do anything like that, and told him I would be right over. He said that I should not come and told me to listen for the shot. I could hear him weeping for a moment, then I heard the shot." then I heard the shot." Eberly was a widower, with no chil-

## APPRENTICES AT WASHINGTON.

Newport, R. I., Feb. 10 .- A brigade of prentice seamen with a band will Washington to take part in the 600 ap with orders received at the naval train-ing station here today. This is the first time the brigade has been asked to take part in the exercises

#### CHICAGO POSTMASTER.

Washington, Feb. 10.-William B Carlyle has been selected for postmaster at Chicago.

### BALTIC SAFE IN PORT.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 10. — The steamship Baltic, of the White Star line, has arrived safely at Liverpool according to a cable message received according to a cable message received here tonight by officers of the company

The message besides announcing that the Baltic had reached her pier said: "All well."

said: "All well." There were two Americans among her 44 passengers. The steamship took to England a full cargo of munitions. No report had been received last night from the Adriatic. There is one American on the Adriatic.

reported for indefinite postponement the bill backed by fire insurance agents and a big lobby, which had for its real object the abolishment of competition, although branded as an antidiscrim-ination bill. The committee found that the federal court had held a state could not fix insurance rates, and the only vote cast against putting it to death was cast by a member who is on the legislative committee of the insurance

legislative committee of the insurance agents' association. The stern senate has relaxed the rigidity of its rules. A few days ago it passed one barring everybody from the floor when bills were on third read-ing. This compelled the wives of sen-ators to retire, and the sergeant at arms construed it also to include the newspaper reporters. Thursday the senate amended the rule so as to permit the reporters to attend. the reporters to attend.

#### For a Direct Vote.

The house Thursday afternoon passed without a dissenting vote a bill that will enable Nebraskans hereafter that will enable Nebraskans hereafter to vote direct for candidates' for presi-dent and vice president. The only bracketing in the bill is that of the names of the two national candidates In order to conform to the national regulation with respect to electoral col-leges the governor is required to ap-point those who represent the success-ful candidates, the state conventions of each having previously nominated each having previously nominated them.

# EXPLAIN TRUST CHARGES TO TRADE COMMISSION

Chicago, Feb. 9 .--- The federal trade commission today heard the Ga see of the A. H. Dick company and the costy company, manufacturers of mimeo-graph machines and supplies, chargeo with attaching to their machines license restrictions in violation of the Clayton anti-trust has Clayton anti-trust law.

The defense of the companies is that supplies called for by the restriction prohibits the use of any other materials The supreme court decided some years ago that restriction clauses were legal, but the Clayton act, passed since declares them illegal.

## FIND NEGRO HANGED.

Procter, Ariz., Feb. 9.-The body of James Smith, a negro, was found hanging from a telegraph pole near here after it was thought he had escaped a posse which pursued him to a swamp Smith was charged with killing a dep-uty sheriff.

# MAY ASK PAPERS NOT TO PRINT SHIP NEWS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9 .- The tente embassies here have asked the state department if some steps cannot be taken to crease publications of sail-ings of vessels and publication of mani-fests of ships going into the war zone. Officials realize that there is no war-reat of law to precent sublication of rant of law to prevent publication of sailings, but some step may be taken to ask American publishers to refrain from printing them on the ground of national policy.

# Do Not Want Any Concessions to Suffrage Advocates From Nebraska Solons.

**ANTIS RAISE STORM** 

Supreme Court Debate.

The senators insisted that if the dis-

Pass New Bills.

The following bills were passed on

admitted is not strictly legal.

third reading:

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 10 .- A delegation of Omaha women opposed to the lim-ited suffrage bill that passed the house yesterday bombarded the senate and succeeded in arranging for a hearing before the committee during the after-The senate staged a wrangle whether the secretaries should noon. read private telegrams to senators faread private telegrams to senators fa-voring suffrage, but dedided to allow it Four bills were passed by the senate, two relating to salaries in Douglas county. The other two were bills that had already passed the house. One re-quires railroads to build at least 20 miles a year on unused right of way partly constructed or forfeit ownership. The other reduces the time allowed for The other reduces the time allowed for appealing to the supreme court from

six months to three. The house fought for an hour or two over a bill intended to put the trading stamp firms out of business by levying \$5,000 yearly license, but finally killed the measure.

The city of Valentine was permitted to lay out in town lots a quarter sec-tion it owns, and a school of irrigation was established at the Scotts Bluff ex-The backers of the bill establishing

put it to a test in the house and had it laid over. a state boxing commission feared to

#### STERILIZATION OF FIFTEEN FEEBLE MINDED IS MADE

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 10.—The state board of control has reported to the governor that during the past year the sterilization of 15 feeble minded and in-sane persons has been accomplished, and 20 more are ordered operated upon, whe order are index to persons who The order applies only to persons who are in such condition that they may be safely paroled. None who require permanent custodial care are included. The operation is not compulsory, and in each case it has been done with the The board says that the feeble minded are the most prolific and that they predar' Six of the 15 were women, but dar nost cases because of their disposition to venery most of the women are permanently retained. The bill applies to persons committed to other instituyet come under the provisions of the

# law CARROLL RAPS THE

rens law is not a good method of car-ing for titles. He said that in only one county in Illinois had it been tried out, and that was in Cook county, where the title sharks had sufficient influence. The expense was one argument against it, and the other was that the loan com-panies want abstracts and not certificates and won't loan money on land where this is provided for.

day to experienced adults. Overrule Rail Committee.

The house, after a lively debate, overruled the railroad committee, which had reported for indefinite postpane-ment a bill requiring railroad com-panies, whenever the headlight on an engine went out to require it to be which panies, whenever the heading it of a engine went out, to require it to be sidetracked at the nearest station or siding. The committee contended that this would create a great deal of delay to passengers and stock, and in some rains all night. The majority of the house, however, insisted, in view of the Smithfield wreck on the high line which killed 11 persons, due to the failure of headlights and the use of lan-terns, that the bill ought to go on general file.

## Protects Guaranty Fund.

The house recommended for passage a bill that bars from any claims upon the guaranty fund any money that of-ficers, stockholders or employes of a failing bank may borroy on certificates of deposit. The experience with the Decatur bank was the moving cause. In that case the officers borrowed \$20 -In that case the officers borrowed \$30.-000 from a South Omaha bank on their notes, put the money in the bank and then gave the South Omaha bank a certificate of deposit. After the bank failed this claim was allowed priority, along with other depositors along with other depositors' accounts.

# For Forest Commission.

A bill creating a state forest station commission, with the governor at the head, was also recommended for pass-age. The house came within an ace of age. The house came within an ace of age, The house came within an ace of killing one permitting counties, cities and villages to go 15 miles out and con-demn land for forest areas, and it was saved only by a motion to report pro-

# W. R. Mellor Is Employed.

W. R. Mellor, late secretary of the state board of agriculture, has been employed by state bankers, who have chipped in a dollar apiece, to oppose a law that will take out from any tection of the guaranty fund time cer-tificates of deposit. A number of banks are suspected of getting loans in this manner

The senate has passed a half dozen The senate has passed a half dozen bills, the most important one providing for the appointment of accountants to check up at stated periods all village and school district treasurers. Standing committees of the house have reported for the general file with-out recommendation bills providing for

out recommendation bills providing for the sale of school lands except those on which mineral, oil or gas are found, and for the sale of the property of the Culbertson experiment station.

The house passed a bill that gives farm landlords a lien on crops of the same legal effect as a chattel mort-

The senate killed a bill drafting district judges to act as supreme court commissioners, and spent the morring on passing a batch of unimportant measures.

Olson endeavored to have called in n the house his resolution asking he president to warn all Americans o keep off vessels headed for the sub-marine zone, but he was jockeyed out of a hearing for the time being. Inquires About Funds.

"For the adequate prosecution of the inquiry by both your commission and the department of agriculture it is es-sential that sufficient funds be avail-able. I accordingly request that you furnish me at the earliest possible me-ment an estimate for an appropriation if one is needed to supplement existing appropriations to enable you success-

fully to carry out the investigation. "A copy of this letter is being sent to the secretary of agriculture with the direction that his department cooperate with you and with the request that he furnish an estimate for the funds needed by his department.

The secretary of agriculture, the trade commission announced, was asked today for a conference to ar-range preliminary plans for the inves-tigation and to make estimates for its

#### AMATEUR RULE DEFEATED.

New York, Feb. 10 .- The annual neeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis association closed early today with a fairly even break between the east and the west on questions which caused sectional divisions.

The association defeated the preposed amateur rule which would bar from amateur ranks players in the sporting goods business, but all the important national championship tournaments, with one exception, were

TORRENS LAW SYSTEM Lincoln. Neb., Feb. 8.—H. L. Carroll, president of the Iowa Abstractors' asso-ciation, told the members in attendance at the Nebraska Title Men's asso-ciation's annual meeting that the Torgage