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two-cent railroad fare bill.

The republicans of the Tennessee legislature in joint caucus have adopted resolutions calling upon the republicans of the country to re-nominate Mr. Roosevelt.

Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, in a newspaper interview, declares that Mr. Roosevelt will be re-nominated.

Senator Rayner, of Maryland, declares, in a newspaper interview, in favor of the nomination by the democrats in 1908, of a southern man and suggests Senator Daniel, of Virginia.

A Guthrie, Okla., dispatch says: 'The constitution for the new state of Oklahoma is being printed and will be ready for circulation the middle of next week. It covers 123 pages in book form and contains 100,000 words. It is more than twice as large as any other state constitution of the United States. The longest constitution of any existing state is that of Louisiana, which contains 45,000 words. ginia stands second with 35,000 and Alabama third with 33,000 words. The shortest constitution is that of Rhode Island, with 6,000 words, and the average length of the state constitutions of the union is 15,500 words. The great length of the Oklahoma constitution is due to the large amount of pure legislation contained in the document. The railroad and public service corporation chapter, for example, contains 7,000 words, or is longer than the entire constitution of the state of Rhode Island. This chapter is almost wholly legislative, containing all of the statute laws of Texas governing railroads and public service corporations, in addition to a number of new legislative provisions."

James J. Hill has resigned the presidency of the Great Northern railroad and will be chairman of the board of directors. His son L. W. Hill becomes president.

Frederick A. Busse, republican, and at present postmaster of Chicago, was elected mayor of that city, defeating Mayor Dunne by 13,000.

A New York dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "Congressman H. T. Rainey of Illinois, after spending eight days in the Panama canal zone, today returned here, enthusiastic over the progress made, but most unfavorably impressed with the management of the commissary department. A careful investigation of the commissariat, Mr. Rainey believes, would bring to light a scandal 'second only to the meat scandal of the Spanish-American war.' The chief trouble he thought lay in the fact that meat arriving at the isthmus well preserved was not met at the dock, as was supposed, by refrigerator cars, but instead was leisurely transferred in a temperature of between 80 and 90 degrees, with the result that, unless served with a strong garlic dressing or gravy, it was unpalatable. Mr. Rainey said that he would prove that the lunch served to the congressional party that recently visited the isthmus, and which was supposed to consist of the same menu served daily to canal workers at a cost of 30 cents a man, was in reality ordered five days in advance, and cost \$1.65 a plate. While the commissariat was supposed to serve food at cost. stewards, he said, were ordered to

The Minnesota legislature has passed | the United States for \$3 a pair were sold by the commissariat, the congressman declared, at \$8 a pair. Beyoud a poorly organized commissary department, however, Mr. Rainey said he found nothing to criticise."

> An Associated Press dispatch from New York says: "Frank W. Hill, a stenographer, was arrested tonight charged with having sold to a newspaper a personal letter of E. H. Harriman. The warrant was sworn to by Alexander Millar, secretary of the Union Pacific Railroad company, of which Mr. Harriman is president. The letter in question was addressed by Mr. Harriman to Sydney Webster, and was first published here by the World last Tuesday morning. Statements therein contained called forth a reply from President Roosevelt Tuesday afternoon. Hill is thirty-seven, years old and lives in Brooklyn. Action against Hill was taken under the section of the penal code which defines as a misdemeanor the act of 'a person who wilfully and without authority either takes a letter, telegram or private paper belonging to another, or a copy thereof, and publishes the whole, or any portion thereof.' Assistant District Attorney Paul Krotel has charge of the case, and it was said the arrest will, it is believed, discourage the publication of letters of another prominent man, which, according to report recently had been offered for sale."

Bishop James N. Fitzgerald, of the Methodist church, died at Hong Kong.

An Atlanta, Ga., dispatch to the New York World follows: "Governorelect Hoke Smith has levied on a freight car belonging to the Mobile Just a straight business deal at a reasonable and Ohio Railroad company found in the Atlanta yards. This car has been chained to the tracks and a baliff armed to the teeth is in charge to prevent its removal. Unable to find in Atlanta any representative of the railroad upon whom service could be perfected an attachment against the freight car was secured and an order has been taken in the superior court directing its sale at public outcry, the proceedings to be held pending a result of a damage suit brought against the company by Charles Brown.

London cablegrams give the rumor that the Czar of Russia is to abdicate and that Grand Duke Michael will be regent.

Kansas City, Mo., is after the republican national convention.

ORIGINALITY REWARDED

Former Senator Guy says thought he had been "touched" by all sorts of beggars, but a man he met in Fifth avenue sprang a new dodge on him, says the New York Press.

'Beg pardon boss, but won't you please help a sick man?" said the mendicant.

"What ails you?" kindly enquired the former secretary.

"Well, you see, it's this way; I've got a prescription that a doctor gave me, and-"

"Oh, I understand, you want money

enough to get it filled?"

"No indeed, sir! I've got the medicine, but it says on the bottle that I must take the dose after eating. Now all I need is the price of a meal."

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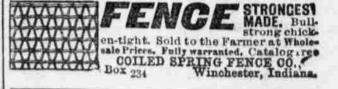
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