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GAIN IN CAR FAMINE

EASTERN ROADS SAID TO PROFIT AT WEST'S EXPENSE.

Western Railroad Managers Say This Would Greatly Relieve the Situation, but that Eastern Lines Stand in the Way.

At the conclusion of the inquiry into the question of the freight car shortage in the west before C. A. Prouty, interstate commerce commissioner, which began in St. Louis and ended at Kansas City Friday night, the commissioner, shippers and the representatives of the railroads agreed that all parties concerned would be greatly benefited and present conditions relieved if a free interchange of cars among railroad companies could be brought about. The solution was first suggested by shippers, was approved by Commissioner Prouty and was endorsed by the railroad representatives when they were given an opportunity to state their side of the case.

It is understood that western railway lines generally favor a free interchange of freight cars, but that eastern roads have refused to enter into such an arrangement. The reason for this difference, it is said, is that eastern roads are profiting by present conditions and are using many thousands of cars belonging to western roads, and their own equipment as well, causing a serious shortage to exist in the west and south. Western lines have been forced to issue an order that such cars as they have left are not to leave their own respective tracks.

After the hearing had adjourned Commissioner Prouty said:

"An interchange of cars by all the railroads would do away with much of the shipping trouble. And, then, this country is a long way from New York. Owners of railroads are not thoroughly familiar with conditions here. They are inclined to make money first and consider the public service later."

LYNCHED BY A MOB.

Negro Outrager Taken from the Annapolis Jail.

Henry Davis, alias Henry Chambers, colored, who committed felonious assault on Mrs. John Reid, five miles from Annapolis, last Friday, and who confessed the crime, was taken from jail at Annapolis Friday by a mob of sixty masked men and lynched. He was strung up and his body riddled with bullets.

The jail is situated in the western section of the city and is quite isolated. The mob had no difficulty in securing the prisoner.

GREAT STRIKE IN AUSTRIA.

25,000 Men and Women Employed in Postoffice Quit Work.

A strike involving all the postoffices of Austria and 25,000 employees, men and women, began in Vienna Friday as a protest against conditions under which employees are compelled to labor. The men have been agitating for years with the object of securing an increase of pay, which begins at 45 cents a day and rises to a maximum of 90 cents after forty or fifty years of service.

Steel Workers Get Higher Pay.

Announcement of an increase in wages of 10 per cent was posted in mills of the Illinois Steel company at South Chicago Friday. It is said that a like advance will apply to employees of the company at Joliet and Milwaukee and that 13,000 men will be affected.

Second Life Sentence.

Curtis Jett was found guilty Friday at Louisville, Ky., of the assassination of James Cockrill, at Jackson, four years ago, and sentenced to life imprisonment. Jett is now serving a life sentence for complicity in the murder of Attorney Marcum, several years ago.

George A. Marden Dead.

George A. Marden, for several years assistant treasurer of the United States, in charge of the subtreasury at Boston, died recently at his home in Lowell, Mass.

Telegraph Line to Wrangel.

Wrangel, on the southeastern coast of Alaska, was placed in telegraphic communication with the outside world for the first time Friday.

Sioux City Live Stock Market. Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$4.00. Top hogs, \$6.12 1/2.

A Big Express Robbery.

A Wells-Fargo express box, said to have contained \$30,000, was stolen from the company's office at Reno, Nev., Friday after the arrival of Thursday night's train from Tonopah. Edward Crofton, the messenger, continued on his way to San Francisco.

Cuba Free of Yellow Fever. For the first time since August Cuba is free from yellow fever, the last case, which was in Havana, having been discharged Friday.

LAND JURY CONVICTS.

Four Rich Nebraskans Held Guilty of Fraud.

The trial in the federal district court at Omaha of Bartlett Richards, president; Will G. Comstock, vice president; C. C. Jameson, secretary and treasurer, and general manager of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company, controlling the 400,000-acre "Spade" ranch, and Aquilla Triplett, their agent, ended Thursday afternoon by the conviction of the four defendants on thirty-six counts of an indictment which charged conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands and subornation of perjury. The jury took but two hours to consider the evidence.

This trial began Nov. 19, and the jury was completed two days later. The entire time of the court since then was devoted to hearing testimony for the government and the arguments of the attorneys, no witnesses being introduced for the defense.

The accusation against the officers of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company was that they attempted to secure title to vast tracts of land within the "Spade" ranch enclosure in Cherry, Sheridan and Box Butte counties, Neb., by means of fraudulent homestead entries under the Kinkaid law, which permitted the homesteaders to take up a section of land in the semi-arid districts. Scores of witnesses were introduced who swore that they filed on the lands at the solicitation of agents of the principal defendants and the understanding that they would be paid all the way from \$300 to \$1,000 for their claims when title was secured and that all necessary improvements should be made by the company.

COUNTRY FACES ANARCHY.

A Civil War Threatened in Venezuela When President Castro Expires.

The latest Caracas advices indicate President Castro is much worse and it is even claimed he cannot live more than a week longer. Should he die First Vice President Gomez will immediately assume the presidency, and be supported by a large section of the army. A very large element of the country, including Andinos, or mountaineer supporters of Castro, however, will be opposed to Gomez. Castro has been making strenuous efforts to compose the differences between the Gomez party and the party had by Gen. Alcantra, president of the state of Aragua, but the endeavor has been a failure. Alcantra has a large army and considerable war material and is determined not to recognize Gomez, but raise a revolution for the purpose of obtaining the presidency.

Meanwhile the rebel forces headed by Gen. Rafael Montilla, which recently captured Barquesmito, 120 miles from Caracas, are daily increasing in strength.

LIFE SAVERS DISMISSED.

Failed to Make Repeated Attempts to Save Drowning Men.

Secretary Shaw Thursday announced the dismissal of Keeper Chauncey D. Pool, a surfman, and Jacob O. Johnson from the life saving service, after reviewing the report of Inspector Balingier, of the Twelfth district, of his investigations of the drowning of four men in the harbor of Holland, Mich., Nov. 21. The secretary suspended action with reference to the rest of the life saving crew, whose efforts to save the drowning men were unsuccessful. The conclusion is reached that, while it appears quite probable the men could not have been saved, the failure of the crew to make repeated attempts to rescue the drowning men is regarded as "unpardonable."

MONSTER CAR ORDER.

Pennsylvania to Add Five Thousand to Its Equipment.

The purchasing agent of the Pennsylvania railroad has invited bids for the construction of 5,000 box cars. Their estimated cost is \$6,000,000. It is not expected the cars will be delivered before the latter part of next year. With the placing of this order the company will have ordered within the last two years nearly 60,000 additional freight cars of various types.

Curtis Jett Admits Guilt.

Curtis Jett, of Cynthia, Ky., Thursday surprised the commonwealth by confessing that he alone committed the murder of Town Marshal Cockrill, in Jackson, four years ago, for which he is now on trial. Jett had made a previous confession, implicating Judge Hargis and Sheriff Ed Callahan.

Three Burned to Death.

Three persons were burned to death and two were fatally burned in a fire at the Zenobia apartment house in Buffalo, N. Y., Wednesday night.

Kankakee Woman Dies Alone.

Mrs. S. D. Noble, aged 87 years, a resident of Kankakee, Ill., for more than fifty years, was found dead in her bed recently. She lived alone.

Jeffries to Act as Referee.

It has been decided that James J. Jeffries shall referee the Gans-Herman fight at Tonopah, Nev. The articles of agreement gave the Casino Athletic club the right of selection if the principals cannot agree.

Big Woolen Merger.

A merger of the leading woolen mills of the south, involving a capitalization of \$1,250,000, has been effected. The combine will be known as the American Textile Woolens company.

"DUMMY" WITHDRAWN.

Publicity Ends Usefulness of Republic Company.

Testifying Wednesday in the suit brought by the state of Missouri against the Standard Oil company, the Waters-Pierce Oil company and the Republic Oil company to stop them from doing business in Missouri, C. L. Nichols, president of the Republic Oil company, declared that as a result of the disclosures made in the proceedings the usefulness of the Republic Oil company as a supposed competitor of the Standard Oil company had ended. The entire business of the company outside of Missouri, he said, had been turned over to the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. That portion in Missouri would also have been turned over, he added, had it not been for injunctions which prevented such action.

Three witnesses were examined Wednesday at the continuation of the hearing which was begun Tuesday. Besides Mr. Nichols, Walter C. Teague, of the export department of the Standard Oil company, who was on the stand Tuesday, and William S. Heyer, of Baltimore, formerly manager at St. Louis of the Republic Oil company, gave testimony.

SOME RIOTING IN FRANCE.

Troops Forced to Aid the Police at Nantes.

Considerable rioting attended the evacuation of the episcopal palace and seminary in Paris Wednesday. Crowds of Catholic manifestants overcame the police, who were compelled to draw revolvers to keep back the mob until rescued by troops. Several women were arrested for striking and biting soldiers.

Reports received in Paris Wednesday by the minister of the interior show thirty-four ecclesiastical residences, occupied by archbishops or bishops, thus far to have been evacuated under the provisions of the church and state separation law.

BISHOP M'CABE PASSES AWAY.

Noted Methodist Divine Succumbs to Apoplexy.

Bishop Chas. C. McCabe, of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in a New York hospital early Wednesday. Death was due to apoplexy, with which the bishop was stricken several days ago while passing through the city on his way to his home in Philadelphia. Mrs. McCabe and the bishop's niece were at his bedside when the clergyman passed away.

Bishop McCabe was a distinguished member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was born at Athens, O., Oct. 11, 1836.

NEW AMERICAN PEERESS.

Daughter of Pittsburg Millionaire Weds Lord Ellenborough.

The newest American peeress is Hermione, daughter of the late E. W. H. Schenley, of Pittsburg, Pa., who was married in London Wednesday afternoon to Lord Ellenborough, a retired commodore of the royal navy. The bride wore a robe of white velvet draped with gold lace and a white velvet toque. The bridegroom, who had long been regarded as a confirmed bachelor, participated in naval operations in the Baltic so long ago as the Russian war of 1855.

Coal for Kansas.

The operating officials of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific announced in Topeka Wednesday that the people along the line in the southwestern part of the state would not suffer on account of a coal famine, as the road had prepared for the emergency.

Bank Robber Sentenced.

Joseph S. Kerns, captured at Great Bend, Kan., recently after holding up a local bank in daylight, was arraigned Wednesday, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term of twenty-one years.

Gold Find in Australia.

Several big gold nuggets were discovered recently near Tarnagulla, Australia, and two were found Wednesday weighing respectively 967 and 373 ounces, the largest seen in Australia in forty years.

To Teach Journalism.

At a meeting of the board of curators of Missouri university it was voted to establish a chair of journalism in the university. The chair will be filled next September.

New Harriman Express Company.

The Pacific Fruit Express, a corporation with a capitalization of \$12,000,000, is to be formed by the Harriman lines for the purpose of handling their refrigerator car business.

Two Firemen Killed at Fire.

Two firemen were killed and Assistant Chief Munro, of the fire department, and another fireman injured by an explosion at a fire at Savannah, Ga., Thursday night.

Man Proves to Be a Woman.

N. Dereylan, who came to Phoenix, Ariz., two months ago from Chicago of consumption. At the undertaking parlors it was discovered the deceased was a woman. Rowe declares he had no knowledge of this before.

Famous Editor Dead.

John Army Knox, at one time widely known as the editor and proprietor of the Texas Siftings, died at his home in New York Wednesday of heart disease.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Farmer's Hogs Mysteriously Die—E. S. Woodruff, near Calloway, Loses 150 Head—Skunks Who Eat of the Carcasses Also Die.

E. S. Woodruff, one of the most substantial farmers and stockmen residing southwest of Calloway, has had the misfortune to lose about 150 head of hogs the last few weeks from a peculiar disease. A few weeks ago the animals commenced dying off, and although everything was done that could be thought of to keep them from dying, about 150 head of them were hauled out and buried before the disease was gotten under control. During the cold snap of a few weeks ago some of the dead animals were hauled out and left lying on the prairie until the weather moderated so that they could be buried. After the weather warmed up Mr. Woodruff went out to bury the dead, and upon reaching the place was surprised to find fifteen dead skunks lying within a few feet from where they had been eating the carcasses of the dead hogs, and the question now arises, what did the hogs die with that the flesh should be so poisonous to the skunks?

Mr. Woodruff states that he was sure at all times that the hogs did not die from the effects of cholera, but that it had the appearance of being a kind of lung trouble, and was pronounced by him as being lung fever. Anyway, it seems strange that the flesh of the dead animals should be so poisonous as to kill a skunk so suddenly that it would not be able to get farther than a few feet after partaking of the flesh of the dead hog.

PAUPER INHERITS FORTUNE.

Patrick Mulligan, Inmate of Poor-house, Heir to Brother's Estate.

Patrick Mulligan, for four years an inmate of the Douglas county poor-house, has been found to be one of the heirs to a large estate left him by the death of his brother, Andrew Mulligan, at San Francisco about a year ago. Mulligan is nearly 80 years of age and refuses to believe in his good fortune until tangible evidence is given him, and in the meantime is satisfied to remain a charge on the county.

An Omaha law firm succeeded in finding Patrick Mulligan at the poor-house a few days ago. He had not heard from his wealthy brother, or, in fact, any of his family, for years, and supposed they were all dead. The news of his good fortune caused him the greatest surprise, but he said he would hold his job at the poor farm until he saw the actual color of the money to which he is supposed to be an heir.

SERIOUS COLLISION.

Eleven Trainmen Hurt and Five Cars Damaged at Sidney.

A rather serious collision occurred in the Sidney yards a few days ago. Eleven trainmen were more or less severely injured and five cabooses damaged. The cabooses were occupied by the trainmen and were being switched in the west end of the yard. The air on train No. 9 refused to work and the train ran past the depot and hit the cabooses on the side, causing two of them to turn over, and damaging the others.

Those injured were Conductors Dick Williams and Arch Howard and brakeman Le Doyl, Morris, Nelson, Aldrich and Garrison. Williams and Howard were the most severely injured.

House Burned at North Platte.

Will Swigart's house was burned at North Platte. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp, which Mr. Swigart had refilled, and after lighting it, stepped into another room for a pair of scissors with which to trim the wick. Upon returning, he found the oil in the lamp had caught fire and a few seconds later exploded, setting fire to the entire room. Mr. Swigart's wife and children were still in bed and Mr. Swigart had just time enough to get them out of the house when the whole interior was in a blaze and none of their clothing or furniture could be saved.

New Electric Line.

The report is that the electric railway from Omaha, to run in a southwesterly direction to Arborville, has the right of way purchaser out and has purchased considerable right of way. It looks very much as if the electric railway will be built. York, on the south, hopes to have the company build to York.

Hit by President's Order.

About forty people from Fremont and vicinity are taking considerable interest in the coal land question in Wyoming, for each of them gave \$100 and a power of attorney to a very smooth promoter by the name of Miller to locate a quarter section of coal or oil land in Carbon county, Wyoming.

Date of Senatorial Election.

Contrary to the general impression the United States senator will be elected Tuesday, Jan. 15, instead of Jan. 22. That is, the senate and house will vote separately on that day and on the day following in joint session the journals of the two houses will be read and the result formally declared.

Nine Horses Burn.

The livery barn at Waterbury owned by James Brenlin burned Thursday. Nine head of horses were burned to death. The barn was a total loss and there was no insurance on the property. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Omaha Murderer Appeals.

An appeal brief for Jay O'Hearn, the Omaha boy murderer under sentence of death for killing Neils Lausten, has been filed in the supreme court by his attorney.

MAN FROZEN TO DEATH.

Nebraskan Wandered Away from His Home While Demented.

Scott Ferguson, a Scotchman, a married brother three years ago to a half-breed Indian woman, was found in a canon east of Chadron frozen to death.

He had been acting queerly for some time and Sheriff Mote had instructed his brother-in-law to watch him. Friday night he took Ferguson up to his home, saying he positively refused to enter his home, saying that he did not live there. He then started to go east from Chadron, and his brother-in-law, unable to control him, had to let him go, and came back to Chadron and reported it. A searching party was organized at once. They hunted all day for him Saturday but could find no trace of him. Early Sunday morning they found his hat in a slaughter house and Monday afternoon they found the body in the canon, partly covered with snow.

LOGAN LAMBERT CONVICTED.

Former Illegal Liquor Dealer Found Guilty of Assault.

Logan Lambert, the ex-Homer saloonkeeper and who only last summer was released from the Sioux Falls penitentiary from serving a term therein for introducing liquor on the Winnebago Indian reservation, again has the penitentiary staring him in the face, for the jury returned a verdict finding him guilty of assault with intent to commit great bodily injury upon the person of Rev. Joseph Schell in Dakota City in April, 1905. The penalty is from one to five years in the penitentiary.

The attorneys for Lambert have filed a motion for a new trial, alleging irregularity of trial and misconduct of jurors and the attorneys for the plaintiff.

PLATTE RIVER ON RAMPAGE.

Hall County Farmers Driven Out of House by High Water.

The Platte river was extraordinarily high for the last few days and near Grand Island, and Tuesday morning had reached such a stage that farmers along the same are moving out of their homes, the stream being out of its banks. For several days they have been diligently at work moving their hay or stock. One of the farmers, Julius Peters, who has lived on the Platte for thirty years, states that he has never seen the river as high and cannot account for the unusual amount of water at this season of the year.

The high water is caused by a gorge of ice near the Donner farm, several miles down the river, which is backing up the water and sending it out of its banks for long stretches.

ILL FATE FOLLOWS FAMILY.

Young Nebraskan Falls into Trance and Dies in Sleep.

Delbert Lockwood, the son of one of the most prominent pioneer families in Dixon county, died Monday after falling into a trance Sunday. The young man, who was 17 years old, went to sleep Sunday night at 5 o'clock and did not recover consciousness before his death.

He was the fourth in the family to meet either a strange or violent death. An elder brother was killed in a threshing machine accident, another died suddenly in Colorado and a third disappeared suddenly some time ago and has never been heard from. Two other brothers have met with accidents which nearly proved fatal. There were thirteen children in the family.

THREE TAKE JEWELS.

Omaha Pawnbroker Robbed by Three Men of \$8,000 Worth of Gems.

Three men entered the pawn shop of Joseph Sonnenberg at Omaha, bound and gagged the proprietor, Mike Morrissey, his clerk, and a customer named Frank Swan, and filling a satchel with diamonds and jewelry, escaped.

As they went out of the alley their actions excited the suspicion of Samuel Cross, a fireman, who tried to stop them, and an exchange of shots followed. Later one of the robbers, giving his name as Ed Elliott, of Denver was captured by the police and part of the plunder recovered. The pawnbroker reports his loss at about \$8,000.

Woman Killed by Motor.

Miss Frieda Spreen, aged 26 years, a South Omaha packing house employe, was crushed under the wheels of the trailer of a northbound South Omaha car at Twenty-fourth and Vinton streets a few minutes before 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, dying a short time afterward. Her head was crushed. She had fallen in alighting from the back platform of the forward car and was drawn inward between the cars, directly under the wheels of the trailer.

Hendee Returned for Trial.

Sheriff Greer returned to Wilber from Walspton, N. D., with ex-convict Judge Hosmer H. Hendee, against whom has been made the charge of embezzling \$3,385 belonging to the estate of George Smith, deceased, under color of his office. Mr. Hendee readily gave a \$2,000 bond, with half a dozen old friends as sureties for his appearance for preliminary examination.

Wife Sues Liquor Dealers.

Mrs. Lela Wilson has instituted suit for \$1,500 damages against H. L. Harper, a druggist, and J. V. Shackleton, a saloonkeeper of Beatrice, for the sale of liquor to her husband, William Wilson. Plaintiff alleges that that reason he has failed to provide and properly care for his family.

New Catholic Parsonage.

Work has started on the new Catholic parsonage and club house at Beatrice. The congregation will also erect a new church the coming spring. The contemplated improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

Eating Much Hay.

Eating machines all over York county are busily engaged in baling alfalfa, timothy and clover and prairie hay. While the local market is good, nearly all of this hay is being shipped to the Kansas City and Omaha



The winter course of the school of agriculture, University of Nebraska, opens Jan. 2, and continues until March 1. The announcement just issued by the faculty says the course offers an opportunity to obtain a mastery of the principles of seed selection; a thorough knowledge of the crops which can be most profitably grown in Nebraska; an acquaintance with the methods of adding to and conserving the fertility of our farms; a knowledge of how to deal successfully with the problem of soil moisture; the learning necessary to him who would succeed in making the proper choice of sires to head his herds, in the selection of profitable feeders, and who desires to know the principles of stock feeding and stock breeding; how to prevent the outbreak of contagious diseases among farm animals; a training in the principles of the economic production of milk, butter and cheese; a knowledge of the best methods of growing vegetables, small fruits, orchard products, and ornamental shrubs and grasses; a practical course in the adjustment, use and care of farm machinery; instruction in the care and management of poultry; practice in grading small grain and judging corn. A fee of \$2 is charged for the course.

The famous Nebraska railroad tax cases which the railroads have been trying persistently to stave off will be argued before the United States supreme court at Washington Tuesday, Jan. 22. This date was agreed upon between Attorney General Norris Brown, representing the state, and Chas. J. Greene, special attorney for the Burlington, who was armed with written credentials authorizing him to act for John N. Baldwin, for the Union Pacific, as well. The day set—Jan. 22—is the date on which the legislature will ballot for United States senator, an election in which Norris Brown, as the candidate endorsed by the Republicans for that office, will be very much interested. Mr. Brown will be no longer attorney general at that time, but it is all fixed for him to argue the case in conjunction with Attorney General Thompson and carry through as a volunteer the litigation he has begun as attorney general, rather than give the railroads excuse for another delay. Mr. Brown agreed to be in Washington instead of at Lincoln on January 22, relying on the Republican members of the legislature to cast their votes for him in his absence according to the Republican nomination.

Miss Cora Garber, of the state land commissioner's office is reported to be a candidate for the position of private secretary to Gov.-elect Sheldon. It was asserted that she is conducting an active campaign to that end and has written to several men in Webster county asking for their endorsements. Asked by a reporter whether or not she is seeking to obtain the appointment as private secretary to the new governor, Miss Garber said: "I am not a candidate for anything." No governor of Nebraska within present remembrance has given the private secretaryship post to a woman. It is thought that Gov.-elect Sheldon will follow precedent in this regard. He has been in the south for three weeks, and no announcement of whom he has in view for the place is forthcoming as yet.

Gov. Mickey's second term in office resulted in a reduction of the average per capita cost of maintaining inmates in the state institutions from \$94.84 during his first term to \$84.78 during his second term. An exhaustive report, just completed by Clerk C. C. Husted, of the governor's office, shows the cost of maintaining the 3,655 inmates of the state institutions. The total per capita cost of maintenance at the penitentiary was \$66.97, but as the convicts earned for the state \$56.99 each, the actual cost to the state at that institution was \$15.98.

"I am against fake charity and in favor of the real thing," says Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the University of Nebraska in an open letter telling why he refuses to subscribe to recent public appeals made by the Salvation army officers in Lincoln for money and provisions to give a Christmas dinner to the poor. He says the so-called charity work of the Army in Lincoln is vicious and pauperizing, calculated to make the work a plague.

Gov. Mickey has written a letter to J. C. Stitt, of Norfolk, an architect, declaring that he meant no injustice to the architect and contractors on the west wing of the new Nebraska state insane hospital there. He said the tunnels were crumbling and other work was bad, but he admits that the west wing was well built. The tunnel was built several years ago by other parties.

The receipts from oil inspection fees during the year, which ended Nov. 30, according to Mr. Church's report, were \$21,991.30. Expenditures for the same period totaled \$12,539.49. The sum of \$8,894.42 was left on hand. Treasury and \$552.39 is left on hand. November receipts were \$2,539.40 and disbursements \$1,095.73, giving a monthly balance of \$1,434.67.

Gov. Mickey has definitely refused to commute the death sentence of Jay O'Hearn, the Omaha boy murderer, to life imprisonment. O'Hearn's mother, in company with Dr. F. M. Sisson, Methodist clergyman from Omaha, called upon the executive to press the request for clemency, but Gov. Mickey told them that he would do nothing in the case until the courts are through with it, as O'Hearn's appeal is now pending in the supreme court and cannot be reached before the present governor's term expires.