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ley, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Central of New Jersey, New York, Ontario & Western, New York, Susquehanna & Western, Delaware & Hudson, Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio. The roads have until November 20 to file their answers.

An important decision was rendered by the supreme court of Nebraska on November 6 in that the constitutionality of the Nebraska anti-trust law was upheld. This decision hinged on a case involving the right of this law to exempt organizations of laboring men from its provisions, and according to the decision, this right is sustained.

On November 6 a dispatch from Napa, Cal., announced that Professor Husmann, one of the best known pomologists in the United States, is dead, aged 75 years. He was a prominent promoter of horticultural and viticulture interests. For three years he filled the chair of pomology and forestry in the university of Missouri, and with Parker Erie founded the American Pomological society. He was once publisher of the Viticultural Journal, a contributor to many magazines and the author of several books of authority on viticulture and horticulture.

A dispatch from the City of Mexico under date of November 6 reports: Albert Everett of California, president of the canal now under construction in the state of Chiapas, has reached here from the scene of recent seismic disturbances in Guatemala. He says the ashes worked great benefit to coffee planters, as they killed off noxious insects and also will serve as fertilizers.

Judge F. M. Redburn, who on Tuesday was elected circuit judge of Jasper county, Missouri, died on November 6 from over exertion during the campaign. Judge Redburn was 65 years

of age and has been prominent in state politics in Missouri for twenty-five years.

A special dispatch from Mexico by way of Laredo, Tex., and dated November 6, says: In a personal letter to parties in Cordoba President Diaz has declined a proposition to accept money raised by popular subscription for the payment of the Pius fund claim. The president's letter was in reply to a letter from Cordoba suggesting that the amount be raised through an appeal to the people, and stated that Mexico will adhere to even the technical points in the decision of The Hague court, and that since it was stated in the decision that the amount should be paid from the Mexican treasury the payment will be made accordingly.

Captain Willard H. Brownson has been officially appointed as superintendent of the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., and took his place on November 6.

On November 6 it was reported from San Francisco, Cal., that the flouring interests on the Pacific coast have been practically amalgamated with a capital of \$20,000,000.

A Washington report of November 6 says: The annual report of Lieutenant General Miles, commanding the army, is a brief review of the reports that have been submitted to him by other officers. He indorses the recommendation of General Brooke for a readjustment of the geographical limits of the different departments. General Miles calls attention to the necessity of quarters for troops, saying that while hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent for quarters for cavalry very little is being used to afford shelter for artillery.

Several weeks ago Ambassador White in Berlin, Germany, received a letter from President Roosevelt marked, "To be opened on your 70th birthday." On November 7 Mr. White reached his 70th birthday and on opening the letter found a warm note of thanks for his distinguished services to the country.

It was reported from London on November 8 that Prof. G. R. Parkin of Toronto, charged with putting the Cecil Rhodes scholarship in the United States into effect, has made inquiries at Oxford as to how the Rhodes scholarships will be received. He has ascertained that every one concerned in the matter is ready to co-operate heartily. Each college at Oxford is prepared to take from two to five scholars a year, according to its size.

On November 8 it was reported that Roswell Beardsley of North Lansing, N. Y., who was the oldest postmaster in point of service in the United States, having held that position for seventy-four years, is dead, aged 93 years.

### A Wonderful Invention

A little group of men clustered about a radiator in the office of a western hotel recently fell to discussing the growth of modern invention. The marvelous electrical development of the last decade had been duly commented upon and the usual remarks made about the self-binder, sewing machine, the linotype and the perfecting press. Suddenly a railroad man spoke up and said:

"Gentlemen, all you have mentioned are great inventions, but there is one that has not been mentioned and upon it depends in large measure the success of all that you have spoken about. I refer to the little rim of metal protecting downward from every car wheel—the flange. Do you know that it is really one of the marvelous in-

ventions of the age. Upon that little flange depends the speed and safety of our railroad trains? Without it our railroad trains would be as slow as stage coaches and as unsafe as a gasoline stove left in charge of a careless housewife?

"That little rim of metal, scarce a half-inch higher than the surface of the car wheel, keeps the cars on the track, makes them take the curves, keeps them steady and permits all the wonderful distribution of industrial products that we love to boast about. What would be the good of the linotype if there were no way of getting the great daily newspapers across the country? What would be the good of increased facilities for harvesting grain if there were no way of getting that grain to market rapidly? When you come right down to the bottom facts you will find that the utility of all these great modern inventions about which so much is heard, depend in a large measure upon the poor and little known flange upon every car wheel in the country."

### An Object Lesson.

The coal strike arbitration committee did well to make a personal tour of the mines. After a few hours in the dark, damp and low galleries, with aching backs and burning eyeballs, the commissioners were in a better condition to judge fairly between employers and employes. Judge Gray had to give up and return to the surface before the tour of inspection was well begun, and other members of the commission were almost exhausted when they emerged into the light of day. But hundreds of thousands of men must spend their days in these galleries, working hour after hour in cramped positions, and all for a daily average of \$1.60. Few people have any appreciation of the hardships and dangers of a miner's life.

### The Money of Fools.

In the safes of the gambling houses raided on Tuesday night were found fat rolls of money. It was counted, not being in the usual interpretation "apparatus" of gambling, but it was evident that the total was very great, probably in the hundreds of thousands.

A part of this money was put away for safe keeping by the gamblers themselves, a part by bookmakers and pool-room keepers. Vast as it is, it is only the "petty cash" for current business of a small portion of the men who by favor of the police have been parting fools from their money in this city. On what a gigantic scale must the whole business be organized! How continuous, how uninterrupted, how bold and confident must have been its operations!—New York World.

### Who Made The Tariff.

On the subject of "tariff revision by its friends" the Terre Haute (Ind.) Gazette (dem.) has this catechism: "Who made the sugar tariff? Oxnard and Havemeyer. Who made the steel tariff? The ironmongers. Who made the tariff on hides? The packers. Who made the tariff on cotton goods? The New England mills. Who made the tariff on shoes? The New England and Philadelphia factories? Who made the tariff on locomotives? The Baldwin Locomotive works. Who made the tariff on salt? The salt trust. Who made the tariff on paper? The paper trust."

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