

FOUR YEAR TERMS

HOUSE GIVES APPROVAL TO THE NORRIS MEASURE.

SENATORS BY A DIRECT VOTE

Report Says Continuous Drama Causes People to Lose Interest in Politics—Election of Congressmen Every Two Years Encourages Political Grafting.

WASHINGTON—A resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people has been favorably acted upon by the house committee on election of president, vice-president and representatives in congress. The resolution, which was introduced by Mr. Norris of Nebraska, makes the terms of members of the house four years instead of two. Both propositions are to be accomplished by amendments to the constitution.

Reasons why the term of members should be four years are stated to be because no party can inaugurate its policy in two years.

"The people are tired," the report says, "of this continuous drama and as a result are inclined to give no attention to the primaries and the convention—the very foundation of our political system—the forum wherein the country's interests can best be guarded and protected. With an election every two years, the political grafter who thrives on partisan strife and on the nervous uncertainty controlling candidates for office is able to live from one election to another by the bootleg secured at his unholy business. The adoption of the proposed amendment would render it less possible for this creature to ply his trade."

Regarding the election of senators by direct vote the report says:

"The proposition to provide for the election of senators by direct vote of the people has been before the house of representatives and has received favorable consideration upon several different occasions. A proposition to amend the constitution having this object in view has passed the house of representatives at four different times and each time by a practically unanimous vote."

TOO MANY ANARCHISTS COMING AMONG US

WASHINGTON—According to official information received in the city Italian anarchists are arriving in the United States in great numbers at both Pacific and Atlantic seaports. The diplomatic representatives of the Italian government have positive information to this effect, and have brought the matter to the attention of the United States. Through these representatives at San Francisco and Baltimore the immigration officials have been advised of the recent landing of a number of anarchists from Italy. The city of Baltimore, it is stated, is rapidly becoming an anarchistic center. Italian consuls are engaged in assisting the immigration officials with a view to locating these men, and it was said that very shortly there will be placed in the hands of the immigration authorities sufficient data upon which to make a number of arrests.

IOWA CROP BULLETIN.

Farm Work is Ten to Fourteen Days Behind Normal.

DES MOINES, Ia.—The winter of 1905-1906 was phenomenally mild, but March was unusually cold and stormy, except the last week, with conditions unfavorable for farm operations in all parts of the state. The first week in April was above normal in temperature, with frequent showers and excessive rainfall except in portions of the northern section. The season for farming operations is ten to fourteen days later than the average. The showers of the latter part of the past week will cause still further delay in seeding and spring plowing.

In well drained portions of the state a little seeding of spring wheat and oats has been done, but generally field work has been impracticable, except plowing grass lands. All reports indicate that fall wheat and rye came through the winter in good condition. There are no reports of material injury to fruit buds. One of the most favorable features of the crop situation is that an unusually large amount of plowing was done last fall, preparatory for spring seeding and planting.

Clark Must Hang.

OMAHA—For the second time within a month a criminal court jury has decreed the severest penalty known to law in passing upon Harrison Clark, one of the trio of negro outlaws who took the life of Edward Flury, the street car conductor, a month ago, the judgment of death. After having been out but three hours, only a third of which time was consumed in actual deliberation, the jury returned its verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree with the sentence fixed at hanging.

Bailey, the Showman, Dead.

NEW YORK—James A. Bailey, died at his home in Mount Vernon Wednesday from erysipelas. He was 59 years of age. Mr. Bailey's name is familiar throughout America and Europe as a showman, and in his later years he was managing director of the Barnum & Bailey show. Practically his whole life was spent in the circus business as employee and proprietor. He joined P. T. Barnum in 1881 and since that time most of the big circuses of the country have been consolidated, with him as director.

RUSSELL A. ALGER OUT OF IT.

Michigan Senator Is Not a Candidate For Re-Election.

DETROIT, Mich.—An announcement was made late from Senator R. A. Alger's office in this city that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself in the senate when the legislature meets on January 3, next. The announcement took the form of a letter which it was stated was received today from the senator. It says:

"Owing to the condition of my health I am compelled to withdraw my candidacy to succeed myself in the United States senate. While it is a great sacrifice to sever a connection with many years' standing with the public affairs of my state, that sacrifice has become necessary. I take this opportunity to convey to the friends who have so loyally given me their support my heartfelt thanks and sense of lasting obligations and to express to the state my deep gratitude for the honors it has seen fit to confer upon me."

THE PACKER'S FUNERAL IS LARGELY ATTENDED

BEVERLY, Mass.—The funeral of Edwin C. Swift, of the firm of Swift & Co., the Chicago meat packers, who died at the Quincy house in Boston from pneumonia, was held at Beverly Farms. The honorary pall bearers were fifty in number, representing the various industries with which Mr. Swift was connected, while the acting pall bearers were from St. John's church. The body was taken to Forest Hill cemetery and placed in a receiving vault to await the arrival of Mrs. Swift from Europe.

MORGAN ON RATE MEASURE.

Alabama Senator Says Pending Bill Interferes with State Rights.

WASHINGTON—Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Morgan addressed the senate Monday on the railroad rate question, the former advocating legislation and the latter opposing. The Mississippi senator announced his intention to support an amendment providing for a court review of the decisions of the Interstate Commerce commission and also stated his adherence to the Bailey amendment prohibiting the temporary suspension of the commission's orders by the inferior courts. He criticized what he characterized as an effort to inject politics into the consideration of the bill.

Mr. Morgan took the position that the proposed legislation was an interference with the rights of the states to control the corporations created by themselves and said that the best way to check exorbitant railroad rates was to keep the waterways in such condition as to insure competition.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE REACHES THIS COUNTRY

PHILADELPHIA, P.—Dr. Fairfax Irwin, surgeon of the public health and hospital service, in charge of the local quarantine station, received a telegram from Assistant Surgeon John Anderson at Washington stating that the suspicious cases of sickness on the steamer Burrfield, from Bombay, which is in quarantine here, are bubonic plague. Surgeon Anderson inoculated a guinea pig with pus taken from the infected men, and the animal died in less than twenty-four hours, showing all the symptoms of bubonic plague. There are now four patients, all LaScares, in the quarantine hospital at Reedy Island.

SUIT FOR OVER A MILLION.

New Action at New York Against the McCurdys.

NEW YORK—Charges of conspiracy in the appointment of Robert H. McCurdy, as superintendent of the foreign department of the Mutual Life Insurance company were made in a new action brought by that company against Richard A. McCurdy, formerly president of the company, and his son, Robert. The complaint alleges that the two McCurdys conspired to enrich Robert H. McCurdy by maintaining his compensation on a commission basis at an exorbitant rate. The suit is to recover from the defendants \$1,002,841.

A just compensation for his services while superintendent of the foreign department is declared in the complaint to be \$10,000 a year prior to 1889, \$15,000 a year up to 1905, and \$20,000 thereafter until he resigned.

Will Move Jones' Body.

ANNAPOLIS Md.—The officials of the naval academy have completed their part of the program of the ceremonies incident to the transfer of the remains of John Paul Jones from the temporary tomb in the academy grounds to Bancroft hall on April 24.

ROME—Rev. Father Louis Martin, general of the order of Jesuits, whose right arm was amputated in 1905 for cancer, is in a serious condition and is sinking fast, a cancer having appeared in his breast.

Comes West Next Year.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has taken up the question of a trip through the west during the spring or summer of 1907. He expects to reach a conclusion in the matter before a great while.

TACOMA, Wash.—The American Smelting and Refining company is to build 125 miles of railroad from Valdez to its Bonanza copper mine in Alaska at once. This has been decided upon by George Gugenheim, president of the company.

ONE VAST DESERT

OLD VESUVIUS IS STILL BELCHING FORTH.

SITUATION APPEARS IMPROVED

Fall of Volcanic Ash Is Finer and Diminishing in Quantity—People of Naples in a Panic, With Shops Closed and Manufacturers Deserted.

NAPLES—The whole of the Vesuvius district as far as Naples, Caserta and Castellamare is one vast desert. Reports tonight from all sides state that the fall of ashes is not so heavy as it has been for the last few days and that the ashes are much finer, and from this it is argued that the prospects are much brighter.

The blockade of local traffic continues, but service on the main lines of railway has been re-established, although greatly disarranged by the indescribable confusion in the stations, where foreigners, not fully understanding the situation, inquired against the delays and discomforts to which they have been subjected. It is estimated that 50,000 people have been driven from their homes and property damaged will exceed \$20,000,000.

This has been a disquieting day in Naples. The people, alarmed by what has happened, have deserted their shops and the manufacturers are nearly all closed. The crowds are in a temper for any excess. It would only require a spark to start a conflagration.

The arrival of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena has done much to restore calm. They have been received with great joy, especially when the sovereigns left a hospital after a visit to the wounded there. One poor woman exclaimed: "I would consent to be wounded for the sake of being kissed by the queen."

Others cannot find words in which to express their gratitude. Both the royal palaces of Capodimonte and San Fernando have been given up to refugees.

Reports of the destruction of two towns—Sarno and San Gennaro—the former having a population of more than 8,000, have proved to be without foundation. At Sarno 5,000 persons from nearby villages and farms have found refuge. Ottajano, where many lives were lost on Monday, is now practically buried.

Conditions tonight in the section affected by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius are greatly ameliorated. The fall of volcanic ash has diminished, and scientists express the opinion that the volcano has spent itself. All the papers tonight advise the public to be calm, pointing out the improved condition of affairs. The papers also eulogize Director Matteucci for his courage in returning to the ruined observatory on Mount Vesuvius and sending from that place messages of encouragement and expressions of confidence that Vesuvius will soon quiet down.

MILLARD SEEKS RE-ELECTION.

Reiterates Statement Made to Correspondent Last Summer.

OMAHA—"I told the Bee's Washington correspondent last summer that I would be a candidate for re-election to the senate and I have not changed my mind since then," said Senator Joseph H. Millard at the Millard hotel, in reply to a direct question on the subject.

"I have not given the matter any great amount of thought, however, and have done no work in that direction. My visit to Omaha at the present time is entirely on personal business and has nothing whatever to do with my candidacy. I will not be missed from the field though, as there are plenty of candidates out for the seat."

THE PRESIDENT STILL AFTER THE PACKERS

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Chronicle says: President Roosevelt has once more taken a personal hand in the prosecution of the packers, and the result is apparent in a resumption of activity on the part of the local federal officials. It had been announced that the effort to punish the packers as individuals is to be renewed with promptitude and vigor.

"This is under direct instructions to District Attorney Morrison from the president and attorney general. Attorney Morrison has been directed to proceed against the packers under the injunction of Judge Grosscup, of the United States circuit court, and also to seek new indictments before the next federal grand jury."

General Debate in the House.

WASHINGTON—For seven hours Tuesday the house had under consideration the postoffice appropriation bill, but in only a few instances were the provisions considered. During debate on the special appropriation for railway mail pay, bitter words were exchanged between representatives from North Carolina, Arkansas and Kentucky, but all were within the rules of the house. A humorous speech was made by J. Adam Bede and Charles A. Towne spoke in behalf of the Jamestown exposition.

Chinese Boycott Broken.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—The Bulletin says that the boycott on American goods in the orient is practically broken. Returning tourists, business men and Chinese, who arrived on the liner America, say that it is only a matter of time when the discrimination against wares from this country will have entirely disappeared. A. S. Lambert has established a mint for the Imperial Chinese government in Honan province, in the heart of the empire. He says there is no discrimination against American goods.

HAS A BIG HEART.

President Promptly Acts in the Shadow of Death.

WASHINGTON—That President Roosevelt showed himself a man of most generous impulses is the opinion of Representative Hinshaw, but as for the president's secretary, Mr. Loeb, the congressman from the Fourth Nebraska district is by no means as certain. Some weeks ago Rev. Mr. Ware was convicted of frauds in connection with western Nebraska lands. He was tried in Omaha and sentenced to the penitentiary. Ware had a number of agents working for him in procuring old soldiers to make application for homestead entries. Among these agents were Harry Welch of Davenport, Neb. Welch pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Douglas county jail and fined \$300. Welch has now served three months of the sentence.

Believing that Welch was really ignorant of the law a large petition had been signed by citizens of Davenport and vicinity requesting the president to pardon Welch, which petition Mr. Hinshaw presented to the president, but Mr. Roosevelt refused to act.

Last night Mr. Hinshaw received a telegram from Welch stating that his wife was in a dying condition in a hospital in St. Joseph, Mo., and stating he had made application to the district attorney to be permitted to go to St. Joseph under guard to see his wife. The prayer of Welch had been referred to Attorney General Moody who refused the application on the ground that there was no law to authorize it.

This morning Congressman Hinshaw received a telegram from District Attorney Goss saying that at his instance the police of St. Joseph had investigated the case and had ascertained that Welch's wife was fatally ill and that she was asking in heartrending tones for her husband and that the doctor in attendance strongly advised his coming.

With these two telegrams in his possession, Mr. Hinshaw was at the White House at 8 o'clock to see the president, but Mr. Loeb said Mr. Roosevelt could not be seen before 9:30. He told the president's secretary of the extreme importance of the case, but Mr. Loeb said it was impossible to forego the rule.

At 9:15 the president entered and, possibly having an inkling of the contents of the telegrams, saw Mr. Hinshaw at once. He read them and then, in his impetuous manner, wrote across the last telegram to Attorney General Moody to have the request of Welch granted immediately, and inside of thirty minutes from the time Mr. Hinshaw saw the president the following telegram was speeding from Mr. Moody to Marshall Warner.

"Under authority of president you are directed to send prisoner Welch immediately under proper guard to St. Joseph, Mo., to see his wife, now fatally ill."

R. E. LEWIS TO BE U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE

WASHINGTON—Judge Moses Hallett, of the United States district court of Colorado, has tendered his resignation to the president, and it has been accepted. After a spirited contest, conducted principally before Judge Hallett's resignation was received, but with a knowledge that it was coming, the president has appointed Robert E. Lewis, formerly a judge of the El Paso county court, Colorado, to succeed Judge Hallett. Several members of the Colorado congressional delegation discussed the appointment with the president today.

PEACE BROODS OVER ZION.

Controversy Between Dr. Dowie and Former Followers to Be Arbitrated.

CHICAGO—At the conclusion of a day of conferences between representatives of the opposing interests of the Christian Catholic church, the statement was made at midnight Wednesday that the whole controversy would probably be settled by conciliation. Both sides to the dispute, according to Attorney Emil C. Wetten, John Alexander's legal representative, are anxious for an amicable adjustment of the whole dispute. This announcement was made by Mr. Wetten after his return to Chicago from Zion City, where he went and was in conference with General Overseer Voliva, Overseer Speicher Overseer Piper, Deacon Granger and Judge Barnes, the head of Zion City's law department.

Finds Good in America.

BERLIN—Judge Adolph Hartmann of Berlin, who was the German representative at the St. Louis congress of lawyers and who spent fifteen months traveling in the United States in order to study court proceedings and American legal institutions, has just published an exhaustive treatise on American law with practical suggestions for the reform in German court procedure, which is scheduled for the next decade. He says he found many innovations in the United States to commend.

Prominent Choctaw Dead.

ARDMORE, I. T.—Jefferson Gardner, ex-governor of Indian territory, and a highly respected member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians, died of pneumonia at Idabel. The deceased was sixty years of age.

LINCOLN—L. M. Pemberton of Beatrice, was appointed by the supreme court to be referee to hear the testimony in the grain cases. Senator Pemberton is attending the Kansas supreme court at Topeka and it is not known yet whether he will accept

NEBRASKA NOTES

STATE TREASURER MORTENSON'S REPORT MADE PUBLIC.

A BALANCE IN ALL THE FUNDS

A Movement on the Part of State Officials to Save Nebraska Birds—Other Matters Here and There Over the State.

LINCOLN—The report of State Treasurer Mortenson for March filed with the auditor shows a balance in all funds of \$375,866.42, and there has been paid out during the month the sum of \$647,708.44. The redemption fund created by the Sheldon bill, levying 1 mill to pay off the state debt has been increased during the month by the receipt of \$21,267, while out of this fund there has been paid the sum of \$25,302. In the temporary school fund there is a total of \$297,690, which means the May apportionment will be a good one. Of the permanent school fund there is only \$30,702 uninvested. The report in detail, together with the bank statement, is as follows:

	Balance March 1.	Balance March 31.
General	\$ 13,288.38	\$ 2,661.17
Permanent school	30,762.23	30,762.23
Temporary school	297,981.97	297,690.73
Permanent univ.	32,285.59
Temporary univ.	2,821.24
Penitentiary	645.50	645.50
Redemption	5,182.74	1,149.25
Kearyear Nor. H.	1,623.42	613.46
Orthopedic hos.	129.50	285.50
Hos. for insane	140.83	149.99
State library	969.02	691.97
University cash	32,135.35	29,990.23
Normal library	2,643.53	2,643.55
Nor. endowment	2,385.59
Normal interest	595.15	1,116.63
Agriculture and mechanic arts	11,882.22	7,047.78
U. S. Exp. station	2,894.17	325.39
Totals	\$42,165.20	\$375,866.42

TO SAVE SONG BIRDS.

State Officials Make Move in a New Matter.

LINCOLN—An effort is to be made by state officials to save the lives of the song and insectivorous birds of Nebraska. Chief Game Warden Carter has now in preparation a circular which is to be distributed by State Superintendent McBrien in all of the schools of the state. The school children are to take the appeals to their parents. Mr. Carter remarked this morning that the farmers and horticulturalists should be especially interested in the preservation of the birds, as insects would become almost exterminated if the birds were let alone. A single robin eats at least sixteen pounds of insects in a year.

A picture of Nebraska song birds will adorn the front cover of the circular, which will contain ten excellent reasons for not killing birds. Extracts will be given from the Nebraska laws and penalties for bird slaughter, and the last page will contain an appropriate poem. It is hoped that the little pamphlet will result in much good, not only to the members of the feathered tribe, but also to the farmers and fruit growers of the state.

Barker Case Dismissed.

The insanity charge against Frank Barker, the Webster county murderer, filed to save him from the gallows, has been dismissed by Judge Holmes of the Lancaster district court for want of prosecution. A few days before Barker was to have been executed Judge Hamey, his attorney, filed the charge and Judge Holmes refused the jury trial, claiming he had no jurisdiction. The case was taken to the supreme court and that court held Judge Holmes did have jurisdiction to give the man a trial by jury. At this juncture Governor Mickey gave the man a reprieve for two years. The case was called the first part of the term and because no one appeared to prosecute Judge Holmes entered an order of dismissal.

No New Clothes for Visitors.

When old soldiers leave the Soldiers' Home to visit back in the places where they came from, they will wear the same clothes they have been wearing if they will hold together. In other words, the State Board of Purchases and Supplies has decided not to buy any new clothes for the old soldiers when they desire to leave the home on furlough. The matter came up in a request from a number of inmates who wanted new suits to go visiting in. The board then and there made a rule that no new clothes can be furnished.

Deaths at Soldiers' Home.

GRAND ISLAND—Three deaths at the Soldiers' home within the space of twenty-four hours form an incident emphasizing the great number of helpless veterans in the hospital connected with this institution and the fact that the members of the old guard are rapidly nearing the end.

Governor Accepts Terms of Law.

In the absence of a legislature, Governor Mickey issued a statement giving the assent of the state to the provisions of the recent law enacted by congress providing for the appropriation of money for experiment stations.

Widow With Millions.

LINCOLN—Mrs. Ida Macomber, an inmate of the Norfolk hospital for the insane has been doing a big business during the last few months by secretly advertising that she is a rich widow with \$12,000,000 in assets. She has received letters from hundreds of dupes in all parts of the country. She started the advertising while she was in the Lincoln hospital. The authorities sought to stop it and finally secured an order to stamp the mail "fraudulent" and return it.

OVER THE STATE.

J. D. Hennessey, formerly a hardware merchant at Grafton, has located at Walla Walla, Wash.

After a campaign of six months by leading members of the York Commercial club, York will pave most of its principal streets.

The Farmers' Grain and Stock company of Kenesaw filed a statement with the secretary of state that as soon as it could wind up its business it would cancel its charter.

John Mick, son of George Mick, died at Schuyler, of consumption. Mr. Mick had come home Thursday afternoon, having been out west for his health. He was an attorney.

M. B. Thompson, president of the Albion National bank of Albion, who was stricken with paralysis several weeks ago, is yet alive and his condition has not materially changed for the past two weeks.

County Clerk Conlee of Gage county has issued twenty-four hunting licenses during the past few weeks. Sixteen of these have been to Beatrice sportsmen, six to Wymore nimrods and two to Filley sports.

A lively fight for possession of the Fremont hospital terminated last week in the surrender of Manager Miss Kathryn Fox and Misses Eoline Clark and Mary Ostrand, who bought the building recently, have assumed control.

The oldest woman in Cuming county, Mrs. Susan Miller of West Point, was 94 years old last week. A very largely attended birthday party was given by her friends and neighbors in her honor, and a handsome reclining chair was presented to her.

G. A. Wilkinson, a farmer living northeast of Beatrice, made a thorough investigation of the peach buds on his place and reports that he was unable to find a good bud in his orchard. He is of the opinion that there will be no peaches in that section this year.

R. E. Harris, secretary of the coal dealers' association of Iowa and Nebraska, with headquarters in Omaha, has resigned and is succeeded by E. H. Betts of Sioux City. The office remains in Omaha. Mr. Harris goes into the wholesale coal business at Chicago.

There is a strong probability that a fair and driving park association will be organized at Pierce in the near future. The enterprise is being pushed by a number of local horsemen. A meeting was held to talk over the proposition and was attended by a large crowd.

Miss Anna Caldwell, director of kindergarten work in the state normal school, has gone to Milwaukee as a representative of the school and of the state of the International Kindergarten union. She took with her a fine exhibit of the work done in the kindergarten at the normal school.

The fight for the reward offered by the state for the discovery of coal is now on in earnest. A. M. Borst, the owner of the land on which the coal was discovered, near Peru, and F. M. Medley, who says he made the discovery, have both filed claims with Governor Mickey for the money.

The Northwestern Realty company of Omaha filed its article of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock of the new company is \$100,000. The business of the corporation is to buy and sell real estate, mortgages, and act as trustees or agents. The incorporators are J. M. Brunner, Franklin I. Reber, Charles W. Lyman and Wallace Lyman.

The state board of assessment met to pass upon the question of where cattle should be assessed, in the county in which they are pastured or where the owner resides. The assessor of Dawson county assessed cattle which were being pastured in Custer county and the assessor of the latter county also got them on his rolls. The board decided the cattle should be assessed where they are pastured.

Solomon Yanson was killed by Burlington train No. 42 while he was trying to mail a letter on the train at the depot on Lincoln avenue. He had written the letter to his wife, who was at Scottsbluff, and went to the depot to mail it. When the mail car passed where he was standing, he endeavored to put it in the car and it is supposed the letter fell and that he stooped over to pick it up when he was struck by one of the car steps and was dragged under the wheels. His chest was crushed and he died almost instantly.

Thrown out of the second story window of the old court house at Grand Island, now undergoing dismantlement, there are the complete parts of an old scaffold, built for an execution in this county over twenty years ago, an execution which never took place. A policeman named Hart killed a saloon man. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. Before the day of execution drew near he escaped. Recaptured at Omaha, he was held there until the day of his execution should be near. In the meantime a carpenter was set at work making the gallows. Just before the time of execution his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Later he was pardoned.

The Nebraska Institute for the blind has been placed on the list of accredited schools of the state university. A letter to Superintendent Morey, reads as follows: "The committee on accredited schools after an hour's consideration of the question (a new one distinctly) unanimously voted accreditation; not on the ground that your school would be a feeder to the university, nor because your course of study harmonizes with our entrance requirements; but because they wished to express confidence in the legitimate standard school work you are doing."