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IN ABJECT TERROR

NATIVES TREMBLE IN FEAR OF WHOLESALE MASSACRE.

Destitution is Widespread, and Eve , Civil and Military Officers Are Reduced to Beggary-Natives Say Only Hope is in Intervention.

A dispatch from Port au Prince bays that while there have been many connected with the late revolution, and political prisoners continue to be Brought in batches from interior Points, there have been no more public shootings there. Indeed, the government denies that any more executions shave taken place. This, however, is Incredible, in view of the fact that many persons are known to have been dragged from their beds at night and that all trace of them has been lost.

In the executions of March 15 President Nord Elexis achieved the double purpose of obilerating as many of his foes as he could lay hands on and striking terror to the hearts of those ,who were beyond his reach.

Since then his name, and that of his ferocious lieutenant, Gen. Jules Alexis Coicou, who personally directed the shooting of the prisoners, including some of his own blood relatives, are only mentioned in whispers. All Hayti strembles before them. Alexis has made the significant statement that · if he is not permitted to end his term of office unmolested he will, rather than submit to deposition, write his name on the scroll of fame in the blood of such a massacre as Hayti has not seen since the days of Dessalines, once known as Jean Jacques I. No

With order restored and their lives and property under the protection of ships of war the foremost question in the minds of foreign residents is whether the time has not come for the adoption of a final solution of the Haytian question. All agree that Hayti, during her 105 years of independence, has not shown great capacity for self-government, and the affairs at Chautauqua and placed his currenof the island have now reached about | cy on the counter ready for the day's the lowest ebb in its history.

## BATTLE IN HOTEL.

#### Two Men Killed and Two Seriously Wounded at Warrensburg, Mo.

James Ryan, chief of police of Warrensburg, Mo., and Byron Hall, aged 30. son of J. E. Hall, a farmer living near Warrensburg, were killed and James E. Basham and Robert Pollock, night officers, were wounded Sunday night in a pistol fight in the corridor of the Estes hotel.

The three officers were attempting to take a revolver from Hall when he shot all three. The officers returned the fire and Hall was shot twice. Two more shots were fired at him by Louis Little, the negro hotel porter.

After shooting the officers Hall ran up the stairway in the lobby and stood on the landing as the porter fired at him. He then staggered into an alcove off the landing and another shot was heard. When Hall was found he was dead and his powder-burned shirt showed that he had been shot a third time, through the heart, supposedly by himself. Basham is not expected to recover.

## BIG FUND FOR CHELSEA.

#### Fully \$400,000 Needed to Aid 10,000 Victims of Fire.

Many thousands of people Sunday walked through the ruins of the fire

which one week ago swept through Chelsea, a suburb of Boston. One more body was found Sunday in the ruins. It is believed to be that

of Capt, Benjamin Knowles, a Grand Army veteran. This makes the twelfth body thus far found in the ruins. The general relief committee in a statement declared that 13,000 people

were made homeless and that 10,000 of these need not only temporary aid. but must be rehabilitated at least to the extent of absolutely necessary housekeeping equipment, which will involve the expenditure of \$400,000.

The relief fund at present amounts to over \$200,000 and is steadily growing.

## Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves, \$6.00@6.50. Top hogs, \$5.55.

## Street Car Strike Settled.

The street railway strike inaugurated at Cumberland, Md., Saturday morning upon the refusal of the company refusing to reinstate two men discharged on account of gambling in the company's car barn office was amicably settled Sunday night.

## Mistaken for Burglars.

Mistaken for burglars, John and William Frank, of Columbus, O., were CLERGYMAN SHOOTS SELF.

New Jersey.

The quiet little town of Woodbury, searched for a motive for his act.

About a week ago public announcement was made of Rev. Mr. Tomson's engagement to wed Mrs. Fannie Kenworthy, a wealthy widow of Woodbury and a member of his church. Most pleased, and there was every prospect of a happy marriage.

When the tragedy came Friday it was learned that the preacher had been paying attention to another woman, a Miss Helen Moore, who had been living at the same hotel where Rev. Mr. Tomson resided since the death of his wife. Miss Moore is alleged to have declared in a meeting of Sunday school teachers that Rev. Mr. Tomson had promised to marry her, and she further declared that he would never marry Mrs. Kenworthy. Miss Moore was not believed by other members of the congregation, and last Monday she left Woodbury for Philadelphia, where she is now employed. Now that the clergyman is dead there are many stories coming out as to the life he led, but how many of them are true it is impossible to ascer-

#### BOLD DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY.

#### Two Men Secure \$3,000 in Raid on Kansas Town.

Two men entered the Citizens' State bank at Chautauqua, Kan., at 19:30 Friday morning, locked the cashier, C. C. Walterhouse, and Del Easley, a business man, in the vault, secured all the one doubts his ability to carry out this currency in sight, about \$3,000, and threat, which is understood to be in- escaped into the hills across the line tended as a deterrent not only to revo- in Oklahoma. Four posses are in futionists, but to any attempt at for- pursuit, and, as the roads are muddy, eign interference in the affairs of it is believed the robbers will be captured.

The robbery was one of the most

daring ever executed in this part of Kansas, the scene of many holdups on the part of the Dalton, Star and other gangs of outlaws, who from time to time have made their rendezvous in the mountainous country of nearby Oklahoma. Cashier Walterhouse had scarcely opened the bank business when the robbers entered. The only other person in the place was | One Employe of the Traction Com-Del Easley. The robbers, both of whom were well dressed, made their way leisurely to the cashier's window, One of them was a man well known about town, and when he commanded Walterhouse and Easley to throw up their hands the latter two took the matter in the light of a joke. The serious intentions of the robbers were realized a moment later, however, when they both drew their revolvers, and, pointing them at their victims, ordered them to get into the vault. Without further ado Walterhouse and Easley complied, and the robbers quickly slammed the door shut. Then they leisurely went about their business of looting the bank. First they drew down the window shades facing the street and locked the doors to prevent interference.

# Drives the Italians Out.

Thirty Italians, who have been employed by the Illinois Central railroad at Clinton, Ill., were driven from town Thursday night by a mob, who intimidated them with a fusillade of shots from guns and revolvers. There has been much indignation against the Italians since Mayor Edmondson received a "Black Hand" letter threatening his life. The Italians were charged with its authorship.

## A Fierce Gale on Lake.

selmen declare was the fiercest in speed. The train was brought to a but slightly abated violence. None done. of the boats which run all winter between Chicago and Michigan points ventered out Thursday.

## Stolypin's Brother to Jail.

Alexander Stolypin, of St. Petersburg, the well known publicist and brother of the Russian premier, has been sentenced to one week's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$50 for libeling Paul Bulatzet, the noted reactionary leader.

## A Battle in Algeria.

The French column posted on Talzaza hill, which commands the plain koran, a port on the Saspian sea, for of Tamplet, was attacked fiercely at the purpose of punishing a band of daylight Friday by a number of Ber- Kurdish raiders. The step is taken bers. Although the French scored a victory after a desperate fight it was

## Call Girl a Horse Thief.

Josephine Grill, 16 years old, was arrested at Varna, Ill., for horse stealing and is now in the county jail. She drove off a horse owned by N. A. Hall of Varna, and was captured six miles

## Two Liners 1,000 Feet Long.

It is announced from Liverpool that the White Star Steamship company is about to have constructed two shot and killed early Sunday morning | liners 1,000 feet long for its Southampby City Policemen Heinze and Casey. | ton-New York service.

#### MOB ATTACKS CARS.

Suicide Startles Town of Woodbury, Riot and Bloodshed in Strike at Chester. Pa.

Riot and bloodshed marked the N. J., was greatly shocked Friday over third day of the street car strike at the sensational suicide of the Rev. Geo. Chester. Pa., Thursday when the Ches-W. Tomson, paster of the Woodbury fer County Traction company attempt-Presbyterian church, and the subse- ed to operate its cars with imported quent developments which involved strike breakers. The strikers and their names of at least three women of that sympathizers stormed the trolley car town. Rev. Mr. Tomson was found that was started out of the barns. In dead in the Newton hotel with a bullet | the melee two men were shot. Willin his brain. At first those who knew iam Griestmer, a claim agent for the him would not believe that he had died company, was struck in the arm by a by his own hand, but the evidence bullet, and William Borgmann, the to that effect was so strong that they motorman who had charge of the car, at last had to admit that it was only was struck in the foot by another bultoo true. But the sensation caused by let. He was dragged from the car his suicide was as nothing compared and beaten and was rescued from the with the conditions that were develop- angry strikers and their sympathizers ed when the clergyman's friends with difficulty. Griesmer, besides being wounded, received a dislocation of the shoulder. Several other traction eniployes were also cut and bruised.

A mob of fully 1,000 men stood guard near the trolley barns at daybreak awaiting a move on the part of arrests of natives suspected of being people who knew them were greatly the traction officials, and when the first car was run out on the tracks. followed by the appearance of about forty strike breakers in charge of Griesmer, the crowd became furious. The car was attacked and the strike breakers set upon.

The local police were unable to cope with the situation, and after many conferences between the traction and city officials, it was decided to ask Gov. Stuart to send the state constabulary to take charge of the ituation.

#### FANATICS PUT ON TRIAL.

'Dreamers' Are Arraigned at Medi

cine Hat on Sensational Charges. At the trial at Medicine Hat, Man, of nine members of the sect known as the "Dreamers" for burning John Lehr's home the testimony revealed that the members of the order had to obey the instructions of the leader, who, because Lehr refused to join the congregation, ordered his followers to destroy Lehr's home and slay his family at midnight because he was a

Michael Brosts testified he had been a Dreamer, but severed connection with the organization when the members began talking of burning and killing. He stated Jacob Merkels and David Haufman, of Java, N. D., were the heads of the order. Dreams were told by members and interpreted by Merkels. A "Dreamer" had to carry out the purpose of his dream as instructed. Lehr's name had come up and it was agreed to burn him out. The "Dreamers" believed in killing everyone who did not believe with them. The witness had received letters threatening to kill him because he had renounced the faith.

## STRIKE RIOT AT CHESTER.

# pany is Shot.

The most serious disturbance which has marked the strike of the motormen and conductors at the Chester, Pa., Traction company, occurred early Thursday during which an employe of the company was shot, but not seriously injured. The company attempted to operate a car and William Bergmann, who acted as motorman, was shot in the foot during the attack on the trolley by a large crowd of strike sympathizers. Earlier in the day William Griesmer, claim agent for the company, was shot in the leg, while leading a squad of forty men who had been imported to take the places of the strikers, to the car barn.

# SEEKS TRAIN WRECKERS.

#### Oklahoma Sheriff and Posse Hunts Outlaw Band.

Sheriff Ramsey, of Muskogee county, Okla., and his force of deputies are trying to locate a gang of train robbers and wreckers, who during the past two weeks have made four attempts to wreck passenger trains on the Iron Mountain railroad where it crosses Greenleaf creek at Braggs. The bridge was first set on fire, then obstructions were placed on the track, but were discovered in time. Monday night steel beams were placed on The storm which prevailed on Lake | the track and were run into by a pas-Michigan Wednesday, and which ves- senger train running at a very slow many years, continued Thursday with stop before any damage had been

## Toledo Bank Closed.

The Dorr Street Savings bank, of Toledo, O., an institution situated in the factory district and patronized principally by workmen and small tradesmen, closed its doors Thursday. The trouble was due to the financial depression. The assets will pay depositors in full.

## Troops Cross the Border.

The Russian troops have invaded Persian territory in he vicinity of Lenin consequence of a renewal of the attack upon the Russian garrison at Blesuvar, a frontier post.

## King Returns to London.

King Edward, who reached London Thursday morning from Biarritz, held to aid in every way possible in geta privy council at Buckingham palace Thursday afternoon when the seals of office were transferred from the old to the new cabinet.

## Flood Loss Half Million.

Late estimates of the loss occasioned by the bursting of the Hauser lake dam, north of Helena, place the ! amount at \$500,000.

# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

CONTEST COMING AT HASTINGS.

Mayor and Treasurer Claim to Hold Over, but Others Claim Places.

An effort was made by the prohibition forces at the council meeting in Hastings recently to install U.S. Rohrer as mayor and J. M. Daily as treasurer The city clerk declined to administer the oaths of effice and all but two members of the council voted to approve the extension bonds of Mayor Miles and Treasurer Cramer, whom the prohibitionists would have ousted. No election was called for mayor. clerk and treasurer this spring. A law passed by the last legislature was | wife were not as pleasant as might held by the city attorney to make the terms of those offices conform to that of police judge. A police judge will be elected next year, and according to the city attorney and other lawyers consulted by the administration, there jar over the west window of the blackwas no authority for the holding of smith shop. Yours respectfully, an election for the other offices before that time. The present mayor, clerk and treasurer were elected in 1906 for | said: "I hate to draw blood, but if twe years, and the city attorney de- I go by the poison route a doctor clared that they should serve until might be handy with a stomach pump. 1909, when their successors will be Goodby, my Sybil." cheren in the regular way. No places resented at the meeting by an attorney and it is supposed they will institute a lega! contest.

#### NEW POINT IN SLOCUMB LAW.

Wilcox Hotel Keeper Placed Liquor on

Tables. G. E. Congdon, of Wilcox, who was arrested last week for selling and keeping liquors for sale without a li- erstwhile loving couples became turcense, had his preliminary hearing and bulent Monday evening and in the was bound over to the district court. storm that followed two minor shoot-There are twenty counts alleged ing affrays were reported to the poagainst him. The case will be bitter- lice and the principals arrested. Asly fought. The most interesting legal | serting that C. A. Givens was becomproposition, never before raised on ling too attentive against her wishes the Slocumb law, was brought out be- Birdie Lewis, 1226 Capitol avenue, fore County Judge Carrico. Mr. Cong. | Omaha, fired a shot at her persistent drink therefrom without other pay than the regular charge for the meal. Was released on a bond the Lewis The question was whether this consti- woman gave him the key to her room tuted a "giving upon pretext" which and instructions as to where he could is prohibited by law.

#### DIES FROM INJURIES.

Burt County Farmer Killed by Stumbling Horse.

the field harrowing, riding a saddle of shooting with intent to wound. pony and driving the team hitched to the harrow. At noon, when he unhitched, one of the horses started to rur and Hume started after him on horse came to the house. Mrs. Hume went to the field and found Mr. Hume unconscious, lying close to a woven wire fence. It is supposed that in jumping this fence the horse stumbled and threw him to the ground and at the same time striking Hume with his foot, crushing his skull.

## COURTS AID YOUNG LOVER.

Secures Release of Swetheart from an

Omaha Convent. Maxwell Hirsch has obtained a writ | Osborne and J. L. Elkins. mother superior and he was discharg- | quickly rendered. communication with the girl's parents child to Wausa, Neb., for interment. and finding she was over 18 years of age applied to the courts for assist-

# GIRL WHIPS PROSECUTOR.

Nebraska Official Severely Handled for Warning Against Trespass. County Attorney F. S. Berry, of Dakota, met with a thrilling experience a few days ago. He went out to warn a family named Jordan to keep off some land which they formerly owned. They threatened to kill him, but finally he escaped after a good beating, Miss Jennie Jordan, assisted by members of her family, pounding him over the whip. Sheriff Rockwell and three deputies arrested the Jordans and they must stand trial charged with as- sas City, who is sinking one a few feet soult and attempt to commit murder, to the west of the old one.

## Fruit in Cass County.

Cass County is noted for its large that vicinity, which only a freeze can Berry. prevent.

## Killed by Fall From Wagon.

York, while hauling a load of house- of Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock. over and throwing Mr. Kearns on his attending him with some medicine. head and shoulder, breaking his neck | Mr. Robinson had been in poor health and arm.

## Auburn Will Boost Corn Show.

At a special meeting of the Auburn Commercial club, held in the club rooms recently, it passed a resolution ting an excellent exhibit of corn from Nemaha county to be taken to the National Corn convention to be held at Omaha in the early winter.

#### Bankers to Meet at Fremont. Group No. 2 of the Nebraska Bank-

meeting in Frement on April 22. An interesting program has been pre-

#### SUICIDE DUE TO LETTERS.

Allen, Neb., Man Ends Life with a Pistol.

Leaving a note which showed that his act was the result of cool and deliberate planning Carl Youngstrom, a blacksmith of Allen, at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon committed suicide by shooting himself in the temple with a revolver. He died instantly.

The note which the man left also showed that the cause of his act was demestic trouble. The common gossip here for some time has been that the relations of Youngstrom and his commit suicide was beginning to gain ground.

Youngstrom's note read as follows: "To the Coroner: It is a plain case of suicide. The cause of it-find a

At the end was a postscript which

Search for the jar revealed the fact for mayor, clerk and treasurer were that it contained copies of letters left on the aldermanic ballot for the which Youngstrom had received from election last week, but a number of apparently unknown persons and votes were east for Mr. Rohrer and which contained statements Loroga-Mr. Daily, the names being written on tory to his wife's character. The wife the margins. Both claimants were rep- has had nothing to say in the matter. The inquest was called at once, but

v. as not held, as the coroner declared it was not necessary.

## Two of Them Try to Shoot Women

LOYERS ARE POOR MARKSMEN

and Hit Nothing. The sea of affection between two became reconciled and when Givens

secure a bond for her. The other shooting affray occurred a short time afterwards when Charles Farmer, thinking that his young woman friend, a Miss Lipp, had not acted as she should, went to her apartments Charles Hume, a farmer living three at Fourteenth and Capitol avenue, miles southwest of Tekamah, who was | Omaha, and commenced shooting up injured by a horse Friday afternoon, the place. No one was hit and Farmdied Wednesday night. Hume was in er was later arrested on the charge

# CHILD DIED OF EXPOSURE.

herseback. In a short time the saddle Verdict of the Jury in the Lillie Olson Case-No Blame for Olson.

An inquest upon the body of Lillie Olson, whose remains were found in ' pasture two miles from the former home of the Olsons Tuesday evening, was held at Rosalie Tuesday.

The jury found that the little girl came to her death from exposure and exhaustion and that Olaf Olson, her father, was not to blame in any manner for the death of the child. The jurors were Frank Flynn, Elmer Fisher. Henry Zost, Fred Frost, Martin

of habeas corpus for the release from ! The jury met at 11 o'clock Tuesday the Good Shepherd convent at Omaha morning in the implement house of of Miss Florence Tinsley, one of the Fisher & Frost. Olaf Olson identiinnates of the home. Hirsch was em- fied the body as that of his child, Lilployed at the convent and while there lie Olson. The jury then went in a fell in love with Miss Tinsley. He body to the place where the remains planned her escape, but his plans were of the child were found. On the return frustrated by the watchful eye of the of the jury to Rosalie the verdict was

ed. Rirsch then placed himself in | Olaf Olson took the remains of his

# Lincoln Scholarship Honors,

Twenty-two students were Tuesday elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the honorary society at the state university. Membership is based on scholarship. Among those chosen were the following: W. R. King, Osceola; Harriet C. Long, Madison; Alphena C. Peterson. West Point; Abbie G. Stewart,

## Dig New Well at Papillion.

The water works company has abandoned the old well and set its men to work Tuesday morning on a new one, after expending \$500 on the head with the butt end of a driving well it had to be abandoned on account of quicksand. They have secured Mr. Corey, an expert from Kan-

## Teachers for Cakland Schools. The feilowing teachers have been

orchards and the abundance of choice | elected in the Oakland schools: Sufruit grown. At the present time the perintendent, C. M. Penney; principal, plum, early cherry and peach trees Alma D. Erickson; assistant principal, are loaded with buds and blossoms, Pearl Harris; fifth and sixth grades, seldom, if ever equaled in number | fdya M. Sallander; third and fourth and the present indications are for one grades. Lydia Hill; second primary, of the largest crops ever raised in Lela M. Huston; first primary, Grace

## Sick Man Kills Himself.

William Robinson, a prosperous Thomas Kearus, one of the oldest farmer of Beaver City, shot himself in and best known pioneer residents of the head, blowing the top of his head hold goods in from Charleston, drove Mrs. Robinson found her husband's off a small culvert tipping the wagon body some thirty minutes after last for some time.

## Prairie Fire Near Long Pine.

During Sunday afternoon a big praite fire started in south of Long Pine and was still burning on Tuesday norning. The fire was traveling in a outhwestern direction and at the last aport had covered considerable terriery. It is estimated that over 4,000 ers' association will hold its annual toms of hay has already been cont samed and it is reported that there was a great bas to buildings and live

It is very evident the Northwester, prefers to pay higher taxes than te have freight rates reduced so that only a limited interest is made on the money invested. This is shown by itte returns to the state board of assess ment, showing the value of its property for assessment purposes. The increase in the value this year over thereturns of last year is little short of marvelous. The value of its bridges: in Nebraska jumped from \$689,425 in. 1997 to \$2,479,360 this year. The valueof its depots, warehouses, shops and other property of a like charactes fumped from \$567.921 in 1907 to \$2,-256,762 this year. The mileage of the road is just the same, 1,065.3 miles, consequently this phenomenal increase in these two items is explained only by improvements in the way of new bridges and new depots and warehouses, though especial attention is not called to this in the report, out of all proportion to the improvements on other roads in Dodge county this road returned its bridges at a valuation of \$186,796, against a valuation last year of \$46,334, which indicates this year this road owns no joint interest in any bridge in that county, but owns all it ises. Knox county shows an increase from \$43,215 to \$190,621. Douglas county gets a boost from \$135,842 to \$524,725. Dawes county gets a boost. from \$37,225 to \$238,406 because the Northwestern has seen fit to return its bridges at an increased valuation, Practically all of the counties get a material boost by reason of the increased returns made on depots, warehouses, station houses, water tanks and other property of this nature.

The state of Nebraska will shortly come into passession of the coal worn by the First Nebraska soldier killed in battle in the civil war. The coat was worn by James E. Cox, member of Company H of the First Nebraska, who was killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing, and according to a leter received by Secretary of State-Junkin he was the first man to fall at that battle, being the first Nebraskan killed in the war. The brother of the don kept the liquor on his hotel tables suitor. Both parties are colored and dead soldier, G. A. C.x. lives at Peand any guest who so desired might on the way to the police station they toskey, Mich., and he notified the secretary of state he would be glad to contribute the coat to the state to be placed among its relies. He said the Grand Army of the Republic post at Adams was named for his brother and he gave the names of several men as references, who would verify his statement that his brother was the first Nebraska seldier killed in the civit

> G. F. Godown, secretary of the Beaver Valley Grain company, has written: the attorney general that the "grain trust" is very much alive and is getting active in his part of the state, Mr. Godown said in his letter that he was trying to run an jud-pendent elevator it Danbury, but was having poor success because the Central Granaries company of Lincoln, and the Duff Grain company were overbidding hims for grain. These two companies, he said, were paying 9 cents a bushell more for grain at Danbury than at McCook, where there is no independent elevator. Mr. Godown asked theattorney general if there was somelaw under which this practice could be stopped. Mr. Thompson will look into the matter at once.

> Superintendent Fullmer, dean of Wesleyan university, has resigned as a member of the state examining board and his place was filled by the appointment of Superintendent Frank S. Purdue, of Madison. The principal work of the examining board is to investigate private institutions that grant teachers' certificates and for that reason Mr. Fullmer thought best to get off the board, as his own institution will have to be investigated by the

Gov. Sheldon and the committee of the Nebraska Historical society Wednesday selected the location of the new state historical building and selected George H. Bellinghof as architeet to draw the plans and submit the same to the board. The building will he located on the Peter Cooper corner. east of the state house grounds on Sixteenth street. This ground was selected in lieu of Haymarket square. The legislature appropriated \$25,000 with which to start the building.

Within a day or two Secretary Frazier, of the state printing board will advertise for bids for furnishing stationery and office supplies for the various state departments for the coming year. With the exception of a few ill of the departments have handed intheir estimate to the printing board and when all are in the total will amount to about \$25,909.

Various parties have been trying topin a peacock feather in Henry Clarke's hat because of the victoryof the state railway commission in its fight for a reduction in coal rates from the west to points in Nebraska. Word was received that the Interstate comnerce commission had found for the state in the case and had ordered a reduction as prayed for in the petition filed by the railway commission.

A. H. Murdock has been reappointed by Gov. Sheldon a member of thetoard of fire and police commissioners South Omaha. Mr. Murdock is apointed for a full term.

The request of the Burlington railroad to increase the minimum weight of a car load of grain products from 24,000 to 80,000 pounds has been denied by the state rallway commission. The request included all grain products. The increase in the minimum weight of a car would have increased

the freight rate. Three express companies have reduced express charges 25 per cent in conformity with the Sibley act, which was made effective by the supreme

court last week.