

SPOONER STEPS OUT

FAMOUS WISCONSIN SENATOR RESIGNS HIS OFFICE.

Says He Has Not Felt at Liberty to Practice Law While in Senate and Now is Compelled to Look After His Own Interests.

It was announced in Milwaukee Sunday that United States Senator John C. Spooner has forwarded his resignation to Gov. Davidson, to take effect May 1 next.

Gov. Davidson said he had not yet received the resignation and could hardly believe it to be true.

As to Senator Spooner's successor Gov. Davidson said it would be left to the present legislature to elect a successor to fill the unexpired term.

Gov. Davidson would not discuss the probable successor other than that he comprehended some of the Wisconsin congressmen, such as Cooper and Esch, who were candidates for the senatorship at the time Senator La Follette was elected to succeed Senator Quarles, would again enter the field.

Gov. Davidson said he would not be a candidate. Lieut. Gov. W. D. Connor, of whom mention has been made at times as a possible successor to Spooner when his term expired, expressed surprise at the news of the resignation, but was not prepared at this time to make a statement.

STRIKE VIOLENCE ENDS.

So Attempt Made to Run Street Cars at Portsmouth, O.

The presence all along the line of the Portsmouth, O., street railroad of police and 100 deputy sheriffs sworn in by Sheriff Gillen, warnings that all violations will meet with prompt arrests, the pleas of striking motormen and conductors themselves for peace and the fact that no attempts were made to operate cars have combined to improve the strike situation.

But when twenty state constables from Cincinnati arrived at the company's office Saturday night the street fairly swarmed with persons who hooted and jeered them. These men, heavily armed, are guarding the street railway property.

President Levi D. York in his first public utterance since the strike began bitterly attacked the city and county officials for failing to provide protection, declaring that if such had been given cars would now be running on schedule time. The demands of the men, he says, were put up to the company preemptorily and no time was allowed for a decision. The company will sue the county for \$5,000 damages because of the burning of a car Friday night.

CHICAGO THIEVES ARE BOLDED.

Take Mail Wagon from a Crowded Street.

A United States mail wagon containing three pouches, two of which were filled with miscellaneous mail matter, and the third with registered mail, was stolen from in front of the stock exchange building in Chicago Saturday night while the driver was making a collection in the building. At the time of the theft the street was crowded with persons, none of whom saw the thief escape with the mail wagon. While the collector was inside the thief drove off with the wagon, which was one enclosed by a screen, the door of which was locked.

Two hours after the robbery the wagon was found three miles distant from the downtown district. The screen of the door had been broken and the pouches taken.

The postoffice authorities say they do not know just how many checks or jewelry the registered pouches contained, but were of the belief the robbers probably secured \$5,000.

REPUDIATES CONFESSION.

Denver Man Now Denies Having Murdered Wife and Daughter.

Benjamin C. Wright of Chicago, pleaded not guilty in the criminal court at Denver Saturday to the charge of having murdered his wife and daughter, who died of poisoning last Sunday. Wright has repudiated the confession which he made to Chief of Police Michael A. Delaney and says it was given under duress.

Wright was examined Saturday by three alienists, two for the prosecution and one for the defense.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$5.05. Top hogs, \$6.80.

Throws Children from Burning Home.

Honor Hinton, wife, and three children had a narrow escape from death by fire at Holcombe, Wis. Hinton awoke at the sound of the roof falling in. He threw his children out of the window, and he and his wife escaped after them.

Powder Mill Blown Up; Four Dead.

The mixing mill at the Rand Powder company's plant at Dossett, Tenn., blew up Saturday afternoon. Four men were killed and three injured.

ATTACK EDDY ESTATE.

Science Leader's Relatives Sue for Accounting.

A bill in equity to secure an accounting of the financial affairs of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, was filed in the superior court for Merrimack county, N. H., Friday by Mrs. Eddy's son, Geo. W. Glover, of Deadwood, S. D., and his daughter, Miss Mary Baker Glover, and Geo. W. Baker, of Bangor, Me., nephew and "next friend" of Mrs. Eddy. The bill is directed against Alfred Farlow and other trustees of the Christian Science church in Boston, and Calvin A. Frye, Mrs. Eddy's secretary, Lewis O. Strang, her assistant secretary and Herman S. Herring, first reader of the church in Concord.

Besides demanding an accounting of all transactions regarding Mrs. Eddy's affairs the bill asks for restitution in case any wrong doing appears; for an injunction during litigation from interference with her property and business and for a receiver.

In a statement issued Friday night by former United States Senator William E. Chandler, special counsel in the action, it is declared Mr. Glover is actuated by no spirit of disrespect to his mother, but believes that the proceeding is in her real interest.

WILL SELL FAMILY MILEAGE.

Wisconsin Lines Will Put on Market 500-Mile Books.

The Chicago and Northwestern has joined the Wisconsin Central, Burlington and Milwaukee roads in promising a new 500-mile family mileage book at \$10 each, in conformity to the suggestion of the Wisconsin state railway commission, when it decided for a 2 1/2-cent passenger fare in Wisconsin.

At the same time it was announced that all the railways concerned will continue to sell all the different kinds of mileage books at the present on the market.

The 1,000-mile mileage book will be sold at the old price of \$25, and the 2,000-mile book at \$50, as before. A rebate will be continued on the latter to the amount of \$6.50, as has been the rule. All these books are interchangeable, and good over every line in the Western Passenger association. The 500-mile family book will not be interchangeable.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN.

Bridge Burned on the Southern Pacific in Texas.

A bridge near Iser, on the Southern Pacific fifty miles east of El Paso, Tex., was burned Friday night with the evident purpose of wrecking a passenger train. The train was delayed, and the fire was discovered by the crew of an extra train which barely escaped running into it. Several persons were seen running from the vicinity by the crew of the extra, which flagged the passenger. The bridge is a total loss, and will necessitate transfers for several days.

RANCHMEN IN BATTLE.

Three Men Are Shot in Montana, One Fatally.

A report has just been received telling of a shooting affray between ranchmen, thirty miles north of Helena, Mont. Three were shot, among them being Paul Reiburg, who was injured in the heart and who will probably die.

The others, whose names are unknown at this time, are seriously wounded. A range war is said to be the cause. The sheriff has gone to the scene.

Severely Hurt in Duel.

A furious sword duel was fought at Vienna between Herr Rakovsky, vice president of the lower house of the Hungarian parliament, and Herr Hervath, a local journalist. The encounter grew out of charges of political espionage made by Herr Rakovsky. Herr Hervath was severely wounded.

Revives Whipping Post.

The whipping post is to be revived in Maryland after having been in disuse for twenty years. Sadler Brooks, of Baltimore, colored, was Friday sentenced to receive nine lashes and a jail sentence of two months for beating his wife.

Steamer Goes Ashore in Fog.

The Dutch mail steamer Knogin Wilhelmina went ashore Friday morning during a thick fog on a dike eastward of the entrance of the harbor at Flushing, Holland. Passengers and mails were landed. The vessel got off without damage.

Sixty-Five of Crew Ill.

The battleship Connecticut, of whose crew sixty-five contracted typhoid fever while cruising in the West Indian waters, arrived in New York Thursday. Fifteen are in a critical condition.

Military Academy Bill.

The conference report on the military academy appropriation bill was agreed to Thursday and the bill goes to the president.

Bomb in Madrid Cathedral.

A bomb exploded in the cathedral in Madrid Thursday night while a service was being held. There was a great panic among the congregation and ten persons sustained serious injuries in the rush to leave the building.

To Reduce Pullman Rates.

The Kansas house of representatives Thursday passed a bill making a 20 per cent reduction in Pullman sleeping car rates.

BIRDSALL WARMS UP.

Iowa in Vigorous Assault on Ship Subsidy.

General debate on the ship subsidy bill in the national house of congress terminated at 2:15 o'clock p. m. Thursday, whereupon the bill was read under the five minute rule for amendments. From that time until the recess at 6 o'clock amendments were offered to the bill and the discussion proceeded thereon. The leaders on both sides were drawn into the debate. By a vote of 112 to 127 the house defeated an amendment excepting the Sierra, the Sonoma and the Ventura, of the Oceanic line, from the operation of the bill, and empowering the postmaster general to make contracts with citizens of the United States for carrying mail on steamships.

Representative Birdsall, of Iowa, in opposing the bill criticized Mr. Grosvenor for his methods in reporting the measure. During his address Mr. Birdsall, speaking of President Roosevelt, said:

"The present occupant of the White House is the only real great man who was actually born in the great city of New York."

Mr. Birdsall also asserted that Mr. Hinshaw, of Nebraska, had been tendered a liberal donation by the ship subsidy men for his campaign, but that he had indignantly spurned it. "And now," he added, "they propose to follow him up in his district and defeat him for re-nomination at the polls."

FAST TRAIN WRECKED.

Engineer Killed and Several Passengers Hurt on B. and O.

Baltimore and Ohio train No. 49, westbound running eighteen minutes late and forty miles an hour, was wrecked Thursday night near Indian Creek, seven miles east of Conneville, Pa. The entire train, consisting of a combination smoking and baggage car, two day coaches and the private car of Robert J. Finney, superintendent of the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, left the rails, and after running for 300 feet along the ties was thrown into a ditch at the foot of the mountains, where the wreckage was completely burned.

Wiley Irwin, engineer, of Pittsburg, was killed, the fireman fatally injured and the baggagemaster, express messenger, conductor and six passengers seriously injured. About thirty passengers were more or less cut and bruised.

BULLETS END LIVES OF FOUR.

A Horrible Tragedy is Enacted in Illinois.

Thomas Baldwin, a rich farmer and former merchant, aged 68, of Colfax, Ill., shot and killed Charles Kennedy and wife, Mrs. Samuel Eisman and daughter Cora.

Baldwin was under bond, charged with criminal assault on Cora Eisman aged 14. He settled with the girl's father for a sum of money, but was subsequently arrested. He blamed the Kennedys and Mrs. Eisman for the prosecution.

Baldwin narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of angry farmers. He surrendered to a deputy sheriff at Arrowsmith and was driven hurriedly to Saybrook and brought by train to Bloomington.

LOTTERY TICKETS SEIZED.

Large Number Sent Over on Atlantic Liner.

Customs inspectors at Hoboken, N. J., seized 500,000 lottery tickets Tuesday night, when, according to the officers, the tickets were being taken ashore by two stewards of the Hamburg-American liner Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. The news of the seizure was not made public until Thursday night. Lottery tickets are classed among illegal importations. The stewards who it is alleged had been engaged to deliver the tickets to agents of the Hamburg Lottery company in New York, were not arrested, as the Hamburg-American line, which is responsible for them will compel them to appear when wanted. The tickets ranged in price from \$1 to \$5.

Rosebud Bill Agreed To.

The conference reports on the following bills were agreed to Wednesday:

Authorizing the allotment and disposal of surplus lands in the Rosebud Indian reservation of South Dakota; granting to the government the right to appeal to the supreme court of the United States in criminal cases; river and harbor; and naval (with the exception of one amendment) and army appropriations bills.

Shellenberger Resigns.

The president has accepted the resignation of Second Assistant Postmaster General Shellenberger. Representative McCleary, of Minnesota, will be appointed his successor.

Blizzard in Wisconsin.

A terrific blizzard is raging in the vicinity of New Richmond, Wis. Railroad traffic is impeded and wires are down.

Hits Glass Jobbers.

The United States court of appeals in Philadelphia held the National Window Glass Jobbers' association violated the Sherman anti-trust law in forming an illegal combination for the restriction of trade and the regulation of prices.

Anti-Masonic Rioting in France.

Violent anti-Masonic rioting occurred at Reims, France, Thursday. Many persons were injured and the police made 150 arrests.

News of Nebraska

LIGHTNING ROD GAME AGAIN.

Notes Signed by Farmers Make Their Appearance at Blue Hill.

A note for \$200, signed by August Brosch, turned up at Blue Hill a few days ago, which Mr. Brosch declares he has no recollection of signing. It purports to be in payment for services in placing lightning rods on his house. Payment on the note has been refused, and Mr. Brosch and his friends are wondering what the next move will be. Mr. Brosch says he is not aware he ever gave a note for this amount to anyone.

Another note purporting to bear the signature of John Blohm, who lives ten miles south of Blue Hill, has also been presented to him for payment. Mr. Blohm also denies responsibility for the note and says he will endeavor to find some law by which he can escape payment.

It is supposed the notes were obtained by a mysterious party of four men and a woman who put up at the hotel in Blue Hill about three weeks ago and stayed for about a week. Each day during their stay they went out into the country, but were always secretive about the nature of their business. It was reported they were selling some kind of fence.

ONE ANTI-MERGER MAN DEAD.

F. D. Carlton Loses Life at Lincoln and Woman of Forty Is Injured.

Frederick D. Carlton, 2625 C street, South Omaha, gave his life for the cause of anti-annexation. Mr. Carlton went to Lincoln with the crowd of office holders and school teachers and others, who sought to influence the legislature against the passage of the merger bill, and Thursday was a corpse. When he got off the train at the Burlington he wrenched his back. He was taken to the residence of a friend, G. F. Collins, in a hack, put to bed, and Thursday morning was found dead. Internal hemorrhage is supposed to have been the immediate cause. He was 51 years of age.

Mrs. Mary Allison, another member of the contingent, wrenched her right knee as she was leaving the state capitol and was taken to the office of Dr. Slattery for treatment. Her injuries are not grave, but may prove troublesome.

SALE OF LOTS AT WYNOT.

New Town to Be Started on the Omaha Extension.

The town lot sale held at the new town of Wynot, in the northeastern part of Cedar county, Wednesday was well attended and there was quite a demand for business and residence lots in the new town. About thirty business lots were sold, ranging from \$400 for the choice ones to \$75. Residence lots sold at from \$45 to \$60. The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad will be extended from Newcastle to St. James, or rather Wynot, which is the name of the new town, this summer, and it is expected the new road will be in operation before the first of next year. The lot sale for the new town of Marshall, near the west line of Dixon county, was held Thursday, and while the demand for lots was not as great as at Wynot there were quite a number sold at fancy prices.

Bridge Injunction Made Permanent.

In the district court Thursday Judge Raper, of Beatrice, after hearing the argument in the injunction case of S. A. Kinney against the Gilligan Bridge company and the board of supervisors to prevent them from proceeding further under the contract recently entered into for the construction of bridges in Gage county, held that the injunction should be made perpetual.

Story Is Familiar Enough.

The telegraphers on the Nebraska division of the Omaha road are very much interested in the Murphy bill now before congress providing for an eight-hour day for telegraph operators. The local chairman of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers at Norfolk has a message from St. Louis saying that there are 350 messages per hour coming to Washington asking that this bill be passed.

Smallpox at Florence.

The village of Florence is now in the throes of a genuine smallpox scare, eight children having been stricken with the disease in a severe form. Schools have been closed and all public or private meetings of every character have been suspended. The whole community is being vaccinated and a general feeling of uneasiness prevails.

Jail Is Kept on Wheels.

The town marshal of Eustis is experiencing difficulty in finding a permanent location for the jail. He has moved the building twice in two weeks. Just as soon as he gets the jail moved someone comes along and buys the property, and the marshal is notified to move the building to some other place.

Business Openings at Eustis.

Land agents at Eustis are receiving letters daily asking about business opportunities. There are some operating in Eustis, among which are a brick yard, cement block factory and flour mill. The town of Eustis is surrounded by a thrifty class of German farmers.

Colder Weather in Northwest.

After nearly a month of the most pleasant weather the thermometer at Alliance Tuesday morning stood at 25 degrees above zero, with a northwest wind and snowing. This is a drop of 40 degrees since Monday evening.

Mother Dies in England.

Several years ago Dawson Collins left Nebraska City for England to care for his mother during her declining years, and news has just been received of her death. It is thought he will soon return to Nebraska City.

FARMERS WANT SUGAR FACTORY

Lincoln County Beet Growers Will Try to Get New Plant.

The Lincoln County Beet Growers' association, which was recently formed, held a public meeting at the Conway opera house at Sutherland Saturday afternoon. As well as furthering the interests of the grower to the material extent, it is the intention of the association to do all possible to secure the erection of a beet sugar factory in this country. The association will ask from factory people \$5 per ton for all beets grown and an additional sum of 25 cents a ton for all beets siled and delivered at the factory after Nov. 15; that the factory shall accept all beets ordered each week regardless of the supply of cars. The other terms of the association's contracts are about the same as ordinarily used by the factory and the grower.

At the Saturday meeting numerous farmers signed contracts to grow certain acreages for a period of three years, it being the intention of the association to secure enough contracts of this nature among its members to run a factory for a time, providing one can be secured. By taking this method the association feels that it will be in a position to talk business to those desiring a location for a factory and at the same time secure material assurance that a factory will be established providing the growers be their part.

WIFE BEATER SENT TO JAIL.

Richard Titus Pleads Guilty to Assault and Battery.

Richard Titus, of Table Rock, who pleaded guilty to a charge of wife beating, was sentenced by Justice Marble to fifteen days' imprisonment and to pay the costs of prosecution. Titus came to Table Rock from Missouri a few months ago with his family. The alleged attack on his wife was made on Sunday. Both the sheriff and county attorney came over from Pawnee City to attend the trial. The complaint charged him with assault and battery, to which he pleaded guilty. Sheriff Martin took him to Pawnee City to serve his sentence. Should there be further trouble after his release, an effort may be made to commit him to the asylum under the dipomanic act.

BOY LONES BOTH HIS HANDS.

Caught in Corn Shredder and Badly Crushed by Machinery.

At the farm owned by James Sinclair, between Falls City and Preston, Paul Schmidt, 21 years old, met with a frightful accident Monday evening. He and his father were operating a corn shredder when the boy's hands were caught in the machine and both arms were so badly crushed that the right hand had to be amputated above the wrist and the left hand above the elbow. He has been taken to his home in Falls City. It is thought he will live.

RAILROADS SWING THE CLUB.

Special Rates for Convention, It is Indicated, May Be Refused.

Prof. John Matzen, secretary of the Northeastern Nebraska Teachers' association, which meets at Fremont next month, has received notice that his request for special rates to the convention will not be acted on until after the legislature ends its consideration of the rate question. The intimation is given that if the 2-cent rate goes into effect there will be no reduced rates.

Kills Fifty-Pound Wolf.

Glenn Wilson, son of J. L. Wilson, who lives near Beatrice in Logan township, shot a large gray wolf on the farm of G. L. Mumford on Bear creek. The animal was hiding in a pile of brush near the creek when the hunter discovered it and brought it down the first shot. It weighed nearly fifty pounds.

Child Burned to Death.

The 5-year-old daughter of George Cann was burned to death near Valentine in a barn. Her little brother set the fire with matches. He ran out of the barn, but the little girl became frightened, hid in the hay and was cremated. Her body, burned to a crisp, was found later.

Thunder and Lightning.

Wednesday about 12 o'clock Minden people were surprised to hear it thunder and see lightning flash. It was snowing at the same time and continued for more than an hour. At times the lightning was very sharp.

When Railroads Pay Up Taxes.

Seward county will get \$38,180 when the Burlington pays its county taxes. Of this \$4,328 will go into the general fund and \$3,395 will go into the bridge fund.

Cut Leg on Wire Fence.

While out riding a wild colt, Lawrence Linde, of Ainsworth, ran into a barbed wire fence and cut his left leg below the knee to the bone for about six inches.

Will Be Federal Judge.

Tom C. Munger, of Lincoln, has been named for federal judge of the new federal district. He has been Senator Burckett's campaign manager.

Old Settlers to Organize.

A meeting will be held in Hartington on April 20 for the purpose of organizing and arranging for an old settlers' picnic this summer and each year hereafter. This is the first move made in Cedar county for perfecting an organization of the first settlers.

Victim of Corn Shelter.

Fred Guber, of Kansas City, while working with a corn shelter, had his hand caught and so badly lacerated that he lost two fingers and it is doubtful if he will save his hand.



A growing sentiment prevails for an investigation of the state board of purchase and supplies, and while the sentiment has taken no tangible shape, there is a strong feeling that before the week is out a resolution will be introduced providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the ugly rumors afloat, so that if there is no foundation for them, the stories can be officially refuted and the shadows which now rest on the reputations of certain officers may be removed. The rumors in circulation have various grounds of origin, the contract let by the board to construct the food elevators at the Hastings asylum being one. It is generally believed should Superintendent Kern be brought before a committee he would be able to either straighten out these stories or prove them untrue. This was the contract let originally to Howard Burns, son of Senator Job Burns, for something over \$3,000 and which later turned up in the hands of another party for some \$5,000. Senator Burns claimed his contract provided only for the installation of certain motor power, and he has shown what purports to be the original contract, which bears him out, but Capt. Mickey has, or he left in his office, the original contract and it shows gross carelessness on the part of the board which signed it, if nothing else. Another rumor has it that certain members of the board of purchase and supplies have been permitted by merchants holding state contracts to get things which they bought for their private use, at wholesale prices. If this rumor is true and there seems to be no doubt it is, some members of the legislature are anxious to look into the prices to see if the money lost to the merchant by reason of such courtesy to the state officer has been added to the price made to the state.

If the facts already in the hands of the house committee on claims are verified upon further investigation, Capt. Fisher, of Chadron, probably will discover that he has gone to the legislature once too often with his claim for \$11,500, said to be the appraised value of land escheated to the state. The facts about this claim was set out thoroughly two years ago, and at that time the attorney general became interested in the claim and began an investigation, but nothing ever came of the matter. The claim grew in four years from \$1,500 to \$11,500. The land in question consisted of one section located in Sioux county and owned by the heirs of Herman Goedde, deceased. These heirs lived in Germany, and three appraisers were selected to value the property, as under the law such property must be bought by the state, as it cannot descend to a foreigner. It was set out in the article that Capt. Fisher was to receive as his fee for looking after the matter for the heirs all over \$1,000 received for the property. It was appraised, so the records show, at \$1,500. In 1901 a claim was put before the legislature for \$3,000. It was rejected, but bobbed up secretly in 1905 and increased to \$11,500, and again it was about to be turned down, when it was very quietly withdrawn from the committee. Now it is up again. This legislature intends to settle this claim once for all. Armstrong, of Nemaha, and Snyder, of Harlan, left for the northwestern part of the state to bring before the claims committee the three original appraisers who valued the property. The men have that authority delegated to them by the house. They already have affidavits from two of the appraisers saying the land was valued at \$1,500.

What certainly must be the last straw was heaped upon the bowed back of Burgett by the legislature when a member of the legislature dubbed his darkened headquarters at the Lincoln as the "Lodge of Sorrows." Failing to find members who are willing to associate with him or his kind in public places, such as the hotel lobby, Kelly has been sending out pleading invitations for those who will talk to him to come to his room. Few are accepting the invitations, and those who have been there bring back the story that the old-time ardent user of legislators and manipulator of political conventions, and all round boss, is about all in. His tone of command which used to strike terror in the legislator who wanted to break the railroad strings, has changed to a whine not unlike that of the proverbial whipped cur. "These certainly are changed times for Mr. Jim," remarked a legislator.

The names of Henry Lehr, deceased state treasurer, has been made immortal by the laying out of a small town up in Canada. Some time ago the deputy state treasurer was induced to make an investment in a section of land in Canada. Recently a railroad company laid out a town on this land and Mr. Lehr received a plat of the new place and one street is named "Henry," one "Lehr" and one Albia. Incidentally the land Mr. Lehr bought has gone up from \$2.50 to \$25 an acre.

No more bills will be talked to death in the house, and neither will the members be bored to death by nervous speeches from the same parties. A motion was carried Tuesday morning to limit the number of speeches of any one member in the committee of the whole to one on any one subject except that the chairman of the committee may talk and on the party platform measures more speeches will be allowed. Some of the legislators are still talking about that speech of a Burlington lobbyist in which he said: "We have made mistakes in the past; we have sinned, but forget it; we are flesh and blood; let us work together in the future and wipe out the past." The legislators cannot forget when they talk of that plea that the Burlington and Union Pacific owe enough money in taxes, the collection of which are enjoined, to put a number of counties on a cash basis and open up a few schools in the sparsely settled districts.