

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

WILL ATTEMPT GREAT FEAT.

Roumanian Woman to Try to Swim English Channel.

"The Beautiful Blue Danube," has been immortalized in song and waltz, but never until recently has it made claim to distinction as the training place of the most marvelous woman swimmer in the world. The fair expert is Mme. Walburga von Isacsescu, the beautiful widow of a once noted Roumanian nobleman.

She lives in Vienna and the Danube has been the scene of nearly all of her daring achievements. For several years her fame was confined to her family and friends, for the feats of daring she performed then never reached the ears of the public. But one day a yachting party by chance witnessed her prowess in the water, and the beautiful swimmer's fame spread apace. What no other woman has ever dared to undertake she accomplishes with the utmost ease.

But Mme. Isacsescu is not content to rest on her laurels. She sighs for other worlds to conquer, so she is preparing for a try at that chief goal of swimmers the world over—the English channel. No other woman has ever dared to make such an attempt, but that fact in no way disconcerts Mme. Isacsescu. She is receiving daily instructions from Holbein, the



MADAME WALBURGA VON ISACSESCU

world-famous swimmer, and is confident that she will be able to swim the channel and live to tell it.

A FIRE-PROOF COSTUME.

French-Canadian Said to Have Made Successful Invention.

A young French-Canadian engineer has been making experiments with fireproof clothing, and these, so far as they have gone, have been decidedly satisfactory. By means of a smock as asbestos, with gloves, cap and boots of the same material, he has constructed an entirely non-combustible costume. Over the face is worn a mask, fitted at the mouth with a species of respirator, which permits the wearer to breathe without inhaling noxious vapors. This suit has stood its baptism of fire successfully, a man having entered a burning house and simulated all the maneuvers of a fireman without suffering the slightest damage or discomfort. Such a garment, if adapted to the use of residents in the higher flats of cities, should make the fortune of an ingenious inventor.

LADY SYBIL DEFIES THE EARL.

Will Marry a Dancer Despite Objection of Rosebery, Her Father.

In spite of the Earl of Rosebery's objections to the match Lady Sybil Primrose has announced her engagement to Charles Grant. The earl is Lady Sybil's father. Her fiance is



LADY SYBIL PRIMROSE

noted chiefly for the fact that he is a clever dancer. Lady Sybil has a fortune in her own right. This was bequeathed to her by her mother, who was a Rothschild.

Prejudice of Dr. Webb.

Dr. W. Seward Webb, who married one of Commodore Vanderbilt's daughters, makes no secret of his opposition to labor unions. He is president of the Rutland railroad in Vermont. The city council of Burlington, Vt., offered valuable inducements if he would remove the headquarters of the road from Rutland to Burlington, but he rejected the offer because of a condition providing that union men should be employed on the office building to be erected.

Persons, Places and Things

WINS HONORS FROM ROYALTY.

Mme. Lillian Blauvelt, Prima Donna, Boasts Many Decorations.

Mme. Blauvelt, the American prima donna soprano, can boast of more decorations and medals from royalty and



Decoration Conferred on Mme. Blauvelt by Queen Victoria.

from ancient musical societies of the old world than probably any other American singer. She has jeweled medals from Queen Victoria and from Queen Margherita of Italy, but the honor that she most prizes is the decoration conferred upon her by the Order of St. Cecilia. This order is the oldest musical organization in the world.

TO SETTLE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Long-Standing Dispute to Be Decided by a Commission.

Interest in the Alaskan boundary controversy has been revived by the signing of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain by which the entire dispute is to be submitted to arbitration by a joint commission composed of three men nominated by the United States and the same number selected by Great Britain. As each country has equal representation, in order to secure a decision it will be necessary for one party to win over one of the arbitrators representing the other side. For years Great Britain has been eager to secure the submission of the dis-



Map of Disputed Territory.

(Lines Show Both the Present Boundary and the Boundary Claimed by Canada.)

pute to a commission, but the United States steadfastly maintained that there was nothing to arbitrate. This country had purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867 with certain defined boundaries fixed by a treaty between Great Britain and Russia in 1825 and refused to go back of that treaty. The point now to be established is the proper interpretation of that treaty. Should the British contention be sustained Canada would be given several valuable points upon the sea coast and the United States' holdings from the Lynn canal southward would be materially reduced.

Short Men Form a Club.

C. R. Aldrich of Evanston, Ill., is one of seven Yale seniors short in stature, but not in originality, who have organized the Yale Pee-Wee club. No man more than 5 feet 5 inches tall is eligible. Its aim is to disseminate among the public food for reflection on the advantages of lack of size and to call attention to the eminence in history of small men, like Napoleon and Grant. The club at its first meeting discussed "Traits and Peculiarities of the Pygmies in South Africa."

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

BRING SUIT AGAINST ROAD.

Stockholders' Quarrel Likely to Be Aired in the Courts.

A petition for the appointment of a receiver for certain stock of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway company and for an injunction enjoining the controlling interests of the company from carrying out a trust agreement entered into by the majority stockholders with the Central Trust company of New York was filed last week in the circuit court at Chicago. The bill was filed by J. Hamilton Lewis, representing Clarence H. Venner of Boston, who asserts he represents \$300,000 of dissenting stock. The bill recites a history of the various times the stock was transferred and relates a scheme of recognition by which it is alleged the promoters without adding a dollar to the value of the property of the company, represented by its authorized capital stock of \$75,000,000, caused to be issued and floated on the market securities aggregating over \$200,000,000.

The defendants in the suit are: The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway company, of which W. B. Leeds is president; Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad company; Rock Island company of New Jersey; Central Trust company of New York; William T. Rankin, F. P. Olcott, R. R. Cable, William H. Moore, James H. Moore, William B. Leeds, Daniel G.



W. B. LEEDS.

Reid, Henry C. Frick, Marshall Field, F. D. Hine, George C. McMurty, Anson R. Flower, George S. Brewster, Ogden Mills, George T. Boggs.

ARE PROUD OF MRS. MITCHELL.

Wife of the Mineworkers' President Reared Among Miners of Danville.

There are over 3,000 coal miners in the Danville, Ill., coal field and every one of them is proud of the ability displayed by their national president, John Mitchell in the recent strike and before the strike commission. Danville miners are still more proud of the fact that Mrs. Mitchell was born and for many years lived among them. Mrs. Mitchell was born in Catlin, a small mining town five miles west on the Wabash railroad, and grew to young womanhood in that village. She was the daughter of James O'Rourke, coal miner, who was employed in the old Ohio shaft, located just west of the village.

Catherine O'Rourke attended the public school of Catlin. When about eighteen years of age she removed with her family to Beardstown, where she met and married John Mitchell, then a common coal miner. "Old Man" O'Rourke was a member of the "holly rollers," as the miners employed at



MRS. JOHN MITCHELL

the Ohio shaft were called, and is remembered by all of the old-time miners of this section.

To Mrs. Mitchell's devotion and encouragement, the president of the Mine Workers' union admits he owes much of his success.

Tells Joke in Supreme Court.

Senator Hoar has upset precedent by telling a funny story to the United States Supreme Court. The Senator was arguing a point which, he said, reminded him of the man who was arrested for stealing forty cowbells. The man said he didn't steal the cowbells; that they were in the barn, and somehow the cows got them on their necks. "That might do for one cowbell," said the judge, "but no forty cows in creation acquire a taste for music at the same time." The Supreme Court smiled grimly. Senator Hoar chuckled audibly.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

J. M. Bray dropped dead on the streets of Kearney.

A live stock commission company has been organized at York.

The mayor of Nebraska City has issued orders to the police to suppress all slot machines.

Gus Johnson of Polk county had his foot badly injured by having it caught in a corn shredder.

The legislative committee visited the soldiers' home at Grand Island and made a thorough investigation.

Under orders from proper authority the street commissioner of Fremont is chopping down telegraph poles.

Thomas J. Rhodes, aged 77, fell on the icy street at Alliance and sustained injuries from the effects of which he died.

A state convention of the Young Men's Christian association will be held in Beatrice from February 26 to March 1.

Herman R. Young, county clerk of Ctoe county suddenly dropped dead at his home in Nebraska City. He was about 35 years of age.

The Nebraska Automatic Telephone company will begin putting in exchanges at Dakota City and Homer as soon as the weather will permit.

The state insurance department has admitted the North Union Fire, an old line company of Pittsburg. It has a paid up capital stock of \$750,000.

The resignation of Rev. Ellis M. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church in Nebraska City, has been accepted by the members of the church.

The trial of Lena M. Lillie of David City, indicted on the charge of murdering her husband, will take place at the present term of the district court. Recommendations for permanent improvements and repairs made in his annual report were not excessive and would probably be further recommended to the house.

Prominent lovers of horses in Omaha have decided to give a horse show in that city, September 8 to 11 next. It will be held in the auditorium which is expected to be completed by that time.

Dr. C. L. Pickett, who is pastor of the Tecumseh Christian church, but who has been practicing medicine in Humboldt, has decided to locate in Tecumseh and will practice his profession there.

Homer M. Sullivan, judge of the Twelfth judicial district, has resigned and Governor Mickey has appointed Charles L. Gutterson of Broken Bow to serve out the unexpired term.

The Beatrice Ministerial association has completed arrangements for the state convention of the Young Men's Christian association, which convenes in that city February 26 and continues until March 1.

Adjutant General Colby has issued an order declaring that Albert Herman Barber has been duly elected second lieutenant of Company E, Second regiment. He was formerly first sergeant of the company.

Preparations are already in progress for the next G. A. R. state encampment, which is to be held at Fremont in May. It is expected that the hotel facilities of the city will be exhausted during this gathering.

Sixteen editors attended the third annual meeting of the State Democratic Editorial association in Grand Island. James Tanner of Central City was elected president and J. W. Barnhart of Auburn re-elected secretary-treasurer.

F. Opocensky of Knox county sent several barrels of clay to a brick-testing firm in Illinois a couple of months ago and now has received word that it makes the very finest brick. On the strength of this report he has ordered a brick-making plant that will turn out 20,000 a day.

There promises to be an interesting telephone war at York and all over York county between the York County Telephone company, a local concern that recently started and now has 100 miles of poles in the county and is putting in a central plant at York, and the Bell company.

Henry Behm, an aged citizen of West Point, dropped dead at his home. The deceased was a retired farmer, and, although comparatively wealthy, lived in a very penurious and eccentric manner, he and his aged wife residing in a squalid hovel and denying themselves the necessities of life.

Judge Gordon has again won out in his legal contest with the city of Omaha. The supreme court last week affirmed the decision of Judge Estelle, granting a writ of mandamus against Mayor Moores to compel him to sign warrants for Gordon's salary as police judge for 1901. The amount included is \$2,500.

The house committee on public lands and buildings, which is making a tour of inspection of the different public institutions of the state, looked over the industrial school at Kearney. After a thorough inspection of the buildings and the institution and inmates so far as possible, the members of the committee indicated to Superintendent Beghtol their satisfaction with the management, with a further expression of opinion that the recom-

THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

A Synopsis of Proceedings in Both Branches of the Twenty-Eighth General Assembly.

WOULD LET THE PUBLIC IN.

Lieutenant Governor McGillon has originated a plan with reference to the consideration of bills before the legislative committee which he thinks ought to be incorporated in the rules of the senate over which body he presides. The plan provides a method whereby all parties interested directly or indirectly in any measure may appear before the committee having the bill in charge and be heard in the discussion of it.

Lieutenant Governor McGillon has framed his idea in this manner:

All standing committees shall keep a calendar of bills in the order in which they are referred and consider the same in such order, except where passed by the vote of a majority of all members of said committee, in which case the bill thus passed shall not lose its place on the committee calendar. Each standing committee shall give notice to this body, through its chairman, at least one day in advance of the time and place of meeting and of the bills to be considered by it, so that all persons interested may appear and request a hearing, subject to such limitations as the committee may impose.

The lieutenant governor further outlining his plan, says:

"The time to be heard on any bill is while it is before the committee. The report of the committee, while not necessarily or inevitably final as to its disposition, always has a great influence on the action of the senate or house, to whichever body it is made. It too frequently happens that a bill gets past the committee in the senate or house, before the committee of the whole and is placed on its final passage before outsiders who have a legitimate interest in the measure get the opportunity of being heard on it. They have no way of knowing when the committee is to consider the bill and consequently no opportunity of giving expression to their views. The adoption of this proposed rule, which could be used in the house as well as the senate, would obviate all this, and, I think, be a very good thing for many other reasons."

TO GET INTO PRINT.

"I see that some adverse comment is attempted," said Attorney Baldwin, "because the railroad companies utilize the newspapers to present their side in the tax controversy, and because they express a willingness to pay the expense of printing. Why should they not. The arguments presented are unanswerable. The outside counties of the state are vitally interested. The Omaha papers give only one side of the question. The outside newspapers are entitled to receive information exposing the selfishness of the Omaha real estate boomers. And the railroads have a perfect right to pay for the expense of printing this information.

"The railroads have no newspaper of their own to present the case, and there is no one newspaper of wide circulation standing up for the rights of the country as against the encroachments of the large city. The defense of the country must come from the country papers. We cannot demand that they use their space without recompense, although many of them, recognizing their own local interest in the controversy, decline compensation and freely open their columns to forcibly express their opinions of the Omaha scheme. The criticism from the Omaha boomers is ridiculous. It sounds like the plaint of a falling and hopeless cause."

WORKING ON REVENUE LAW.

"A revenue law having for its basis the constitution of the state will be reported by our committee to the legislature when the legislature convenes next week," said Representative Loomis of Dodge, the fusion member of the revenue committee. "The reports that have been published to the effect that our bill will be modeled along the lines of the present revenue law of Nebraska, or of the Kansas bill, are alike incorrect. Portions of the Nebraska law will be used; portions of the Kansas plan will be used; features will be incorporated in the bill from the revenue laws of California, Indiana and other states; and portions of the bill will be largely original with the committee. But as a whole the bill will be built along no hard and fast lines; it will be independently constructed to meet the requirements of the situation according to the best judgment of the committee.

"While in a general way, the committee is pretty well agreed as to the salient features of the revenue law it will recommend, I could not myself tell, at the present time, just what those features are. The whole work has been divided among sub-committees. None of these committees have completed their work. Their work, when it is completed, will be subject to review and correction by the whole committee. Consequently nothing is fixed, nothing is decided on, and no correct statement of the committee's work can be given out until the task is completed."

IRRIGATION LAW IS UPHOLD.

The constitutionality of the law creating and defining the powers of the state board of irrigation is upheld in a decisional letter from men in various lines of business in his district, urging him to push this bill, insisting that it was of extreme necessity.

Mr. Currie's bill provides that all farmers within the territory most affected by these pests shall take proper means—and these means are described in the bill—for exterminating prairie dogs at the proper season and imposes a penalty upon all who fail to observe this law. In the penal provision it is ordered that the road overseer shall be paid \$3 a day, or hire someone at that price, to distribute the prairie dog killer for the farmer and assess the cost to the latter.

OPPOSE COUNTY OFFICERS' BILL.

The bill introduced in the senate at the request of the County Officers' association is hung up in the committee, and when it comes forth there will likely be absent from it "that we recommend that it be passed," though the bill will be reported favorably. It is not the fact that the committee does not favor a four-year tenure of office, for a majority of the committee does. But the committee does not intend to recommend that a county officer hold office for a time longer than the time for which he was elected. Another objection is that the committee does not favor having every county election held on presidential year or even year, as provided by the bill. Said one of the committee:

"We are in favor of county officers holding office for four years, but I for one do not want to tell a community that the man it has chosen for two years should serve three. It is the right of the people to do that and not the legislature, in my opinion. And if we make county elections come on even years or on presidential years it will not, in my opinion, serve the best interests of the people. In presidential years, as a rule, county and local affairs are lost sight of almost completely, and persons who are entirely unfitted for office could easily be run in and elected."

FRATERNALS OBJECT TO BILL.

At a meeting of members of fraternal societies of York held at city hall the following resolutions were unanimously adopted. The fraternal societies of York will send delegations to Lincoln to work with the representatives of York county.

Whereas, Senate File 19, now in the hands of the senate insurance committee, is being urged for passage, and believing that if the bill ever becomes a law it will work irreparable injury to fraternal benefit societies for at least two reasons:

1. It takes from the membership of these societies a large portion of the management thereof and transfers it to the officers and committees appointed by them.

2. It permits the management of any society to invest the reserve fund of any such society in buildings contrary to the purpose for which said fund was raised. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, members of Ancient Order United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America, Tribe of Ben Hur, Royal Highlanders, Woodmen of the World, Knights and Ladies of Security, and Bankers' Union of the World, lodges of York, Nebraska, in mass convention assembled, hereby earnestly protest against the passage of said senate file 19 for the reason that we believe that it strikes at the very foundation stone of fraternal benefit societies and destroys our representative form of government, so sacred to our organization. And we appeal to the entire membership of the state to use every honorable means to defeat senate file 19. Be it further

Resolved, That our senators and representatives are hereby requested to use all honorable means to defeat said bill.

REVENUE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

Whatever else may be said about the revenue committee, whatever kind of bill it submits to the legislature, it cannot be said that it has not worked faithfully since the adjournment of the legislature. It has met morning, noon and night and meeting, has worked. The committee will stand by the bill it recommends until the last. Word came out from the meeting room that the committee would fight to the end any attempt to amend or strike out any section of the bill being prepared. The committee speaks as one voice or it remains forever silent, and if a majority say this is right, no other member will object to it on the floor of the legislature.

Chairman Brown said: "We are working faithfully, conscientiously, and above all, we are working harmoniously, and I believe we will have the bill ready for the legislature by the time it reconvenes. We are studying each section carefully and we are putting in some good, strong points that I believe will be acceptable to the people of the state. It is a most difficult task to prepare a bill of this nature in one week and whether it suits or not, whether it is a good bill or a bad bill, we have put our best endeavor on it and that is all we can do."

Member Sears is getting somewhat pessimistic contemplating the manner in which the bill will be received by the people. "No matter what kind of a bill we submit, whether good or bad, flaws will be found in it and we are up for a 'cussing' from some quarter. But there is one consolation, we won't know anything about it a hundred years from now."

Alleged Noble in Toils.

ST. LOUIS—A man who styled himself "Lieutenant Colonel the Honorable F. Seymour F. Barrington, of His Majesty's Horse," and said he was of noble family and had great wealth, was found guilty of disturbing the peace and fined \$500, or in default one year in the workhouse. Barrington's arrest resulted from an encounter with James F. Cochrane of Kansas City, whose sister he declared had been duped into marrying the Englishman.

Express Company Tax Free.

HELENA, Mont.—The supreme court has decided that no franchise tax could be collected from the Northern Pacific Express company by the state of Montana because the concern was engaged in interstate business.