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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Sheriff Levies on Crandall Property.
Lincoln, March 30.—Acting on an attachment secured by Receiver Whittemore of the suspended Citizens' bank of Firth, Sheriff Rees levied on \$65,000 worth of property of the missing cashier, W. J. Crandall. There has been no trace of Crandall since his disappearance, ten days ago. He was regarded as the wealthiest man of the town, owning such property, all of which is said to be heavily involved. His mill and elevator have been shut down.

LOCOMOTIVE FIRES BRIDGE.

Seven Spans of Burlington Bridge Near Grand Island Burned.

Grand Island, Neb., March 28.—Only by the hardest work of section men with pumps was the complete destruction of the Burlington bridge across the Platte river prevented.

The warm winds of the last few days had made the bridge dry as tinder. A freight train passed over the bridge about 6 o'clock and some time later it was discovered on fire. Seven twenty-foot spans were burned out. The Burlington trains are being sent around by way of Central City. The loss will be about \$1,500. The bridge is nearly a mile long.

BANK TELLER BREAKS WRIST.

Day of Biggest Deposits in Omaha Results in Crippling of Official.

Omaha, March 29.—Waldox Foster, receiving teller of the United States National bank, is nursing a crippled arm, the result of having broken a bone in the wrist while counting silver dollars. He did it the day the returns to the comptroller of the currency showed the biggest deposits in Omaha banks of any day at this season of the year. Business was rushing and the teller was rapidly pulling in the coins and stacking them in piles when something in his right wrist cracked. It pained him considerably, but he continued the counting of the money and stuck to his post. His arm is now badly swollen. His fellow employes at the bank say money is not often so plentiful in Omaha that tellers break their arms counting it.

ONCE POOR, NOW RICH; GIVES.

County Ward, Who Inherited \$100,000, Provides for Home for Aged Men.

Omaha, March 30.—Patrick Mulligan, the poorhouse inmate who recently found himself heir to an estate of \$100,000, left by his uncle, a gold miner, will endow Omaha with a home for aged men.

Although several weeks have passed since Mulligan's uncle died, legal red tape still holds the money, and Mulligan is wondering whether he will live to receive the benefit of it. He chose to remain in the poorhouse until the money is actually received. In the meantime he is drawing up his will, which leaves his unexpected wealth in care of three trustees.

"If I am not to live to spend the money myself," he says, "I will see to it that some other old men are saved from the necessity of spending their last days as wards of the county."

SENATE PASSES PRIMARY BILL.

House Concurs in Amendments and Measure Goes to Governor.

Lincoln, March 30.—The senate passed the state-wide direct primary bill, with amendments, which the house concurred in. The bill, which will go to the governor today, does away with state, county and city nominating conventions.

The house indefinitely postponed the bill prohibiting express, telegraph and telephone franks.

The house indefinitely postponed what are known as the Aldrich "inquisitorial" bills. Both came from the senate. One of these was intended to give the state labor bureau power to investigate and make public the workings of private corporations. The other prevented issue of stock by public service corporations without the consent of the state railway commission. The vote to kill the latter carried by a majority of but two votes.

The senate lopped off \$153,840 in house appropriations, making a reduction thus far of nearly \$350,000.

ANTI-PASS BILL TO GOVERNOR

Both Houses Adopt Measure by Practically Unanimous Vote.

Lincoln, March 29.—Both houses of the legislature took final action on the railroad anti-pass bill, adopting it by a practically unanimous vote, and

MORGAN HAS BEEN SINGING A DOUBTFUL SONG TO ROOSEVELT



The Populist of '96: "I wonder where J. Pierpont Morgan found that old horn which I threw away over ten years ago."
—Morris in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

sending it to the governor. It carries the emergency clause and prohibits free transportation to nearly every one save employes and their immediate families.

The house passed its own bill repealing the present maximum freight rate law.

Governor Sheldon signed the bill for municipal taxation of railroad properties in cities and towns. The act does not carry the emergency clause, and will not be effective for this year's assessment.

The senate lopped off \$180,000 of appropriations made by the house for the University of Nebraska, and announced that other house appropriations would be cut.

The house recommended for passage without amendment the senate maximum freight rate bill.

The senate pure food bill was recommended for passage by the house.

The house anti-cigarette bill was passed by the senate. It prohibits boys under eighteen smoking cigarettes in public.

Street Car Jumps Track, Five Hurt.

Omaha, April 2.—A heavily loaded street car on the Thirteenth street line jumped the track at Twentieth and L streets. Five people were badly injured. O. J. Serviss will die.

JURY IN KENNISON CASE.

Panel Completed and Taking of Testimony Begins.

Gering, Neb., April 2.—A jury was secured in the Kennison trial and the introduction of testimony was commenced. The eye-witnesses who were examined confirm the original story of the killing of Cox. John Adsit, a witness who was not produced at the coroner's inquest, was placed on the stand. He saw the initiation of the trouble, and testified that Kennison struck the first blow; that after a scuffle Kennison backed away from Cox about six feet and, with a curse, drew his revolver and shot. Then, when Cox closed in upon him, he fired twice more in rapid succession, Cox falling at the third shot. Eight witnesses were examined and the state will have about forty more. The defense is not developing its line further than in attempting to show uncertainty as to who was the aggressor.

FREE LAND IN NEBRASKA.

Over Seventy Thousand Acres to Be Opened to Settlement in May.

North Platte, Neb., April 1.—A computation of the acreage to be thrown open to one section homestead entry on May 1, 1907, at the United States land office at North Platte, Neb., shows the total to be 76,520 acres. This land is divided among the different counties as follows: Lincoln, 200 acres; Keith, 31,720 acres; Penele, 37,640 acres; Cheyenne, 6,960 acres.

None of this land may be homesteaded or entered in any manner at the present time. Such is the order of the secretary of the interior. Heretofore when there have been land openings parties have filed upon a quarter section under the old homestead law, and filed upon the same in such a manner as to leave the rest of the section in an undesirable condition for anyone else. But this is prevented in this instance by the secretary's order prohibiting anyone from homesteading or filing upon this land prior to May 1, 1907.

STREET RAILWAY BILL DEAD.

House Kills Measure to Permit Ownership of Interurban Stock.

Lincoln, April 2.—The house killed senate file 25, the bill allowing street railways to own the stock of interurbans, by a vote of 40 to 28. During the discussion of the bill Walsh charged that Cone went to Omaha and told the Omaha Grain exchange he could pass or kill any measure affecting that organization. Cone branded the statement as untrue and Walsh

quoted Secretary McVann as his authority. Speaker Nettleton dissolved the committee of the whole and prevented what might have been a pretty scrap.

The anti-bucket shop bill was taken out of the hands of the committee of the whole and is now on the list of bills on third reading.

On third reading the senate passed house roll No. 220, providing that railway companies shall sell 1,000-mile books for \$20, good in the hands of bearer and for as many fares as the latter authorizes.

The pure food bill was passed in the house by a vote of 77 to 9.

RATE LAW TO BE TESTED

Railroads Will Take Nebraska Passenger Fare Law Into Courts.

Washington, April 1.—In accordance with their intention expressed some time ago, the railroads constituting the western trunk lines, the Central Traffic association and the Eastern trunk lines, have filed with the interstate commerce commission tariffs increasing their rates on eastbound grain and grain products, to become effective about April 1. This action was taken, it is understood, because of the enactment by legislatures of some of the western states of laws regarded as inimical to their interests.

The particular law to which the railroads took exception was the 2-cent fare act of the legislature of Nebraska. Soon after the passage of the act, officials of the railroads interested held a meeting in Chicago, at which it was decided not only that they should test the constitutionality of the measure but that it would be necessary for them to increase their freight rates on eastbound grain.

Wood Prefers Charges Against Cairns.

Washington, April 3.—Following his controversy with Captain Koehler, Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Philippine division, has preferred charges of using disrespectful language against F. S. Cairns, an employe of the civil government of the Philippines, and the Philippines commission is now investigating the dispute.

Steamer Broken to Pieces.

London, April 3.—A dispatch from The Lizard announced that the White Star line steamer Suevic, which went ashore near The Lizard, March 17, was cut in two by the extensive use of dynamite and its afterpart was finally severed and towed into port. Its forepart is firmly fixed on the reef.

Woman Killed in Auto Accident.

Nononta, N. Y., April 1.—Mrs. E. S. Loveland, a niece of the late Collis P. Huntington and a beneficiary under his will, was instantly killed while operating an automobile. Mrs. Loveland was thrown from the car when it plunged over an embankment and her neck was broken.

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THAW HEARING RESUMED

LUNACY BOARD WILL CONCLUDE LABORS TODAY.

DECISION IS DUE TOMORROW

Report Will Be Handed In to Justice Fitzgerald—Character of the Testimony of the Alienists is Very Conflicting.

New York, April 3.—The lunacy commission inquiring into the present mental state of Harry K. Thaw will conclude its labors today and report its conclusions to Justice Fitzgerald before the hour set for the Thaw jury to report in court tomorrow morning. There will be a brief public session to hear the testimony of an alienist offered by District Attorney Jerome, and then will follow a private mental and physical examination of the defendant. Only the members of the commission and the official stenographer will be present at Thaw's last ordeal, attorneys for the defense and the district attorney being barred.

The announcement that the commission desired to renew its private examination of Thaw was in the nature of a complete surprise. The decision probably was due to the conflicting character of the testimony. It was another battle of alienists. Those engaged by the district attorney declared Thaw absolutely incapable of understanding his condition, of realizing the nature of the charge against him, or of rationally conferring with counsel, while those engaged by the defense declared Thaw throughout the trial had acted in a rational manner, had rationally advised his counsel in their hearing and fully understood and appreciated everything connected with the trial.

RUEF PLACED ON TRIAL

First Talesman Examined is Challenged by Both Sides.

San Francisco, April 3.—A legal battle that promises to last for weeks and is expected to be in a measure pivotal for all the criminal proceedings growing out of the grand jury's bribery investigation was begun in earnest when Abraham Ruef, San Francisco's indicted political boss, was placed on trial in Judge Dunne's department of the superior court on the charge of extorting large sums of money from local French restaurant keepers, under threat that unless paid he and Mayor Schmitz would prevent the renewal of their liquor licenses by the commission.

When court adjourned one talesman had been examined and was under challenge by both sides and a second was under examination by the defense. The first is J. R. Bradstreet, a weather strip manufacturer, and Henry Ach, of counsel for Ruef, conducted the examination of talesmen.

CONGRESSMAN STILL IN JAIL

Favrot of Louisiana Must Wait Until Grand Jury Acts in Case.

Baton Rouge, La., April 3.—Congressman George Favrot after several months in jail, during which a grand jury indicted him for murder culminating with the final quashing of this indictment by the supreme court, must now remain in prison for several more weeks until another grand jury can reopen and act upon the whole matter again.

Favrot shot and killed Dr. R. H. Aldrich, alleging that the physician had cast aspersions upon Mrs. Favrot.

GREEN BUG IN OKLAHOMA

Fifteen Per Cent of Wheat and 25 Per Cent of Oats Crop Destroyed.

Oklahoma City, April 3.—C. V. Topping, secretary of the Oklahoma Millers' association, who has received reports from every section of Oklahoma, estimates that 15 per cent of the wheat and 25 per cent of the oats crop is destroyed by the green bug. There is, he says, not a section where the pest has not appeared, while in some sections both crops are wholly destroyed. The bug is now beginning to fly and it is believed the next ten days will see the end of its ravages.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD

Both houses of the Minnesota legislature adopted the 2-cent passenger fare bill.

Stephen S. Sharpe, a pioneer railroad builder, died at his home in Kansas City from an attack of paralysis, aged seventy-one years.

President Roosevelt has reappointed Brigadier General Charles F. Humphreys quartermaster general to succeed himself on the expiration of his present term.

The Irish Presbyterian church has agreed unanimously to invite the Rev. William John McCaughan, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church of Chicago, to become pastor of the May street congregation at Belfast.

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