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AN AWFUL SITUATION

RUSSIA'S FOURTH DAY OF CONTINUED TERROR.

Number Slain is Unknown, but Undoubtedly Will Run into Thousands—Slaughter of Jews Keeps Up—No Improvement in Sight.

Dispatches from Russia are very meager with regard to the disturbed condition. The situation in St. Petersburg, where order is maintained by a show of armed force, remains critical, although improvement is shown in the resumption of operations by the electric lighting plants. Communication by rail with the frontier has not yet been re-established.

From many of the interior cities come reports of conflicts, in which the Jews appear to be the principal sufferers. In Kiev the loss of life and property has been great. In Theodessia and Saratoff the disorders have been serious. There is an unconfirmed report that Kishineff has been totally destroyed by fire.

London papers' St. Petersburg correspondents estimate that in the leading fifty provincial towns of Russia 1,000 persons have been killed and 10,000 seriously wounded in the last twenty-four hours.

The revolutionary movement in Finland is unchecked, the Finnish national guard opposing the advance of Russian troops and compelling them to retire.

At St. Petersburg all is quiet. There is no attempt at business, and Cossack patrols are everywhere. Shops have been barricaded, and communication with the frontier has not been restored by railway.

The newspapers are again being issued, and the electric lighting plant has been put in operation.

Friday Count Witte and Prince Ololesky received the leaders of the progressive constitutional party, including prominent members of the municipality.

WHALES KILLED IN FIGHT.

Score of Dead Bodies is Evidence of Great Battle.

The bodies of over twenty dead whales, known as "killers," are floating in the channel off Santa Cruz island, thirty miles from Santa Barbara, Cal.

The gigantic corpses measure from 20 to 40 feet in length and bear evidence of a fierce battle between the monsters. This warfare has been going on between two varieties of whales and swordfish for several weeks, and it is probable in the extermination of so many of this variety of whale a signal victory has been won by some of the leviathans.

MRS. TODD WAS SLAIN.

Rich Woman Was Not Killed by a Railroad Train.

Coroner Scholer, following the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Margaretta Todd, a rich woman who was found dead on the Reading railroad tracks near Philadelphia a week ago Friday, said the woman could not possibly have been struck by a train. He said she could easily have been killed by some heavy weight falling on her while she was inert, or by pressure of the knee.

The autopsy showed her ribs had been fractured, together with her breastbone.

ROBBERS IN HARD LUCK.

Unable to Secure Six Thousand Dollars After Blowing Open Safe.

A Washington, Ind., special says: Four cracksmen visited the Odon Bank, fifteen miles east of Sanborn, Ind., Thursday night, and were only frustrated in securing \$6,000 in cash by the nitroglycerin blowing loose the bottom of the safe, making it impossible to get the money. Jacob Hodge, who was passing the bank at the time, was seized, bound hand and foot, gagged and guarded until the robbers fled.

China Closing Her Gates.

The London Daily Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent sends the following: "The Chinese government is encouraged by the Japanese success and is adopting a stonewall policy against foreign enterprise, flatly refusing new mining and railway concessions, and canceling old concessions by purchase or otherwise."

Demonstration Against Sultan.
A Paris dispatch says: The exchanges of communications between the powers has reached a stage where a joint naval demonstration against Turkey is practically assured, unless the sultan promptly accepts the plan of the powers for financial reforms in Macedonia.

Murder of Missionaries.
Bishop Mercet, of the Catholic church at Hong Kong, China, has received a letter confirming the news of the massacre of American missionaries at Lienchow and giving particulars of the massacre.

Sioux City Stock Market.
Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Grass steers, \$3.50 @4.00. Top hogs, \$4.90.

Want Political Prisoners Released.
An immense meeting of workmen, students and professional men at Tiflis demanded the release of political prisoners and the abolition of the state of siege, to which the viceroy promised to accede if the strike ceased.

Death is Being Probed.
The investigation of the death of Stuart Pierson, a college student, is still in progress. Among the witnesses heard were the crew of the train which killed young Pierson.

TROOPS HOLD ODESSA.

Martial Law Declared at the Big Seaport.

A dispatch to a London news agency from Odessa says that martial law was declared there Thursday afternoon. The whole garrison has turned out and now occupies the city. All citizens are forbidden to leave their homes after 9 o'clock in the evening, at which hour, all lights must be out. Maxim guns have been placed on positions commanding 100 streets. Under these conditions, the dispatch says, a repetition of the fearful scenes is practically impossible. The peace loving people are overjoyed at the prospect of witnessing the restoration of order, and the comparative security of life and property. The military has now adopted drastic measures to force the disorderly mobs to return to their homes. The London Standard's correspondent at Odessa says:

"Within three hours of the declaration of martial law, which came to the unspeakable relief of peaceable citizens, no fewer than 5,000 ruffianly loyalists have been disarmed by the students and the military. How some 50,000 artisan fowdies became possessed of revolvers and an abundance of cartridges is a question requiring solution. The rigorous curfew laws are welcomed as a deliverance from the terrors of the last two days. Anyone in the streets after nightfall is liable to arrest; anyone appearing at open windows or on balconies risks being shot without warning.

"Gen. Kaubars," says the correspondent, "told me Thursday that he had done his best with the inadequate forces at his disposal. He was unable to guard the safety of individuals and foreigners, and he especially advised them to keep within doors."

FIND MOTIVE FOR THE CRIME

Murder in New York May be Solved—Tips May Have Been the Cause.

Light on the recent mysterious murder of Jacob H. Thompson, exchange editor of the New York Times, has been obtained by the police at New York. When Mamie Gibson, the negress who knew the colored bellboy, Richard Hannibal, who died while under suspicion of committing the murder, was arraigned in court, she said that Hannibal told her that if she was ever questioned about the murder she must say that Hannibal spent the night of Thompson's death at her home. He was not there that night, the girl testified. She said that the bellboy told her that he did not murder Thompson, but that he ought to have been murdered because of the small tips he gave.

The colored girl was arraigned in connection with Hannibal's death, as the bellboy was found with his throat cut after he had quarreled with her and wounded her recently.

TIED TO TRACK.

College Student Was Victim of an Initiation.

Buried beneath a culvert, 200 feet from the spot at Mt. Vernon, O., where Stuart Pierson, a 17-year-old Kenyon College student, was killed by a train, the authorities have found three lengths of blood-stained rope and a wad of absorbent cotton, also saturated with blood.

County Prosecutor Stillwell expresses a firm belief that the boy was chloroformed, the cotton saturated and bound across his face, and that then he was tied across the track as part of his initiation into the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. The authorities believe the cotton was removed later and the boy left stupefied. On these grounds the prosecutor will carry the case to the grand jury on Nov. 13.

Husband Too Loving.

Alleging that her husband is "too loving to live with," Jessie M. Huffman has sued Edgar Huffman for divorce at Logansport, Ind. They were married three years ago, and the wife alleges that he still hugs her so frequently and violently as to make her scream. She fears he will injure her permanently.

Thinks Creditors Will be Paid.
Receiver I. T. Bradley, of the defunct First National Bank of Topeka, Kan., said Thursday: "I believe that the creditors of this bank will be paid in full. The death of C. J. Devlin leaves \$677,000 life insurance as good as cash in the bank's possession."

New Philadelphia Graft.

According to a report made to Mayor Weaver by W. Bledin Powell, the city architect, the city of Philadelphia, Pa., has been swindled out of thousands of dollars in the construction of six pavilions for consumptives on the grounds of the Philadelphia hospital.

One Killed in Missouri Wreck.
A string of runaway box cars crashed into the rear end of the second section of the Wabash fast mail at Kansas City Thursday. John Vipers, of Slater, Mo., a switchman, was killed. David Shaffer, yardmaster, was fatally hurt. None of the passengers were hurt.

Monument to Sheridan.

Thousands of people from Perry and adjacent cities were at Somerset, O., Thursday to witness the unveiling of a monument to Phil Sheridan.

Fire in St. Louis.

The Columbia box factory at St. Louis, Mo., was completely destroyed by fire early Thursday. The loss is \$140,000.

Cut to Pieces by Cars.

Roy Shaffner, a young man of Sanborn, Ia., who was a brakeman on train No. 74 on the Milwaukee road, Thursday fell between the cars while switching in the yards at Canton, S. D., and was instantly killed.

New Swimming Record.

Oscar St. Cyr made a new world's record for swimming forty yards in the tank of the Chicago Athletic Association at Chicago, covering the distance in 21. The record was made in competition.

FIVE AMERICANS SLAIN.

Missionaries Brutally Murdered at Lienchow, China.

Five American missionaries have, it is believed, been murdered at Lienchow, China.

Dr. Eleanor Chestnut, Mrs. L. C. Machie and child and Mr. and Mrs. Peale are the victims of the disturbances of the Lienchow mission.

Lienchow is a town of 12,000 people, situated in the western portion of the province of Kwang-tung, at the head of the gulf of Tong-king, not far from the treaty port of Pakhoi.

A New York dispatch says: Mrs. Machie was the wife of Dr. Charles E. Machie, of Ohio. She was Miss Ella M. Wood, of Philadelphia. They had a daughter, Elsie, 15 years of age. Dr. and Mrs. Machie have been stationed at Lienchow since 1889.

Dr. Eleanor C. Chestnut was appointed a missionary in 1893.

Dr. John Rogers Peale was a new missionary, who sailed from this country last August. He was born at New Bloomfield, Pa., in 1879. He was educated at the Lafayette College and the Princeton Theological Seminary. He married Miss Gillespie, of Port Deposit, Md., last summer before going to China in August.

In addition to four church buildings the Lienchow mission, which has 207 native Christians on its roll, has three Sunday schools and three establishments for secular education, one of which is a boarding school with nineteen pupils. It also supports a hospital and a dispensary.

Dr. Chestnut is a well known physician in Chicago, having been sent out as a missionary by the western branch of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church, which has headquarters there. She received both her medical education and her bible training in Chicago, and spent most of her time when on a furlough there. Dr. Chestnut received her appointment as head of the woman's hospital at Lienchow in 1894.

She also had supervision of medical work at Sam Kong, Kang Han, Lam Mo and Kai Who in the province of Canton.

Dr. Eleanor Chestnut, one of the murdered missionaries, was well known in Omaha, Neb., where a number of her former classmates reside. Dr. Chestnut lived in Iowa until she entered Park College at Parkville, Mo. She entered college without funds, depending on her own resources to secure an education. She had completed a period of her work, which would have entitled her to a year's furlough in the near future, and several members of the Park College alumni living in Omaha had arranged for her homecoming. She had no specific home, but had several personal friends in Chicago, and expected to spend much of her furlough in that city.

COMMISSION BEGINS INQUIRY

Refrigerator Car Men Under Fire in Washington.

An inquiry into the operation of the private refrigerator cars on the transcontinental railways was begun Wednesday at Washington by the interstate commerce commission.

The cases in which the hearings are being held are directed against the Atchafalaya and Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific Railways and the Armour car lines, the Santa Fe Refrigerator Dispatch and the American Refrigerator Transit Company.

The principal witness on Wednesday was J. S. Leads, general manager of the Santa Fe Refrigerator Dispatch, who gave startling testimony concerning rebates, and declared his inability to break up the practice. He said his company operates 4,550 cars and obtains additional equipment by interchanging with the American Refrigerator Transit Company and the Michigan Central Railway.

COLLISION IN PANAMA.

One American Killed and Several Others Badly Hurt.

Colon advises states that a collision occurred between canal work trains near Bas Obispo, in which many cars were wrecked; Conductor Dunlap, an American, was killed, and the engineer, a fireman and several others were badly injured. The collision took place on the main line of the Panama railroad.

W. E. Dutchey, who acted as chief engineer after the resignation of John F. Wallace, arrived at Colon Wednesday morning from New York on the steamer Havana. The Havana also brought three refrigerator cars, which will supply the hotels along the line of the canal. The cold storage plant is nearing completion.

Ends Life Before Children.

At Marshalltown, Ia., Gus Grant, aged 52 years, a laborer, sent for his two children, whose mother is dead, to come to his boarding place Wednesday night. When they arrived he took a drink of whisky and then reaching in his pocket pulled out a revolver and shot himself through the head, dying after a few hours of agony. He gave no warning of his intention to suicide.

Charged with Wife Murder.

George A. Durkes was arrested at South Bend, Ind., charged with murdering his former wife, who died last April, the complaint being sworn to by his daughter. He married again within two months after the alleged crime and disappeared, having been discovered recently in South Bend.

Two Killed by Explosion.

A Washington special says: Wednesday afternoon an explosion in the power house of the Potomac Electric Company blew two employees through the roof. One was killed instantly and the other is dying. The other employees were injured.

Fears Expose; Suicides.

Edward C. Bearden, money order clerk in the postoffice at Augusta, Ga., committed suicide after being asked by an inspector to turn over his cash drawer and books for examination.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Father of Arbor Day—Statue of J. Sterling Morton Unveiled at Nebraska City—Gov. Mickey and Ex-President Cleveland Speak.

A dispatch from Nebraska City gives the following account of the unveiling of the statue of J. Sterling Morton last Saturday:

"Just the attitude in which I have seen him stand many and many a time. It is natural, indeed."

These were the words of Grover Cleveland, twice president of the United States, as he stood and studiously gazed at the magnificent bronze statue of J. Sterling Morton, one of the distinguished members of his last cabinet, which was unveiled in Morton Park within a quarter of a mile of Arbor Lodge, the Nebraska City home of the founder of Arbor Day.

The statue shows Nebraska's great man standing, leaning slightly on a large, coarse cane, in his left hand, his hat awning carelessly from his side in his right hand.

Marred only by an unusually cool and penetrating atmosphere and a murky sky, this, the culmination of the Arbor Day Memorial Association's purpose and plan was fraught with eminent success. Dignified by the presence of a former chief executive of the nation and one of the men who aided him at the helm, it became an event of national significance and certainly the crowning achievement in the annals of Otoe's capital.

Fully 10,000 people, it was estimated, endured the rigor of the elements for three hours and more while this last laurel leaf was placed on the honored brow of Morton's memory. The beautiful park which the late statesman donated to the handiwork of nature and beautiful from the touch he gave it in the planting of trees, hedges, mapping out driveways, parking terraces, was filled with people from various parts of the state, as well as those from other states. It was said to be the most representative body of Nebraskans ever assembled on one occasion.

To receive and entertain their fellow statesmen and the noted men of the nation, Nebraska City simply outdid what any city of its size might be supposed to do. Every person in the town seemed to be bent on making the occasion a happy and memorable one.

On the platform were these men and women: Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, David R. Francis, Hilary A. Herbert, Gov. and Mrs. Mickey, former Senator and Mrs. Manderson, Senator Millard, former Senator Dietrich, former Gov. Crombie, E. P. Ripley, Dr. and Mrs. George L. Miller, Edward Rosewater, J. M. Woodworth, George B. Harris, Gen. John C. Cowin, Paul J. Jay, Mark Morton, the three sons and the grandson; Sterling Morton and Miss Emma Morton.

Near the stand were seated Chancellor Andrews, of the university; former Comptroller Eckles, former Gov. Boyd, Henry W. Yates, Senator Burkett and other prominent men.

Telephone Company Pays Damages

The case of Mace E. Atwood against the Falls City Telephone Company at Humboldt was settled out of court, the company paying the plaintiff \$1,500 and settling costs of action. This case grew out of a severe accidental injury sustained by Mrs. Atwood, wife of a Humboldt farmer, in January, 1902. The team took fright at a dog and started to run, smashing into a telephone pole before Mr. Atwood could get them under control. It is claimed the poles had been set too far into the roadway and since brought first against the county, but later this was dismissed and action began against the telephone company, with the above results. The case has been continued for several years.

Troubles Seem Never to End.

Fate will not allow the life of Mrs. Herman Wippen, the young woman recently restored to her parents in Boyd County, after having been kidnaped eighteen years before, to continue long without its incident of mystery. At 10 a. m. Mrs. Wippen went down town at Butte to shop. She left her 1-year-old baby in its cradle bed at home, sound asleep and apparently in the best of health. When she returned a half-hour later she found her baby unconscious from an unknown cause. A physician was summoned, but the child died at once.

Creamery Plant Burned.

Fire did between \$8,000 and \$10,000 damage to the plant of the Cream City Creamery Company at Beatrice Wednesday night. The fire started in the second floor among the egg cases and gave the firemen a hard fight for two hours. The damage was largely confined to this floor. The plant is valued at \$50,000 and carries \$40,000 insurance.

Pumping Station Burned.

Fire destroyed the pumping plant of the Burlington railroad at Fairmont Sunday night. The fire company confined the fire to the pumping building. It was a close call for the coal sheds on the south side of the track, but plenty of water saved them. Spontaneous combustion of the coal caused the fire.

Forger Brought Back.

Carl Sanford, who is wanted at Fremont for forging several checks on parties near Leavitt, was brought back from his home at Chapman, W. Va. His family are people of wealth and prominence and his arrest caused much comment.

Broken Bow to Have Electric Lights

Broken Bow will soon have electric lights. The city council has appointed a committee to investigate the matter, and it is said the plant will surely be built.

Register Harris Resigns.

R. C. Harris, register of the United States land office at Sidney, has resigned his office. Failing health is given as his reason, his eyesight being so bad that he can no longer attend to the duties of the office. His successor is not suggested.

Memorial Service Held.

At Beatrice Wednesday the Gage County bar held memorial services in the district court room for the late Judge Babcock and also passed appropriate resolutions deploring his loss, both as a citizen and a judge.

CAR SHORTAGE CONTINUES.

Nebraska Roads Have Difficulty in Securing Rolling Stock.

A general shortage of cars is confronting about all of the western roads. All freight business is enormous and the roads are having more than they can handle. While corn has not started to the markets, wheat is still on the move and there is also a shortage of refrigerator cars as well as live stock. Shippers in the northwest are all anxious to ship about this season of the year, as there is a good feeder market and the railroads are taxed to their utmost to handle the business.

Shippers in Colorado are calling for cars, which they cannot get, and the northwest line of the Burlington is practically congested. Between Sheridan and Grand Island are 600 or 700 freight cars, with a shortage of power to handle them. The engines have been pooled and in this way permitted to run down so that now that the rush has come there is a shortage of power to handle the business. Every possible engine is being pressed into service in the hope of relieving the situation, but present prospects are not very bright.

The Northwestern reports no blockade, but officials say that they are having absolutely all that they can do to keep the lines open and to keep shippers supplied with cars.

The Rock Island officials say that their worst trouble is in securing sufficient refrigerator cars.

LAND OFFICE INSPECTORS BUSY

Two Score of Them at Work in the Valentine Land District.

Twenty-seven special agents of the United States land office have been at Valentine the past few days, making plats, etc., from the records of the local office there, and getting detailed information touching the homestead entries under the Kinkaid homestead law, and gaining such information as is available regarding illegal fencing.

They started out Wednesday with camp equipment and surveyors to run down any violations of the laws. They are not creating any special anxiety among the homesteaders and ranchers, since the new homesteaders will be for the most part found at home and cattlemen who have had fences have anticipated this movement and removed the same.

YOUNG BOY A HERO.

Risks Life to Save Little Prothors from Burning Home.

An Aurora special says: At the risk of his own life, 14-year-old Adolph Jacobson forced his way through a solid wall of flame, and with a sheet taken from their bed, covered his two younger brothers to safety from a fire, in which his mother and baby sister perished, and which destroyed their home.

Simon Jacobson, the husband and father, was severely burned in futile efforts to save his wife. To reach and rescue his brothers, Adolph had to make his way up one flight of stairs when the house was a mass of flames. An attempt to start the kitchen stove with kerosene started the fire.

Rush to Pay Taxes.

An O'Neill special says: During the past few days and at the present time the county treasurer of this county is overwhelmed with people wanting an opportunity to pay their taxes. The sale under the scavenger tax law was started Thursday and as soon as two sales were made the sale was adjourned until the office hours would have time to work up the mail. Several parties are said to be here with large sums of money to invest in tax sale certificates, but the rush is so great that but few have any opportunity to lose of their money.

Fire at Hastings

A fire at Hastings Thursday morning caused damage of about \$100,000. The blaze was discovered in Stein Bros' department store and wiped out this block, the largest in the city, and damaged business houses in the immediate vicinity. The Stein block belonged to ex-United States Senator Dietrich. It was valued at \$300,000, with insurance at \$120,000. Jacob Fisher, the Masons, J. H. Scott and about twenty business men lost from \$500 to \$10,000.

Barn Burned Near Stella.

The barn on the H. D. Weller farm, a half a mile southeast of Stella, was discovered on fire. There was no one at home. The fire is supposed to have originated in the hay which was stored in the loft. Mr. Martz lost six tons of tame hay, a set of harness and some tools which were stored in the barn. He also lost three young colts on which he had insurance in the State Mutual.

Many Are Ineligible.

One third of the county superintendents of the state are ineligible to the office to which they aspire. So declared State Superintendent McBrien at Lincoln Monday. The first law requires county superintendents to hold first grade certificates, this provision being made last winter. An examination will be held Nov. 3 and 4, and those who fail will be requested to get off the ticket.

Wreck Delays Traffic.

Traffic on the main line of the Northwestern railroad was delayed for nine hours by the wrecking of three cars of coal in a westbound extra freight train at Newport, 100 miles west of Norfolk. Superintendent Reynolds went to the scene of the accident by special train. Little damage was done other than injuring the cars.

Gov. Mickey at Church Dedication

Gov. Mickey spent Sunday in Omaha and made the chief address at the corner stone laying of the new Tenth Street Methodist church. The ceremony at the Tenth Street church was quite an elaborate affair and was under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

Street Railway Locating Line.

Parties representing the Omaha Street Railway Company have been surveying line and around Bellevue. They are trying to establish a line on the east side of the hill, making the road more beneficial to the village. This line will probably be established on the east side of the college campus.

Shot an Eagle.

Fred Klein, of Sutton, shot an American eagle. It measured seven feet ten and a half inches from tip to tip of its wings and weighed ten pounds.



Rev. D. R. Heiner, superintendent of the Tabitha Home for Children and Old People, will not transfer his property to a self-appointed committee of Lincoln people who recently visited the home in great force and gave him the ultimatum of either getting out or going under. Instead he will continue at the head of the institution and he will have the support and the backing of some of the most responsible people in Lincoln, including Gov. Mickey, and everything possible will be done to encourage him and help him in his work. The committee which has been hammering Dr. Heiner for a couple of years and which as a climax took about twenty-five persons to the home on a tour of investigation to "create sentiment" against Dr. Heiner, finally prevailed upon Gov. Mickey to make a trip to the home. As a result of the visit Gov. Mickey found the reports about Dr. Heiner's conduct of the home had been greatly exaggerated. Upon leaving he wished Dr. Heiner success and asked him to call on him at any time for assistance and encouragement.

The bureau of labor and statistics has completed its estimate of the corn crop of 1905 and of the completion Chief Clerk Despain said: "With the aid of 1,700 assessors with whom this office labored industriously for four months to the end that every acre of corn in the state would be enumerated, and with the further co-operation of 900 crop correspondents (ten in each county), who have reported crop yields in their communities according to their best, conservative judgment, the bureau finds the corn crop of Nebraska to be 243,713,244 bushels, at a value of \$97,485,297.60. This production is an increase of 16,754,050 bushels over 1904. The bureau's enumeration this year has been made with the most thorough and complete organization of crop correspondents in this or any other state, and the figures are issued with the greatest confidence as to their accuracy. It is the largest corn crop in the state's history, and Nebraska will retain its rank of third place in the corn calendar."

State officers, who though residing in Lincoln retain their citizenship in the counties from which they were elected, and who have children in the public schools at Lincoln, must pay the tuition of such children at the same rate as charged non-resident pupils, or furnish the school board with a satisfactory reason for not doing so. The rate of tuition is \$4 a month for the high school and \$2 for the graded school. At these rates, owing to Gov. Mickey's numerous progeny, he will be stuck for about \$72 for tuition, while Norris Brown will get off with \$40 or \$50, while four of the employees of Land Commissioner Eaton's office would come in for smaller amounts, as would nearly all of the other state officers and deputies. It is said the total amount of money that would be taken out of the state would be in the neighborhood of \$400.

Members of the board of public lands and buildings are wanting a Sherlock Holmes to tell them what has become of some sample napkins, comb and brush and shoes which were used by the board in buying goods and then supposedly sent to the different institutions to be kept by the superintendent for the purpose of comparison. Letters were received Friday by the board that these articles have not arrived, though long overdue. The goods are submitted to the board by the merchant, then if they are bought they are sent to the institution and kept there to see if the goods bought are up to the standard of the sample. They then become the property of the state and are paid for. The board does not know whether the goods were lost en route or were put en route. The goods are taken care of by a janitor while in the state house.

As a result of the attempt on the part of the school board of Lincoln to compel state officers who vote in public districts other than this one, to pay tuition for their children who are attending the public schools of Lincoln, a test may be made of the school law which requires non-resident pupils to pay tuition. At this time a movement is on foot to have one of the state employes bring mandamus proceedings against the school board should it refuse admittance to those children whose parents refuse to pay tuition, to compel the board to do so. In this way the supreme court would have an opportunity to pass upon the law which requires a student to pay when he is attending school in a district other than the one in which he lives.

It is up to Attorney General Norris Brown to decide whether the assets and the guarantee of a mutual fire insurance company constitutes a capital stock. The question has been put to him by Insurance Deputy Pierce. Under the old insurance laws of Nebraska an insurance company must have a capital if it does business in the state. A mutual company has no capital under that name. Mr. Pierce has in mind a mutual company with a guarantee of \$200,000 which wants to do business in Nebraska and he wants the opinion of the legal department whether to admit it.

The Lincoln fire department will use sleds to haul hose on this winter in going to fires when there is snow on the ground. Each fire house is now having a sled constructed for this purpose. Chief Clements is of the opinion that much faster time can be made with the sleds when there is snow on the ground than with the wagons, and he recommended the sleds.

Attorney General Norris Brown has been besieged with inquiries from county clerks regarding the validity of the law enacted by the last legislature providing that county commissioners should not be elected this fall. Mr. Brown refused to declare the law unconstitutional and as the case has not yet come up to the supreme court, though it is now in the Douglas County court, the matter is up to the county clerks. However, it is believed that it would be safe for the county clerks to put the names of candidates on the ticket.