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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Dies From Cold on Prairie.
Callaway, Neb., Feb. 14.—C. W. Gray, eighty years old, living alone on his ranch, was frozen to death on the prairie while trying to reach the house of a neighbor.

Dorsey Released From Prison.
Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 15.—Frank A. Dorsey, former cashier of a bank at Ponca, Neb., was released from the federal prison here, having completed a six years' sentence.

Pawnee City Has Big Fire.
Pawnee City, Neb., Feb. 15.—Fire destroyed the Bogle Bros. department store. Loss, \$30,000. The firemen suffered intensely from the cold. In several instances fingers, hands and feet being frozen.

Judge Crawford Is Dead.
West Point, Neb., Feb. 11.—Hon. James C. Crawford, former judge of the district court of Nebraska and one of the most prominent and striking figures in the history of Cuming county, died of ailments incident to old age, at the family residence in this city, aged seventy-six years.

Blaze at Norfolk.
Norfolk, Neb., 14.—Fire after midnight in buildings owned by the Krug brewery and occupied as a restaurant and saloon, menaced Norfolk's business district. Harry Watt and John Michaelson, firemen, were slightly hurt. The fire was brought under control after six hours. Loss, \$10,000.

Ex-Governor Boies Critically Ill.
Des Moines, Feb. 15.—Ex-Governor Horace Boies is lying critically ill at a hotel in Hot Springs, Ark., where he went for his health some weeks ago. From his general condition before his departure his relatives at Waterloo fear he will not recover. His family has been called to his bedside.

Burlington Rails Spread.
Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 14.—Burlington passenger train No. 41 was wrecked half way between Ravenna and St. Michael. It is stated here that the train ran along the ties several train lengths. None of the cars tipped over and no one was injured. A crew has been sent to the scene to get the train on the track. The spreading of the rails was the cause.

Meeting Knocked Out by Storm.
Kearney, Neb., Feb. 15.—President B. D. Hayward of the state conference of charities and corrections announced that it had been found necessary to postpone for the present the annual conference which was to have been held in this city this week. This step was taken on account of the extremely severe weather and the delay and uncertainty in the train service.

Government Right First.
Lincoln, Feb. 15.—After a long hearing in the office of Governor Mickey, the state board of irrigation sustained the contention of the federal government to priority of water rights in western Nebraska. A unanimous ruling accordingly was made for the government as against a private irrigation corporation, represented at the hearing by H. G. Leavitt, president of the Beet Sugar company of Ames. Mr. Leavitt retains the right of appeal to the courts.

Experiments Are Almost Fatal.
Papillion, Neb., Feb. 14.—During an experiment conducted by H. P. Beerline with a gasoline engine in his store, several of the onlookers were overcome by gas escaping through the exhaust. The young son of E. E. Pacey was the first victim. Complaining of being sleepy, he fell over unconscious, and while hurrying to his assistance those in the room discovered the unsteadiness of themselves and that navigation was nearly impossible. It was some time after the engine was shut off that the men recovered. Some were very sick for a short time, but no serious results have followed.

McGreedy Shortage Grows.
O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 14.—The citizens of the O'Neill school district in mass meeting passed a resolution to not accept the proposition offered by their ex-treasurer, Bernard McGreedy, and passed another resolution calling on the board to collect the amounts found due the district in any manner found to be available. The special committee appointed to examine the accounts of the ex-treasurer found the amount due to be \$4,300, instead of \$2,711, as reported by McGreedy. Secretary Smith reported that he found where McGreedy had taken credit twice in several cases for the same warrants. The cancelled warrants cannot be found.

SNOW BLOCKS THE TRACKS.

Burlington's Coast Train Stalls and Returns to Lincoln.

Lincoln, Feb. 13.—Weather conditions were improved in southeastern Nebraska, the snowfall ceasing and the wind dying down. The temperature, however, continues low, the

highest for the day being 11 below zero and the lowest 16 below. Train service is still demoralized. No attempt has yet been made to move any kind of freight, and mail trains on branch lines of all systems entering Lincoln are abandoned. Through trains on main lines are from five to twenty hours late. The Pacific coast through express on the Burlington, which left here six hours late, was stalled at Waco, fifty miles west, and later backed into Lincoln.

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CZAR ENDORSES PLAN FOR PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY.

Apprehension of Further Trouble at St. Petersburg Allayed—Joint Commission to Investigate Causes of Discontent Among Workmen.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—The news that Emperor Nicholas has endorsed the scheme for the revival of the zemsky zeabor, or ancient land parliament, which the old emperors convoked in times of stress, has spread through the city and created intense satisfaction among the liberal classes. The newspapers are filled with articles descriptive of this ancient Russian institution, indicating that word had gone forth that the government had decided to listen to the voice of representatives of the people. Naturally there is some skepticism as to whether the government intends frankly to take the step, but the general verdict is that if the emperor has succeeded in shaking off reactionary influences and now proceeds in good faith to summon the zemsky zeabor, he will rally to his support the moderate liberals and perhaps arouse a wave of genuine enthusiasm in the country. Liberals are convinced that a meeting of such a conservative body must be followed by reforms.

The anticipated renewal of trouble among the workmen was not realized. Neither strikers nor students made the slightest attempt to demonstrate and throughout the day the city presented a normal appearance. The emperor's creation of a joint commission of masters and workmen, chosen by themselves, to investigate the causes of discontent among laborers, has made an exceedingly good impression, being considered definite evidence of the government's purpose to compel some of the rapacious masters who have paid starvation wages to do justice to their employes.

At the Mali theater a scene was created by cries of "Down with the autocracy" and personal abuse of the emperor. The demonstrators were ejected from the theater. The police continue to make arrests.

Situation in Poland Is Acute.

Warsaw, Feb. 13.—Private telegrams received from Dombrova say that all the factories there are closed. Thirty thousand wagonloads of ore are standing on the railway tracks and the entire freight traffic of the Vistula line must be suspended unless the wagons are removed. The coal supply is the most urgent question in Warsaw since the Sosnowice strike began. Governor General Tchertkoff received a telegram from Emperor Nicholas permitting him to import coal free of duty from Silesia for a fortnight, and orders were immediately dispatched to Silesian mines. A telephone message received from Lodz says all is quiet there, but manufacturers are convinced that the strikers have no intention to return to work today.

Japs Will Know No Neutrals.

Tokio, Feb. 15.—In discussing a report that colliers had refused to accompany the second Russian Pacific squadron on its way north, a member of the Japanese naval staff said: "Our commanders will fire upon and sink any colliers found in company with the Russian warships, regardless of nationality."

HOCH MAY BE "JAKE" HOFFMAN.

Police Inclined to Believe He Was Janitor of the Holmes Building.
Chicago, Feb. 15.—The police put more faith in a theory that Johann Hoch is identical with "Jake" Hoffman, janitor of the flat building owned by the wholesale murderer, H. H. Holmes, in 1893. There are persons who now positively identify Hoch as Hoffman. Police Inspector Shippy obtained the names of several others who knew Hoffman and who will be asked to say whether Hoffman and Hoch are one.

Hitherto doubt has been cast upon the assertions that Hoch and Hoffman were identical because of a belief that Hoch did not arrive in this country until 1895. Seemingly, however, Hoch's own statement is all the police have for this. They have to the contrary the statement of a furniture dealer here who declares he sold Hoch furniture in 1891-1892.

Ladrones Hard Pressed by Troops.

Manila, Feb. 13.—The band of ladrones which attacked the town of San Francisco de la Malabon Jan. 24

and captured the wife and two children of former Governor Trias is being hard pressed by a troop of cavalry, under Major F. W. Sibley. They have released Mrs. Trias and her two children, whom they were holding for ransom.

Mobile Is Burning.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 13.—Fire, which broke out in the Battle house at midnight, has already destroyed that building and is now threatening much other property. The loss already has reached more than \$1,000,000. The Battle house was one of the largest hotels in the south.

TRADE REVIEW FOR THE WEEK.

Spring Jobbing Begins to Expand and All Factories Are Busy.

New York, Feb. 11.—Bradstreet's says: Spring jobbing has at last begun to expand and reports of improvement come from the west, northwest and far west, this despite severe winter weather, which, in the case of the south, operated to check the development noted last week. Dry goods, shoes, groceries, hardware, millinery and lumber at wholesale have all sold better of late, and certainly in larger volume than at this date a year ago, which latter period, however, saw somewhat of a halt occurring.

Industry remains as active as heretofore and the iron trade confirms the best reports heretofore made in statistics, showing production and consumption the heaviest ever recorded. Collections are still a subject of complaint, apparently feeling the effect of weather conditions, dulling retail distribution, which in a few lines, however, such as shoes, rubbers and heavy wear goods, has been favored by the inclement weather. Money is still phenomenally easy and a temporary check to the heavy outgo of gold is noted. Some benefits from climatic conditions are noted, likewise some drawbacks. Anthracite coal demand has been stimulated at the east and prices are very firm. The west has taken more freely of bituminous grades, which are reported in rather better supply there. The labor situation is on the whole favorable, but the perennial unrest in the New York building trades is again manifesting itself, with great possibilities for future trouble. The general undertone is still one of undiminished confidence in a larger trade when the winter grip is finally broken and milder weather arrives. Reports to Bradstreet's indicate a gain of 6 per cent in the gross receipts of railroads over the same month last year.

Failures for the week number 207.

STANDARD OIL STRIKES BACK.

Nine Hundred Men Out of Work Because of Adverse Legislation.

Independence, Kan., Feb. 11.—The Standard Oil company has curtailed its output in the Kansas field, laying off 900 men indefinitely. The action is said to be the result of antagonistic measures passed recently by the Kansas legislature.

Chanute, Kan., Feb. 11.—The Prairie Oil and Gas company, the Kansas name for the Standard Oil company, posted a notice that it would purchase no more Kansas oil. The Kansas City refinery is to get its supply from the territory field and the Neodosha refinery is to shut down. All the gaugers have been laid off. All the plants at Chanute will shut down indefinitely. Hundreds of men will be thrown out of work, but the operators will take care of them. The operators say that they will put still more energy into the fight for state legislation as a result of the shutdown.

Harmon to Investigate Santa Fe.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Attorney General Moody has appointed Judson Harmon of Cincinnati, who was attorney general during the second administration of President Cleveland, and Frederick Judson, a prominent lawyer of St. Louis, to investigate the alleged action of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad in granting rebates to the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. This employment is with the view of taking legal proceedings against the company if the investigation seems to justify.

Caucus Brings No Change.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 11.—As the vote on the twentieth ballot of the joint session of the legislature to select a successor to Senator Cockrell proceeded the expectation that there would be a break in the Niedringhaus forces as a result of the caucus faded, and the only change was in the recipient of Representative Walmley's complimentary vote, which he cast for State Senator G. R. Curry. Adjournment was taken until Monday.

Belgian Coal Strike Collapsing.

Brussels, Feb. 15.—The coal strike shows signs of collapsing, the resumption of work becoming more general in different districts. The minister of industries received a deputation of socialists from the colliery districts, asking that the government intervene to secure the men increased wages and lesser hours. The minister declined to interfere.