

# SENATOR JANSEN OF GAGE COUNTY ESPOUSES THE TORREN'S SYSTEM

Would Remove From Deeds and Legal Instruments All Opportunities for Fraud, and Make Them Errorless, Flawless in the Transfers.

Fraudless, errorless and flawless real estate titles appeal especially to Senator Jansen, of Gage. In addition he would remove from all deeds and legal instruments connected with the ownership of realty that atmosphere of mystery and technical incomprehensibility which contribute so much to the mass of present day litigation in the courts, says the Lincoln Star.

The senator from Gage has espoused the Torrens system of registering land titles. With the true Torrens scheme as a framework he has outlined a plan for the simple registration of land titles, the issuance of a duplicate certificate to the owners and the complete elimination of forgery and fraud.

To this bill he has added an initiative and referendum feature. Should the property owners desire the innovation, they may secure a chance to vote on the proposition in counties of less than 45,000 population if one-third of the legal voters wish to express an opinion at the polls. In counties of more than 44,000 an election is secured by the application of 2,500 votes. Otherwise the new system will not go into effect.

Under the Torrens system provision is made for the office of register of deeds. He is allowed a sufficient number of deputies. Fees are provided for the various duties of the officers. From the collection of these they derive their salaries.

Bonds vary from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

Deputies are under bond and the register is responsible for all the acts of his subordinates. Attorneys

or members of a firm of attorneys are barred from holding the office of register, or deputy.

For the registry of title the property owners make application to the register. All the details concerning the ownership is set forth. Due notice is given to all interested parties. Defendants of suits or holders of liens and leases are specified and informed. Then a deputy makes a specific, first hand examination of the records, or in other words, abstracts the title. If the records are clear and title is perfect a registry is made, and a duplicate issued to the owner or owners. A duplicate, or sample of the handwriting of the holder is filed. Opportunity is given for appeal to the courts within a specified time.

All actions are barred two years after the registry is made. No tax titles are recognized until there has been ten years of undisturbed possession. After the land has been duly registered no suits can be filed. Buyers need not examine title. The seller signs a deed and returns it with his duplicate certificate to the register who records the deed and issues a new duplicate.

The sale is so finalized and, if regular, is approved by the register. This makes a valid title. If a duplicate certificate is lost the owner may secure another by filing an affidavit. For forgery, perjury, false entry or any other offense against the validity of land titles, a fine of not more than \$5,000 nor imprisonment exceeding five years are provided. Both may be imposed at the discretion of the court.

# HATFIELD HAS HATPIN BILL

Lancaster Member Seeks to Protect Street Car Patrons.

## HOLDREGE BILL IS DEFEATED.

Motion in House to Reconsider Vote on Appropriation for Agricultural School Is Laid on the Table—More Caucuses in Prospect.

Lincoln, Feb. 4.—Representative Hatfield of Lancaster will introduce at the next session of the house, at the request of the street car patrons of this city, a bill prohibiting long and unguarded hatpins. The bill provides as follows:

"That hereafter in this state it shall be unlawful for any person to wear a hatpin over seven inches in length; provided, however, that this act shall not apply to the wearing of hatpins over seven inches in length when worn with the point thereof protected with a muzzle or guard.

"That any person violating this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than \$3 or more than \$25."

### Holdrege Bill Is Killed.

Just what is going to happen to the appropriation for a new agricultural school at Holdrege has become a parliamentary question. In several skirmishes the house has shown itself opposed to the bill by a small majority. Eastman's motion to reconsider was tabled by a vote of 43 to 37 on a motion by Filley of Gage.

Eastman now intends to get a majority, if possible, and take it up from the table. If he does the speaker will be called upon to settle this knotty question: Can a motion to take from the table put a motion to reconsider in order again when the time for reconsideration has run out?

Speaker Kohl has expressed himself when not in the chair as of the opinion that no parliamentary procedure can bring the bill up for further consideration now. If Eastman can get a majority, the opinion of the speaker will not count for much, as a majority can do what it pleases whether it pleases the speaker or not.

### Initiative in Senate.

The initiative and referendum bill before the senate will be discussed next Wednesday as a special order of business. Two other prominent measures were put off until next week by a motion that passed to have no more bills brought up for third reading at the Saturday morning and Monday afternoon sessions. It is considered very probable that the deferred vote on the county option question may be taken on that day, and Senator Bartling's baseball bill is a possibility as a subject for debate. Considering all these promises it seems very likely that Tuesday will be an important day for the senate.

The Democrats are planning another caucus for Monday night to discuss the initiative and referendum and the Republicans will also meet at an undecided date.

### Union Label Fight.

A fight between the Typographical union and the large printing concerns which are opposed to the union in the printing trades is being prepared for in both houses of the legislature over the question of the union label on all state printing. A bill was introduced in the house by Hospodsky of Saline and one in the senate by Tanner of Douglas providing that the label of the Allied Printing Trades council be required on all schedules that are sent out for bids on state printing.

## SISTER OF GEN. OTIS DEAD

Woman From Long Line of Colonial Ancestors Expires at Advanced Age.

Tecumseh, Neb., Feb. 4.—Mrs. Sarah O. Lawrence, wife of Judge J. A. Lawrence, died at the family home in Tecumseh. She had been in failing health for several years, and had been confined to her bed with the grip for a week, but chronic heart trouble was the cause of death.

Sarah Otis was born near Marietta, O., March 7, 1835, and lived there until the time of her marriage to Judge Lawrence, which was Oct. 28, 1875. The family lived for a short time in western Nebraska and came to Johnson county about 1877 and purchased a farm one mile east of Tecumseh. Mrs. Lawrence was one of eight brothers and sisters and the only one now living is General Harrison Gray Otis, editor of the Los Angeles Times.

### Stanisics Is Guilty.

Lincoln, Feb. 4.—Theodore Stanisics, accused of aiding Roy Wilscam in burning the Wilscam home for the insurance, was convicted of arson and must serve a penitentiary sentence. The jury went out about noon and returned in three hours, with a verdict of guilty. The conclusion of the trial was intensely dramatic. The defense alleged a plot and insufficient evidence, but the proofs were too convincing.

### Heavy Fire Loss at Stock Yards.

South Omaha, Feb. 4.—The Union Stock Yards company sustained a fire loss of \$50,000 in the destruction of the yards roundhouse with two switch engines and machinery.

**REAR ADMIRAL SPERRY.**  
Commander of U. S. Fleet  
On Famous World's Cruise  
Is Dead in Washington.



## FUNERAL OF ADMIRAL SPERRY

President Taft and Secretary Meyer Attend Church Services.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, retired, who died at the naval medical hospital here on Wednesday, was buried in Arlington cemetery. President Taft and Secretary of the Navy Meyer attended the church services.

## POISONER TELLS OF VARIOUS METHODS

Russian Doctor Who Admits Forty Murders Testifies.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—Dr. Pantchenko, whose specialty, he admits, has been the removal by poisoning of undesirable relatives and enemies of those who would pay his fee, told at the murder trial of how he secured his instruments of death.

Pantchenko, in common with Count O'Brien de Lassy, is charged with the murder of De Lassy's brother-in-law, Count Vassili Bouturlin, the heir to several millions, which it is alleged De Lassy coveted for his wife. The doctor has confessed that Bouturlin was the most recent of some forty victims.

Dr. Henrich, a veterinary employed at the Pest laboratory in Kronstadt, testified that the prisoner twice visited the laboratory, where he obtained several tubes of cholera antitoxin.

At this point Pantchenko explained to the court that De Lassy had furnished him with money for the trip to Kronstadt and, he added, that he gave the tubes of poison to the count.

Dr. Zabolotny, the plague expert who recently returned from an inspection of China, testified that the doctor had applied to him for diphtherial toxin. The witness gave him diphtherial culture fluid.

Dr. Zdrzakovski testified that Pantchenko came to him and asked for diphtherial toxin. The witness gave him several assay tubes and told him the minimal non-fatal dose.

The presiding judge interrupted to inquire what Pantchenko did with this supply of poison. The notorious murderer hesitated. Finally he evaded the question, saying he would reply to it later.

## WOMEN LOSE IN MISSOURI

House Committee Against Them as Members of Boards of Education.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 4.—Suffragettes lost a chance to participate in educational affairs in Missouri when the house committee of the assembly reported adversely the bill allowing women to be members of school boards.

The house passed a bill making it a misdemeanor for persons to circulate false reports as to the condition of financial institutions.

A bank guarantee bill on the Oklahoma plan was introduced. It provides that 5 per cent of the capital stocks of banks shall be held in the state treasury to meet losses.

## BIG REWARD FOR ROBBERS

Bankers of Five States Decide to Organize Force to Hunt Cracksmen.

Kansas City, Feb. 4.—The organization of a detective force to aid the county officers of five states in capturing bank robbers was the plan effected by a bankers' conference at the Hotel Baltimore. The conference was composed of the presidents and secretaries of the state bankers' associations and the state managers of bank burglary insurance companies in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas. A resolution was adopted asking each association and company to increase its reward for each robber caught and convicted to \$500.

### Fixes Title of Islands.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 4.—The fight of the day was over Missouri river sandbars, which have grown to the dignity of islands. The property in question is near Chamberlain, and the fight resulted in the passage of the senate bill to give title of all such islands to the counties on the east bank of the stream.

## PROGRESS OF ENDEAVORERS

Thirty Years Have Seen Christian Society Spread Over Whole World.

Boston, Feb. 4.—Progress made by the Christian Endeavor society since its founding, thirty years ago, was told by the Rev. Francis E. Clark. He was speaking before the meeting called in Tremont temple to celebrate the anniversary of the creation of the body.

Dr. Clark told how on Feb. 2, 1881 forty five young people gathered in the home of their pastor at Portland, Me and formed the first society, which now has affiliations in all parts of the world. Previous to this time, he said, there had been no religious society devoted entirely to the young people. "The society," he said, "now has branches in ten denominations of Methodists, in nearly all of the Presbyterian bodies, among most of the divisions of Baptists, among all the Disciples of Christ and Congregationalists, and is found largely among the Lutherans, United Brethren and Church of England in Great Britain. Its literature now is printed in one hundred languages.

## PERIL IN SHALLOW GRAVES

Rock Island County Board Will Investigate Conditions at Cemetery.

Rock Island, Ill., Feb. 4.—Complaint was made to the county supervisors that some of the graves in the county burying ground on the outskirts of the village of Sears are so shallow the health of those living in the neighborhood is endangered. It is said there was found only ten inches of dirt on top of one of the boxes. The county authorities will investigate.

## BODY FOUND SHOWS MURDER AND ROBBERY

Remains of Peter Naumoff on Railroad Near South Omaha.

Omaha, Feb. 4.—The body of Peter Naumoff, thirty-five years old, was found beside the Rock Island tracks, a mile and a half south of the South Omaha station. From the evidence discovered around the scene by the police it appears certain Naumoff was murdered and his body placed across the tracks so that the crime would be covered up by the first passing train.

Naumoff was an employee of the Omaha Packing company, and had drawn out his savings, amounting to about \$1,000, from the bank the day before, intending to journey to his native land, Bulgaria, where he had a wife and two children.

Near the spot where the remains were discovered was a pool of blood and an iron bar coated with blood. A revolver was found at another point farther from the tracks and a long trail, apparently made by the dragging of an object over the ground, led to the tracks. From this the police are positive Naumoff was lured to his death by some one who knew of the money he had and was killed and then placed on the tracks.

### Proposition for Electric Line.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 4.—Secretary M. N. Barnes of the Beatrice Commercial club is in receipt of a letter from W. B. McKinley, president of the Illinois Traction company, in which he proposes to construct an interurban line between Adams and Beatrice and operate the same. The proposition provided that the company will construct and operate a power plant and railroad if stock in the institution to the amount of \$300,000 is subscribed by Gage county people. The distance from Adams to Beatrice is about twenty-eight miles and the territory between the two towns is without transportation facilities.

### Powell Terrorized by Panther.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 4.—A large panther, which escaped from a show, has been terrorizing residents along the Blue river near Powell. The panther has done some depredation and a large number of armed men are out on a hunt for it. It has been seen a number of times in the timber along the river.

### Bishop Bonacum is Critically Ill.

Lincoln, Feb. 4.—Rt. Rev. Thomas Bonacum, bishop of the Lincoln diocese of the Roman Catholic church, is lying critically ill at his residence near here. His indisposition dates from last Monday, when he was seized with a violent chill. Pneumonia developed.

## NEW SLIDE IN CULEBRA CUT

Another Great Earth Movement Interferes With Digging of Canal.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Another great earth slide a mile long has started to move in the Culebra cut in the Panama canal, and already has covered the thirty-five foot bank of the canal opposite the towpath with 250,000 cubic yards of material.

The slide began on Jan. 18, on the west bank opposite the Culebra hotel. Up to Jan. 25 the earth had not encroached on the railroad tracks, and operations there were not interfered with.

### Persia After U. S. Experts.

Teheran, Persia, Feb. 4.—Without discussion parliament voted to engage five American financial advisers. The foreign minister stated the contracts would specify a minimum of three and a maximum of five years.

# WHAT THEY HAVE IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Mary Buckley, Writes of Sights in Golden State.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roetter, of this city, are in receipt of the following communication from their daughter, Mrs. Mary Buckley, who is now a resident of California, and in which she says:

"We have at last reached Sacramento, in California, after more or less travelling." She also states that the piano company, which they have been traveling for, having kept them on the move ever since they had left Grass Valley, which point they left at 6:12 on the morning of the 25th of January. From there they ascended the mountains, going almost straight up the mountain to Mount Vista, the summit of which is 45,000 feet and it being above the clouds. On looking down from Mount Vista they could see the canyon below, where the sun was shining, while around them they could not see anything but a sort of a fog. They also crossed the Appabecto Gap, the bridge being 350 feet high and below in the canyon, the river was running at 70 miles an hour. They went over rickety gass on the narrow gauge railroad line, the engines on that line being only 2x5. They have been having considerable rain, it having rained throughout the state for the past eight weeks and that the rainy season does not close until the first of April and then the sun shines until the first of November. They have had the opportunity of seeing some beautiful scenery all through California; also, throughout the states of Arizona and New Mexico and came through some large orange groves. On the Sunset route and over the Jehashalep Loop she tells of looking down into the valley below where they could see where they would go through the tunnel right underneath them. For about 100 feet they went through the mountain and then came out in the valley where the sun was shining, while up in the mountains it was raining and in some places snowing. The beach at Santa Barbara, California, is a beautiful place and the Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton, is a rather pretty place, the elevation at this point being 4,443 feet and almost straight up out of the valley. She also states that the state of California is all right to look at and study, but prefers Nebraska to live in.

### Down From Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Roberts and little child came down from Ashland on No. 4 this morning and spent the day with relatives, being the guests of Mr. Roberts' brother, J. M. Roberts, and Mrs. Roberts' brothers, Mitchell and Robert Patton. While attending to various business matters Mr. Roberts took time to call at this office and pay up his subscription to the Old Reliable. They returned to their home at Ashland on the afternoon train.

### Farm House Burns.

The farm residence on the old Sitzman farm near Cedar Creek, occupied by Joe Sitzman and family, was entirely consumed by fire Sunday afternoon at about 5 o'clock. The fire originated in the second story and was probably caused from a defective chimney. Not a thing was saved and as Mr. Sitzman carried no insurance, the loss was very heavy on him.—Louisville Courier.

### Receives Shipment of Swine.

Councilman A. S. Will received by express from the west this morning a very fine specimen of Hampshire swine, which he will place with a herd of ninety head shipped in last week of the same breed. Mr. Will says hogs must be raised on less corn than formerly, and this particular breed of hogs will produce more and better bacon with grass and alfalfa hay for feed than any breed known to the stock breeder.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many neighbors and friends for the kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother and for the beautiful floral offerings. We also wish to thank the choir of the Christian church for the beautiful song selections rendered by them. J. L. Speck and Family.

Mr. Louis Born, of Cedar Creek, came to Plattsmouth this morning, arriving on No. 4, to look after some important business matters in the county seat.

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## REMAINS TAKEN TO DEN- NISON IOWA, FOR INTERMENT

From Saturday's Daily.

After a short funeral service conducted by Rev. L. W. Gage, at the residence of Mrs. A. W. Smith, daughter of the deceased, this morning, the remains of Mrs. Lydia Marshall were taken to the Burlington station and placed on No. 15 to be taken to Dennison, Iowa, where the funeral will occur today.

The remains were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mr. Clark Marshall, of Bushnell, Illinois, who arrived yesterday, C. C. Boruff, a grandson of deceased, of Carson,

Iowa, and Fred Smith, another grandson, of Carson, Iowa, Mrs. J. F. Warren, a grand-daughter of the deceased, and her husband, arrived yesterday, and Mrs. Warren remained and will take care of Mrs. A. W. Smith's home while she is absent at her mother's funeral.

Mr. Warren returned to his home last evening.

Mr. Albert Beckman and wife and babe, of Walt Hill, who have been visiting Mrs. Beckman's parents, B. Dill and wife, near Murray, and her grandparents, A. Dill and wife, of this city, for a month, departed for their home this morning, after a most enjoyable visit in this vicinity.

# Once a Season Sale!

YOU have a chance once a season to buy Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes at reduced prices. You cannot get that chance at any other store in Plattsmouth, and you cannot get that chance at any other time except when we "clean up" our stock.

We are ready to give you something on the price of these goods to clear them up. If we get you acquainted with the merchandise; demonstrate the merits of these clothes to you, we will make more in your good will than we lose in the price.

Here are a few figures to show you what you'll pay for the benefit you get:

- Suits and Overcoats, worth up to \$15, "Clean Up" price..... **\$10.00**
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- Suits and Overcoats, worth up to \$35, "Clean Up" price..... **\$24.00**

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