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taken against fire. crowd surrounds the shaft ally the whole population of Diaville and vicinity having gathered ere. Widows and children of the dead niners are among them, and the scene all day has been most distressing.

The theory advanced by the miners is that a "blown out" shot caused the disastrous explosion which wrecked the mine. The shock of the explosion was felt all over the town, rocking buildings so violently that their occupants ran out into the open. The news that there had been a disaster at the Diamond minethe second in less than five years-quickly spread through the village, and practically the whole population of Diamondville flocked to the mine shaft. In the previous explosion, which occurred Feb. 26, 1901, thirty-two miners perished.

Wives and children of the entombed miners were among those who rushed to the shaft, and the scenes there were most pathetic. Though men were ready to enter the shaft, it was impossible to do so Dwing to the after effects of the explosion, and Superintendent Thomas Sneddon insisted that all the precautions against fire should be taken. It was late Saturday afternoon before the first rescue parties entered the mine.

The explosion occurred 1,100 feet under ground and at least 300 feet from the mouth of the shaft. The explosion wrecked the brattices and blocked the entrances to the lower levels of the mine, necessitating the removal of much detiris before the miners could be reached.

GIGANTIC SWINDLE.

Many People of Middle West Victims of Land Frauds.

A Portland, Ore., special says: Only when all persons holding forged certifirates for school lands in Oregon have sent their certificates to Salem to have them examined will it be possible to make an estimate of the gigantic swindles perpetrated on easterners by unscrupulous land operators. Gov. Chamberlain states that there is no limit to the number of forged checks which could have been made, and it is safe to say, he added, that where the certificates were hypotherated the full amount shown by the cerlificate was obtained or where sales were made outright the full value of the land was paid by the victim.

Very few of the persons who possess forged certificates are known so far, but from the fact that persons in Minnesota. Wisconsin, Illinois, New York, Ohio and Florida are in possession of them the officials fear that when the whole number develops it will include people in every state west of the Mississippi River.

CHICAGO POLITICAL TRAGEDY

County Official Dies of Wounds Received at a Caucus.

County Commissioner John V. Kopf, of Chicago, who was stabbed at the election of the Thirteenth Ward Republican Club last Tuesday, died Sunday at Grain hospital. George G. Roberts, who was arrested at the time of the stabbing with a knife open in his hand, is held at the police station, no charge having yet been lodged against him.

The friends of the dead man declare that his death is the result of a conspiracy among his political opponents in the ward club.

Two Men Killed by Train. Harry Williams and Jack Shurn were instantly killed near Carbon, Ind., Saturday night by a westbound Big Four passenger train. The men had taken a handcar and were on their way to Perth when they were run down.

Bank Robbers Make Good Haul. Robbers Friday night entered the Farmers and Mechanics Bank at Forest Grove, Ore., blew open the safe and secured \$5,453 in coin and currency.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Following are Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market: Stockers and feeders, \$3.00@3.20. Top hogs, \$4.20.

Snicide in Korea.

Seoul, Korea, advices states that the emperor has directed that the highest posthumous honors be given Min Yung Whan, who committed suicide as a protest against the Japanese protectorate. The body will be given a state funeral.

Mystery in Assault.

Fred Gagnon, who arrived at Seattle, Wash., from the east three days ago, is dying at the Seattle hospital as a result made upon him Saturday in a local hotel. |Gagnon's skull is fractured.

ANOTHER SHIP LOST.

Steamer Owen and 19 Men Went Plunges Down an Embankment In-Down in Storm

The steel steamer Ira H. Owen, carrythe steamer H. B. Nye, while off Ekater ty-five miles south of Scranton. The ento be in a bad plight. The Nye was all tion car caught on fire.

Friday Capt. M. K. Chamberlain, of the fatally. steamer Sir William Siemens, reported at and he ran into a mass of the injured and eight Philadelphia paschions, the top of a cabin and other a. m. debris. Floating in the midst of the wreckage were a number of life preservers marked "S. S. Ira H. Owen."

The owners in Chicago have given up of the accident. hope of the vessel.

000. Her cargo of barley was also in-

N. Y., is now lying on the sandy shore of Lake Superior, sixteen miles east of Ontanagon, Mich. The vessel does not appear to be greatly damaged, and the chances are that it can be floated before winter sets in. The boat was run ashore during the snow storm last Tuesday.

The Detroit Journal says 149 lives have been sacrificed, over seventy ships wrecked and a loss of nearly \$7,000,000 has been sustained in the three big storms on the great lakes this season. That this is the most disastrous season in the history of shipping on the lakes is beyond doubt.

WINDY CITY LOSES.

Courts Say Chicago Canot Have New Charter.

Judge Mack, in the circuit court at Chi cago Friday, rendered an opinion that the charter amendment passed by the last legislature, by virtue of which act the city of Chicago expected to obtain a new charter for its government, is illegal.

The case will be carried to the state su-

BLAME NOT FIXED.

No Indictments in the Student Pierson Case.

The Knox County grand jury reported at Mt Vernon, O., Tuesday that it had failed to return any indictments against any of the members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, or any members of Kenyon College, in connection with the death of student Stewart Pierson.

The jurors were of the same opinion as Coroner Scarborough, to the effect that Pierson was either tied on the tracks or was in such a position he could not extri- their carriage became entangled in a wire cate himself, but the guilty party or parties could not be determined.

ROBBERS LOST THEIR BOOTY

Diamond Brooch Picked Up by a Chicago Woman.

The Bauman Jewelry Company, whose store was plundered Wednesday night at Chicago by thieves, who smashed a show window and carried off diamonds valued at \$9,000, recovered the larger part of the diamonds Friday.

A diamond broach valued at \$5,000 formed the principal part of the jewelry stolen, and this was brought to the store Friday by a young woman, who found it on the stairs leading to a station of the elevated railway.

Queen Aids Unemployed.

Queen Alexandra has not given up her interest in be half of the unemployed in London, and Friday sanctioned a unique plan to raise more funds for them. This ton. The flood also damaged Morenci. will be in the shape of the issue of a Christmas book, which will be entitled "The Queen's Christmas Card." It will consist of poems, stories, sketches, drawings and music by persons prominent in the world of art and literature of Great Britain.

In Snowdrift Three Days.

Train No. 18 on the Minneapolis, St Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad arrived at Minneapolis Friday three days behind its schedule, having been stalled for three days on the Dakota prairies in the midst of a raging blizzard, with the temperature as low as 26 degrees below zero. The train was heavily loaded with passengers, but the cars were warm and food was sent to the travelers from the nearest station. They did not suffer.

Nine Burned to Death.

A Mobile dispatch says: Nine persons, names not yet known, occupying a houseboat on the Middle River, which runs between the Tensas and Alabama Rivers, were burned to death Friday morning in a fire which destroyed the boat. A negro steward was the only survivor of ten men who lived in the craft.

Mexican Bank Fails.

The Catholic Bank, an institution operating under an Arizona charter, in Mexico City, Friday closed its doors, pending the appointment of a receiver. It is said the bank had \$800,000 deposits, mostly from the poorer class of people.

Silver is Soaring.

A San Francisco special says: Silver is jumping up in price. It is now 65% cents per ounce. This is the highest since 1896. The demand is greater than the supply, say the brokers.

FAST TRAIN WRECKED.

to River.

A telephone message from Mauch ing a crew of nineteen men, is believed | Chunk, Pa., says that the Jersey Central to have gone down with all hands during "Flyer," which left Scranton at 6:30 p. the recent storm on Lake Superior. The m., Thursday, was wrecked about three Owen was last sighted last Tuesday by miles above Penn Haven Junction, sixisland, of the Apostle group. The Owen gine and thre cars went down a steep emwas blowing distress signals and seemed | bankment into the river and the combina-

most helpless in the terrible storm and A later message from Mauch Chunk could do nothing to assist the Owen, says Engineer Newman and Fireman which was soon lost to sight in a blinding | Libbert, of Mauch Chunk, were killed in snow storm. When the storm cleared the wreck of the Jersey Central "Flyer" two hours later the Owen had disap- at Stoney Creek. Nine passengers were injured and it is feared several of them

The Reading railroad offices have re-Ashland, Wis., that Thursday while ceived a message from the Jersey Central some miles east of Michigan isl- railroad that a train carrying some of wreckage consisting of chains, stan- sengers would arrive at Bethlehem at 2

> The injured were taken to St. Luke's hospital there. The Jersey Central has not reported to the Reading the extent

A Philadelphia dispatch says: The The Owen had a cargo of 116,000 bush- | Central Railroad Company of New Jerels of barley. She was built in Cleve- sey's New York flyer, which left Scranland in 1887 and was insured for \$100,- ton early Thursday evening, was wrecked at Stoney Creek, about ten miles north of Mauch Chunk, a few hours later. In-The large steel steamer Western Star, formation from the vicinity of the acciowned by M. J. I. Cummings, of Oswego, dent is meager, but the latest received by the Associated Press by telephone is that an engineer and fireman were killed and about a dozen passengers injured. The engineer's name is said to be Albert, and that of the fireman Detroy. The injured have been taken to St. Luke's hospital at South Bethlehem, about sixty miles north of South Bethlehem.

> So far as can be learned the locomotive of the flyer jumped the track at a sharp curve at Stoney Creek and plunged into the Lehigh River, along which the railroad extends. The combination baggage and day coach also went over the embankment. The other coaches did not leave the roadbed. The names of the injured cannot be ascertained at this hour.

WEDDING HELD UNLAWFUL.

Bishop Excommunicates Leading Omaha People.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Richard Scannell, of the Omaha diocese of the Catholic church, The decision was brought out by a test | all members of the Catholic church who case instituted against the first reform participated in the wedding of Congressattempted under the amendment. This man Kennedy and Miss Margaret Pritchwas the abolishment of the present muni- ett, at Omaha, Neb., Monday. There were cipal court system, and the court declared a number of prominent Catholics present, the amendment under which it is sought | including Mrs. Edward A. Cudahy, wife is illegal, because it affects more than of the packing house magnate. Miss one article in the constitution in the state. | Mae Hamilton, whose individual fortune is rated at over a million, was one of the bridesmaids.

> Congressman Kennedy has a divorced wife living, and for that reason the bishop issued last Sunday a pastoral forbidding all Catholics to participate in the ceremony.

DEATH IN STRANGE ACCIDENT

Mother and Child Struck by Falling Flag Pole.

At Au Sable, Mich., Mrs. William Gardner and her 5-year-old son were killed Thursday in an extraordinary accident. With another lady and the latter's child they were driving when a wheel of attached to a flagpole. Before the carriage could be stopped the pole was pulled over, striking Mrs. Gardner and her son as it fell on the carriage and crushed the heads of both mother and child. The other occupants of the carriage escaped

HOUSES SWEPT AWAY.

Heavy Damage by Sudden Flood in Creek at Clifton, A. T.

Clifton, Ariz., reports a severe flood The waters swept down Chase Street, washing out the Colorado railroad between there and Metcalf and washing away a number of houses in Clifton. The station yards of the New Mexico and Arizona railroad are under water. Many houses close to the station are reported washed away in the rush of water of Chase Creek into the Gila River. The smelter was also damaged. Several railroad bridges were washed out near Clif-

Boilermakers May Strike.

According to strong intimations given out by labor leaders at Scranton, Pa., following the visit on Tuesday of Grand President George F. Dunne, of the Boilermakers' and Shipbuilders' Union, that craft is contemplating a general strike in the United States and Canada on May 1 for increased wages.

Plague in Yokohama.

Bubonic plague is raging in Yokohama, Japan, according to the officers of the steamship Dakota, and possibly no more vessels will be given a clear bill of health until the scourge has been wiped out. Four deaths had resulted from the disease before the steamer sailed and many reports of sickness had been received.

To Honor Oyama and Togo.

A London special makes the announce ment that King Edward has decided to confer the order of merit on both Field Marshal Oyama and Admiral Togo.

Burned to Death in Home. Alex Connor, aged 80 years, first mayor

of Scrauton, Kan., was burned to death

in the destruction, Thursday, of his home Body Found in Harlem River. The body of John N. Tisdale, a wealthy mining operator, who disappeared from the Hotel Seville at New York on Nov. 5. was found in the Harlem River Thursday. On the body were found a gold

about \$40 in money.

watch with the initials J. N. L. and

Receiver Appointed. The comptroller of the currency has ppointed Thomas Rinaker, of Carlinville. Ill., receiver of the defunct National Bank, of Allegheny, Pa.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

Norfolk People Swindled-Prominent Citizens Alleged to Have Lost Heavily in Texas Land Deal -Other State News.

A Norfolk special says: Norfolk alone has at least thirty well known citizens who lost in a Texas land scheme, and their losses are conservatively estimated at \$3,500 or \$4,000. Included in those here who lost are promient capitalists, real estate men, farmers, attorneys, doctors and musicians. The news that the southwestern Colony Company and the American Tribune New Colony Company have been sued for \$306,000 has brought to light here nearly three dozen men who are anxious to join forces with the people in Indiana who are bringing suit, and many are willing to put in double what they have already lost in order to fight P. H. Fitzgerald, Frank N. Fitzgerald.

Harry A. Fenton and Luke F. Wilson. The Texas plan was to sell stock throughout the country and to buy up thousands of acres of good land cheap. Each man was to put in \$100 and to receive in turn, 160 acres of land, making it cost him 66 cents per acre. Then, when the cities developed, with railroads and copper mines and petroleum wells, the investors were to make a fortune.

It is now alleged that the promoters apparently bought 60,000 acres of land from Luke Wilson, with which they made a showing to investors. Years passed by and then, because the company had paid Wilson but little money, he foreclosed on a mortgage, the land went back to him and the investors were left holding the C. P. Logan, of Nebraska City,

And the suit that has been begun alleges that Wilson was a conspirator with the crowd in the lead to defraud.

CATHOLICS UNDER BAN.

Bishop Scannell Excommunicates Prominent Members at Omaha.

Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, of the Ne braska diocese of the Catholic church has declared excommunicated ipso facto all Monday. There were a number of prom- to their neighbors. Excessive use of in-Edward Cudahy, wife of the packing house magnate; Miss Mae Hamilton, whose individual financial worth is rated at over \$1,000,000, was one of the brides-

Congressman Kennedy has a divorced wife living, and for that reason the bishop issued last Sunday a pastoral forbidding all Catholics to participate in the ceremony, The bishop Thursday declared excommunicated all members of his church who attended the wedding.

COUNCILMAN GOES TO JAIL. Refuses to Pay Fine for Selling

Liquor Without License. At Beatrice Councilman Harry Ford. from the Third ward, who was found guilty last week in the district court on the charge of selling liquor without a li- age. cense and who was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 by Judge Kelliger or file a supersedeas bond or go to jail, failed to file a bond or pay his fine within the time

day by Sheriff Trude. Ford absolutely refused to pay his fine and when taken in charge by the officer intimated that he would just as soon serve his fine out in jail, which will take about sixty days. Later in the day, however, he changed his mind, gave bail and was

limited by the court, so he was lodged in

the county jail soon after noon Wednes-

Can Do Sunday Business.

The Sunday question, which has been vexing the minds of West Point citizens for the last two months, has been finally settled by the passage of an ordinance by the city council allowing business houses and stores to transact business on Sunday between the hours of 8 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. In the same ordinance the saloons are absolutely forbidden to do business on Sunday and the closing hour for week days is set at 11 o'clock.

Body of Kurtz Found.

John Kurtz, the night foreman at the Northwestern shops at Long Pine, who, after a domestic quarrel left home a few days ago with a bottle of strychnine in his pocket and a threat to his family that they would never see him alive again and for whom search parties have since been scouring the country, was found Saturday within a quarter of a mile of town and hideously distorted.

Go to Claim Estate.

Calvin Chapman and David Shellenber-John Shellenberger, the reputed millionsome two years ago, have gone to Connellsville, Pa., to take steps to ascertain the condition of the estate, which is variously estimated at from \$6,000,000 to \$24,000,000.

Fires Are Mysterious.

During the storm two fires broke out in Norfolk. One totally destroyed the home of A. F. Kiehl on South Thirteenth Street, nothing being saved. The other started in the Junction school house, but did little damage. The origin of each is a mystery.

November Strawberries.

G. W. Crawford, a carpenter of Tecuaseh, picked two quarts of perfectly developed strawberries from his patch last week. It was the second crop, Mr. Crawford covered the bed at night to prevent frost killing.

Hog Cholera Around Grand Island The ravages of the disease of cholera has become quite devastating among the herds of swine in the country around Grand Island, many farmers reporting the loss of over half of their herds, and some as high as S0 per cent.

School House Burned.

The Blue Ridge school house, located five miles northwest of Beatrice, was deof fire unknown.

RESTS IN NEW GRAVE.

Remains of Man Who Died Forty Years Ago Reinterred.

About seven miles west of Schuyler on the banks of McCallister's lake, and on the old California and Oregon trail, was the grave of one Anvalina Baldwin, who died Nov. 10, 1865, aged 23 years 7 months and 6 days. The grave was marked by an old-fashioned headstone and for years stood undisturbed. Recently the spot was turned into a cattle yard and

the grave trampled underfoot. John C. Sprecher, editor of the Free Lance, proposed to start a subscription list to defray the expenses of removing the remains from there and giving them a suitable burial in the Schnyler cemetery. Sprecher and a couple of others went up last week and disinterred the remains, which were placed in a coffin and buried in the Schuyler cemetery after lying for forty years on the old California and Oragon trail.

BANK ROBBED AT CHAPMAN

Safe Wrecked and Robbers Secure Between \$1 2 00 and \$1,500.

The State Bank of Chapman was en-

tered at 2:30 Monday morning, the safe forced by dynamite and between \$1,206 and \$1,500 was taken. The burglars apparently secured en-

trance through the front door by use of skeleton keys. The safe was badly wrecked and all the cash was taken, but papers were not disturbed. The report of the explosion aroused citizens, and within twenty minutes a score of men were on the scene of burglary. A woman of the village saw two strangers hurrying away in the darkness, but could give no description of them and it is not known which direction the men took.

The bank is fully protected by burglar insurance and will have a new safe. If is doing business as usual.

EX-JUDGE FOUND DEAD.

Passes Away.

Ex-Police Judge C. P. Logan was found dead Saturday evening at his home on West Second Avenue in Nebraska City. He had been down town during the day and seemed to be in his usual health.

Logan was removed from office last spring by the city council under charges alleging more than \$1,000 of city money to be in his hands unaccounted for and unpaid. The tragedy revealed the fact members of the Catholic church who par- | that Mr. Logan and his family were in ticipated in the wedding of Congressman I absolute destitute circumstances, but Kennedy and Miss Pritchett, at Omaha, were too proud to reveal their condition has declared excommunicated ipso facto inent Catholics present, including Mrs. | toxicating liquors was the cause of Lo gan's downfall.

DISPLAYED GOOD NERVE.

Wounded Hunter Walks for Miles with Torn Arm.

With his shattered arm firmly grasped in his uninjured hand August Schultz, a Lincoln laborer, walked for miles along a country road and staggered to his home. 509 C Sstreet.

While out hunting he attempted to pull his gun between the wires of a fence. The weapon was discharged and the shot entered his left arm just above the elbow. With the blood spurting from the wound

he doggedly trudged to the city. The surgeon amputated the arm by severing a few torn muscles. He has a

bare chance to recover. He is 40 years of

TWO DIE SUDDENLY.

Sad Thanksgiving Day in the Homes of Two Residents of Randolph,

Thanksgiving day in two homes in Randolph was darkened Thursday by the deaths of the heads of the houses. Frank Hornbeck, aged 42 years, a prominent citizen of Randolph for twenty years past, died suddenly of heart failure at 5:25 in the morning at the Farnum & Kurtz restaurant, while eating his breakfast. He had been ailing only about 36

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock John L. Manze, aged 72 years, was found dead near where he had been working in banking up his house, and was carried in and a doctor called. He had evidently been dead, however, for some hours, as his body was entirely cold.

Attempt to Commit Suicide. Edward Austin, who resides near Cook, attempted to commit suicide by cutting

his throat with penknife. He has been working for Herman Wellensick as a farm hand. He left the house Wednesday to visit friends, and nothing was seen of him until Thursday men husking corn found him lying in the corn field with his throat cut. No cause is known why he should attempt to take his own life. He

Man Was Probably Crazy.

may recover.

About I o'clock the other night a man was discovered trying to force his way into the normal dormitory at Fremont, occupied by the girls. The police were notified and found that the party was a young man who for some time past has ger, of Nebraska City, heirs of the late | been subject to insane spells and has been an inmate of the Lincoln asylum. aire, whose death occurred in Oregon | He was taken to the city jail and his relatives notified.

New Town is Booming.

The new town of Uehling on the Great Northern has started out with a number of new buildings, including a bank, hardware store, saloon, humber office, livery barn, butcher shop and two additional lumber yards will be located there later.

Death from Diphtheria. Diphtheria, which broke out in the George Kraitman family on a farm south

of Madison, resulted fatally to the young-

est girl. Seven other children who were

down with the disease are recovering. May Vote on Bond Issue. The Madison council is seriously conidering submitting at the spring elections the issuinc of \$10,000 bonds, the proceeds

to be used in the erection of a city hall. Sheriff Closes a Store.

Sheriff W. H. Cummings has taken possession of Alfred Howorth's grocery store in Tecumseh and the place is closed. Creditors became anxious over their accounts and caused this action. It is probable the place will not reopen.

Died of His Injuries.

Frank Knapp, Sr., an aged Bohemian farmer who lives ten miles southeast of stroyed by fire with all its contents. The | Leigh, died at the home of his son-in-law building was built years ago at a cost of late Saturday night. His death was \$1,200 and was insured for \$500. Origin | earsol by injuries received ten days ago in falling from a wagon.



The uppermost topic in university cir cles lately has been the reputed offer of the University of Chicago presidency to Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, Among the members of the faculty and the students of the institution, there is a strong desire to have him remain at the head of the school. His ability as a college executive and a harmonizing force has been generally recognized by all elements in the institution. Sometimes imperious in his way when he believed a momentous issue was at stake, the very sternness of his address has won favor from those affected. The students have great friendship for him as an intellectual leader and mentor, and because of his ready sympathy with students' aims, although he can use repression with unhesitating decision, when the bounds of propriety have been overstepped. Another factor which adds to the strength of the desire to have him remain is the fact that an educator of his renown adds something to the respect in which the Nebraska university is held in other states.

James Brady, of Albion, one of the officers of the State Co-operative Elevator Association, who has been in Lincoln, predicts that the state meeting to be held in Lincoln Jan. 17 will be large and enthusiastic. He stated that there are now 135 co-operative companies in the association and he looks to see the membership considerably augmented because of the fact that many of these concerns have been doing a profitable business recently. In this connection, it is pointed out that at the time the attorney general filed his suit for an injunction against the Nebraska Grain Dealers' Association it was believed that the result would be to increase the number of independent associations which had been kept down because of the price cutting tactics of the old line companies. Under the temporary injunction secured by Attorney General Brown that species of attack on the new concerns would invoke the wrath of the supreme court in the shape of contempt proceedings, and there is, in consequence, an absence of interference.

* * * That Nebraska is a big game state is partially demonstrated by two complaints filed in the office of Game Warden Carter, charging that certain individuals had killed a deer and an antelope within the last two weeks. One complaint came from Mullen, where a deer from the herd seen in that vicinity recently was killed. Carter wired the sheriff to make an arrest, but has received a reply from that official to the effect that there had been no violation of the law, from which the warden infers that the animal was killed before the close of the season, Nov. 15. The antelope was killed in the neighborhood of Ogallala and the same explanation was made. The open season for deer and autelope lasts from Aug. 15 to Nov. 15, although Carter says that the law should be amended so as to protect the game entirely, to give the herds a chance to multiply? The statute provides that one person may kill a single deer and a single antelope. two animals of either species during the

. . .

A suit to test the validity of the new anti-cigarette statute in the supreme court is to be based on the conviction of Pat Raymond, a young laborer, who was fined \$50 and costs by Police Judge Cosgrove at Lincoln for rolling a single cigarette. The word manufacture as used in the statute was interpreted by the court to refer to the rolling of the single cigarette. W. D. McHugh, of Omaha, alleged to represent the Tobacco Trust in a legal capacity has been in Lincoln inspecting the records of the trial and he has intimated to the police officials that an appeal would be taken to the supreme court for the purpose of securing a decision as to the scope of the act with reference to the manufacture of single cigarettes and the validity of the general act. The talk of carrying the question as to the validity of the act into court has recalled the charge made at the time of the passage of the act that the title was defective in its reference to existing statutes.

State Superintendent McBrien is makt ing an investigation as to the cause of the similarity in the replies to teachers' examination questions which have been received from four counties. Nine pplicants are concerned in the investigation which he is about to make and proper steps will be taken to punish the guilty individuals, should it be found that cheating or collusion has been carried on. In one county three replies to certain questions were identical in thought and phraseology. In the three remaining counties two individuals in each made replies alike. The superintendent has prepared a circular letter dealing with the matter in which he inquires whether the similarity in the answers is the result of thought transference. A peculiar feature of the quest is the fact that in some instances. both of the replies are grotesquely wrong.

State Treasurer Mortensen has several applications from counties desiring to redeem portions of the outstanding bond issues held by the permanent school fund for investment. In some instances the county officials are so auxious to redeem that they are willing to pay the interest to the date of maturity. In one instance an officer is made to pay more than a year's interest in advance in this manner. Advices reaching the state official indicate that there is considerable money on hand in the county cash boxes and the counties are correspondingly anxious to reduce their debts. Mortensen, on the other hand, refuses to allow any investment to go before m. urity except in cases where the full in rest is allowed.

After consultation with the attorney general, State Superintendent McBrien has announced that the county superintendents of the state must have firstgrade certificates in force during their entire tenure of office under the penalty of having their offices declared vacant. Some of the officials who have just been elected have certificates which expire in a short time, while a large percentage will expire before the end of the term. New certificates must be issued by the superintendents of other comuttes designated by the state officials.