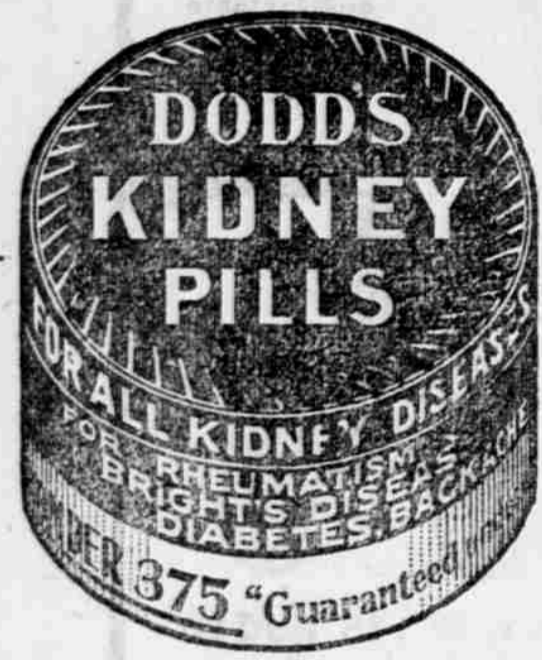


### A Warrior and His Book.

Real book lovers are likely to own a few books that they especially treasure. If these be bound worthily in handsome leather, it is not being too fussy to make a little chamois case or light box for each one to protect it from the chance knocks and scratches that mar the beauty of the leather. It is true that the best binding is one that, like the old white vellum, is durable, cleanable, attractive and serviceable; but not all bindings can be left unprotected, and if Alexander the Great believed nothing better worthy of a place in the jeweled casket of Darius than his copy of Homer's Iliad, even the most manly boy need not be ashamed to provide a safe-keeping wrapper for his dainty books.—St. Nicholas.



### In Boston.

"Come in, Waldonia," said her mother. "You have been in that swing long enough."

"Presently, mamma," answered the little Boston girl. "I am permitting the carnivorous quadruped of the genus Felis to slacken its physical activities and pass by imperceptible gradations into a condition of total extinct vitality."

### A Great Offer.

We call special attention to the remarkable offer in this issue made by the oldest seed firm west of the Rocky Mountains, namely the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis.

Will you please read their advertisement, and it will surely pay to send for the handsome 16c bargain seed collection, if you are fond of rich, juicy early vegetables.

That's a great proposition they make of \$500.00 in gold to the party naming their remarkable new corn! Just look over the names of the judges, all honorable, successful wide awake men, who keep close to the people.

If you wish to see the corn before suggesting your name, send them 3c for sample package and big catalogue. Address John A. Salzer Seed Co., 186 South 8th street, La Crosse, Wis.

### Did the Best It Could.

The photographer was preparing to take a negative of the prize bulldog. "Look pleasant," he said, mechanically. The intelligent animal showed its fangs still more, but the effort could scarcely be called a success.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take as candy.

### Not at Its Best.

"Yes, your town is pretty smoky," admitted the visitor, "but it isn't a circumstance to Pittsburgh."

But the old resident stoutly refused to yield the point.

"Huh!" he exclaimed. "You ought to see this town when it's Indian summer!"—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

### About to Make a Change.

"Norah, are you engaged to that policeman who comes here to see you so often?"

"Yes, ma'am, but I've given him warning!"

**PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.** PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money returned. Price 50c.

### Bids and Proposals.

"Has Count Fucash made a proposal for your daughter's hand?"

"Not exactly," answered Mr. Cumrox. "He is waiting for me to put in bids for a title!"—Washington Star.

**DO NOT ACCEPT A SUBSTITUTE** when you want Perry Davis' Painkiller, as nothing is as good for rheumatism, neuralgia and similar troubles. 70 years in constant use. 25c, 50c and 1.00.

### Birds Construct Prisons.

Among the hornbills of Southern Asia the Malayan Island and Central and Southern Africa most of the species have a curious habit of hatching their young in the walled-up hollow of the tree chosen for the nest, says the Scientific American. The birds have immense bills and horny crests.

The mother bird is walled up by her mate and remains imprisoned until the eggs are hatched, and in some species until the young birds are able to fly. Meanwhile the mother has become temporarily incapable of flight, as she has moulted, or at least shed all her wing feathers during her captivity. But the male is indefatigable in providing for his family, and is said to work so hard that he is reduced almost to a skeleton at the end of the brooding season.

According to the theory of many natives the female is imprisoned to prevent her neglecting her duty of brooding, and if she has been unfaithful or negligent her mate closes the little window of her cell and abandons her to a painful death by suffocation.

The true story, perhaps, is this: The female walls herself in so that she cannot fall from the nest after losing her feathers, and also to protect herself from enemies. This version is less poetical than the other, but it is probably nearer the truth. It is supported by statement that the female liberates herself as soon as the young birds are well grown, so that her prison is less formidable than it appears.

### AD WOLGAST CHAMPION.

Defeat of Battling Nelson Brings Him Light-Weight Title.

Battling Nelson is not the durable Dane any more. The conqueror of Joe Gang was forced to relinquish his hold on the light-weight boxing championship in forty rounds to Ad Wolgast of Milwaukee at Point Richmond, Cal. Nelson was not counted out, but probably would have been in that session had not Referee Smith called a halt and awarded the fight and title to Wolgast. When the battle was stopped the Dane was in a pitiable condition. One of his eyes were completely closed and the other parts of his face were swollen to twice their size. Besides he was tottering around the ring too weak to hold up his hands. This was the first time that Nelson, since he sprang into the limelight in 1903 by beating Geo. Mensie in Milwaukee, was beaten to a standstill at his own game of slugging. He met his master at the identical style which won him the light-weight championship of the world and also made him famous.

Wolgast's victory was complete and decisive. Had Referee Smith not stopped the contest and it had gone the limit he would have been given the verdict. He had the better of nearly every round and during the course of the forty rounds struck probably five blows to Nelson's three in every session. Wolgast has been fighting exactly four years, having entered the game in 1906 in Cadillac, Mich., where he was born Feb. 8, 1888.

### ST. LOUIS CAR RUNS AMUCK.

Brakes Do Not Work and Trolley Takes Incline at High Speed.

Its brakes out of commission, a Park avenue car dashed a quarter of a mile down a steep incline on Park avenue, St. Louis, at full speed, spreading death and destruction, before it was halted by colliding with the curb. One man was killed outright, seventeen persons were injured, seven of them seriously, and two carriages were demolished, while the car was a complete wreck. John Voyce, 54 years old, was thrown beneath the wheels of the car when it struck his carriage and was crushed to death, while his companion was badly hurt.

### Raise \$530,000 for Y. M. C. A.

When the millionaires, newsboys, doctors, clergymen and merchants who have been combing Cleveland for a \$500,000 building fund for the Young Men's Christian Association wound up their campaign they had \$530,151.69. The money was raised at the rate of \$130 a minute.

### Sixty Poisoned at Church Feast.

Sixty residents of Delaware, N. J., who attended a Washington's birthday festival in the Presbyterian church several days ago have developed symptoms of ptomaine poisoning. Six are seriously ill. Tainted ice cream is blamed.

### Ruler of Tibet Deposed.

The Chinese government has deposed the dalai lama as head of the Tibetan government and in an official statement explains its action on the ground that the nominal ruler deserted the capital following an attempt by him to organize a general revolt.

### Withdraws Rich Public Lands.

Secretary Ballinger has withdrawn from entry in Montana 121,210 acres of land pending the classification and valuation of rich coal deposits therein, and about 122,150 acres of possible coal lands pending examination.

### Fierce Gale Sweeps Britain.

A fierce gale has swept over the British Isles, doing an immense amount of damage. The harbors are all crowded with shipping seeking shelter. Incoming vessels report extremely rough passages.

### Deputy Sheriff and Negro Slain.

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Lucy, in an effort to arrest a negro near Memphis, was shot and instantly killed by the negro, who in turn was killed by two other deputy sheriffs.

### Killed in C. M. & St. P. Wreck.

A broken rail wrecked a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul passenger train, near Hastings, Minn. John Willis, baggageman, was killed.

### TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

To prevent the possibility of any more trip-pass frauds being perpetrated, the Great Northern has decided to organize a labor agency of its own.

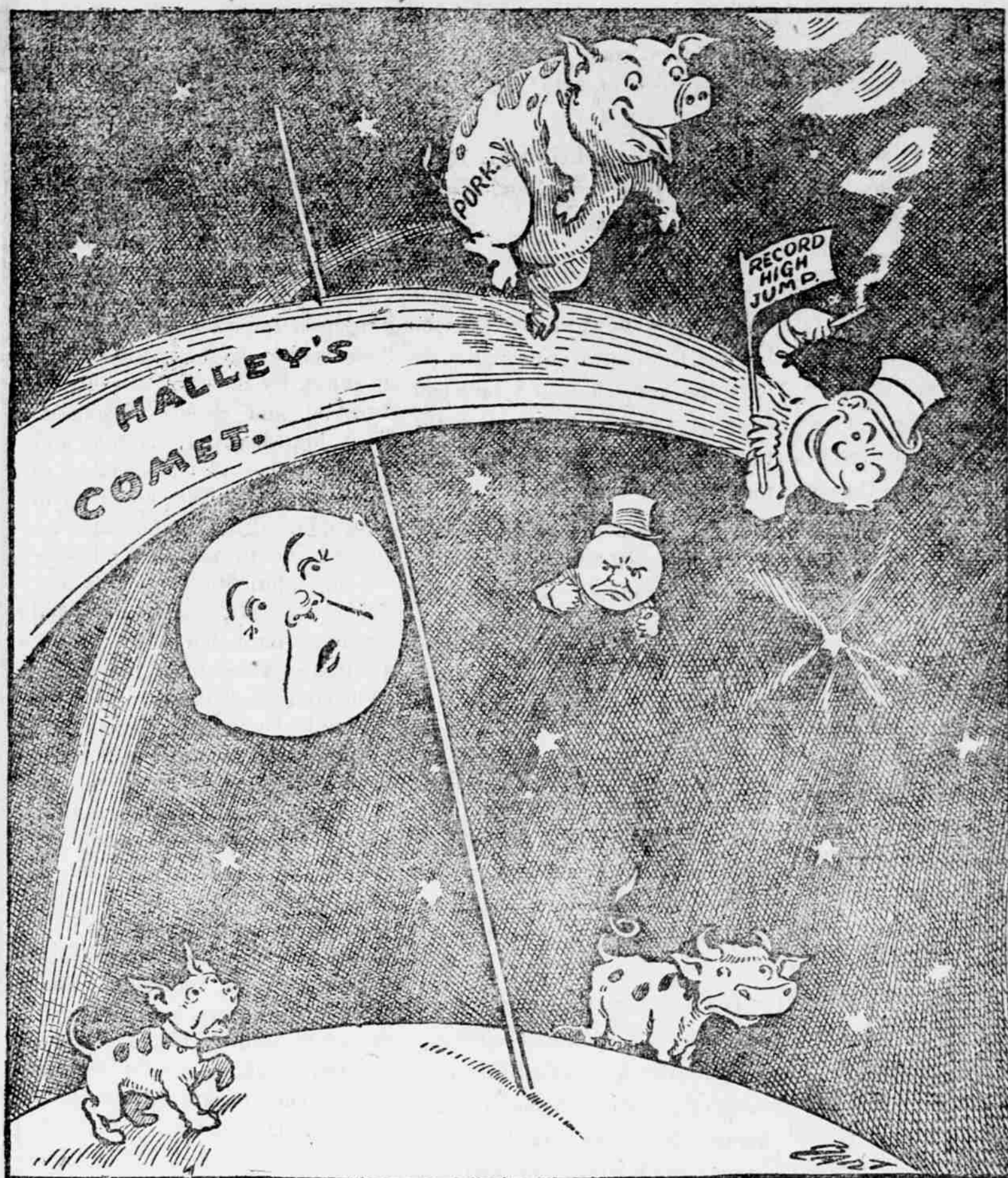
The common council of Duluth adopted the proposed franchise of the Canadian Northern road for entrance to the city. The road is required to pay street assessments the same as any other property owner.

Exploitation of the benefits of good roads to both State and farmer, methods of road building, agricultural schools as a means of increasing the State's wealth, and similar questions will occupy much of the time of the conservation and agricultural development congress which will be held in St. Paul.

The manager of the Millbrook Land and Cattle Co., of Wyoming, has laid a wager of \$10,000 with a syndicate of farmers, near Litchfield, Alberta, Can., that he can raise a heavier yield of oats upon the Laramie plains than can be raised anywhere else in the world. This farm took the gold medal at the St. Louis world's fair for oats in competition with the whole world.

Armour & Co. of Chicago closed in Minneapolis a deal which means the establishment at Hill City, Minn., of large factories for the manufacture of lard pails and other packages for their own use. This part of their business has been carried on at Ithaca and Marquette, Mich., but the supply of hardwood having been about exhausted in Michigan they have been looking about for several months for a new location where the quantity of hardwood needed for their business was satisfactory.

### UP AGAIN!



Hey de diddle, the cat and the fiddle  
He do jumped over the moon;  
The little dog laughed to see the craft  
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

—Minneapolis Journal.

Little pig came along, with a shout and a song,  
Vaulted comet and planet and moon;  
Doggie no longer laughed at that kind of graft,  
For sausage he might be, so soon.

### \$200,000 BONDS ON \$720 PLANT.

#### Illinoisan's Suit in Indiana Reveals Gas Company's Holdings.

The suit of D. E. Brooks, of Illinois, to prevent the disposal of land which he deeded in connection with the purchase of \$75,000 of bonds issued by the Rushville Gas, Heat and Water Company, has developed some sensational facts in respect to that corporation. It has been found that the total holdings of the company are worth not to exceed \$720, yet on the plant of this alleged value it issued \$200,000 of bonds and sold \$75,000 of the issue to Brooks, taking in exchange real estate in Chicago and some farm lands in Illinois. The corporation was formed with Owen L. Carr as president and Fred Carroll and John and Henry Walters as directors. Bonds were issued and a mortgage covering the \$720 gas plant in favor of the Farmers' Bank of Rushville for \$100,000 was made. The Farmers' Bank became merely the payer of the interest. Brooks bought \$75,000 of these bonds on the supposition that the bank was the trustee. He now wants the court to prevent the sale of the property he traded.

### PIERRE, S. D., ADOPTS REFORMS.

#### Indorses Commission Form of Government by Majority of 215.

Pierre, S. D., adopted the commission form of government the other day by a majority of 215. The new plan was generally favored by the business interests. At a special election Dell Rapids, S. D., adopted the commission form of government by an overwhelming majority. The voters of Mitchell, in the same State, defeated the commission form of government by a majority of 236. Every ward in the city went against the proposition.

### BANKER IS SAVED FROM PRISON.

#### Minnesota Court Revokes Drew's Sentence and Orders New Trial.

The Minnesota Supreme Court set aside the conviction of A. Z. Drew, former president of the failed Bank of Hamline. The conviction was secured on a charge of accepting deposits after the bank was insolvent. The court revokes the sentence of two years' imprisonment and orders a new trial because of error in the lower court. Drew has been out on bail. The bank, which failed Jan. 15, 1908, was a small State institution.

### Football Hurt Ends in Death.

From a disease brought on by an injury received in a football game last November at Bryan, O., Walter J. Lichtie died in Toledo. Lichtie was struck in the neck by the elbow of an opponent in a rush. A few weeks later a growth appeared on the neck which developed into a goitre.

### Egypt's Premier Is Dead.

Boutros Pasha Ghal, the Egyptian premier and minister of foreign affairs, who was shot by a student Sunday, is dead. The assassin, who is in custody, is a nationalist and declares that he sought to avenge certain acts of the government which were displeasing to the nationalists.

### Two Killed in Hotel Fire.

Two men lost their lives when the Forney Hotel at Forney, Texas, was destroyed by fire. Three store buildings, with stocks of dry goods, groceries, and drugs, were consumed. Total loss, \$50,000.

### ASQUITH IS HELD IN COMMONS.

#### First Trial of Strength on Chamberlain's Fiscal Amendment.

The first trial of strength in the new English House of Commons occurred the other night at a crowded session when Austen Chamberlain's fiscal amendment was rejected by a vote of 285 to 254. Speeches were made by Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition; Chancellor Lord George and others. The government may regard the majority of thirty-one as satisfactory, as there was no cross-voting and no evidence that the discontented groups intend to try to overthrow the ministry. All the nationalists, O'Brienites as well as Redmondites and three liberals abstained from voting. The laborites voted with the government.

### CONFESSES A BANK ROBBERY.

#### Suspect in Kansas Case Implicates Four Others, One a Youth.

J. Bear, one of the two men in custody in Hutchinson, Kan., charged with being implicated in the robbery of a bank at Ford, Kan., is reported by the sheriff to have confessed to his participation in the affair. According to Sheriff Bell, Bear, in his statement, implicated four other men in the crime. One of them, Earl Maw, the 18-year-old chauffeur who drove the robbers to the bank in a motor car, is already in custody, and the arrest of the others is expected hourly. Bear is said to have admitted he was one of the ringleaders in the planning of the crime, but says he was in Oklahoma at the time of the robbery.



### Snow Hides Light; Train Wrecked.

Unable to see the danger signal on account of a raging snow storm, an east-bound Northern Pacific passenger train ran into a stalled west-bound freight train one mile east of Stewardsdale, N. D., fatally injuring Fireman Dahl and slightly injuring Engineer Wendall of the passenger train.

### Restores Three-Cent Rail Fare.

Following the recent decision of Judge Hook at St. Louis temporarily restraining the Oklahoma corporation commission from enforcing the 2-cent passenger rate, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company has begun charging 3 cents a mile in Oklahoma.

### Train Smashes a Street Car.

One man was instantly killed, another was fatally injured and six persons suffered minor hurts when a north bound California and Kedzie avenue street car in Chicago was struck by an east bound Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul passenger train. The car was demolished.

### Admits Part in Ruler's Murder.

Asserting he took part in the assassination of Elizabeth, Empress of Austria, in 1898, Christian Keppler, aged 49, gave himself up to the police in Cincinnati. Blackmail by a former convict, says Keppler, drove him to surrender.

### \$100,000 Plant Burns.

The pattern storehouse of the Minnesota plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$1,000,000.

### KING SAYS "TIGHT LORDS."

"Undivided Authority on Finance Legislation" to Commons.

King Edward Monday afternoon opened in state the third parliament of his reign. In a momentous speech from the throne his majesty outlined the plan of the ministerial campaign against the House of Lords as follows:

"Recent experience has disclosed serious difficulties due to recurring differences of strong opinion between the two branches of the legislature. Proposals will be laid before you with all convenient speed to define the relations between the houses of parliament so as to secure the undivided authority of the House of Commons over finance and its predominance in legislation. These measures, in the opinion of my advisers, should provide that this house should be so constituted and empowered as to exercise impartially in regard to proposed legislation the functions of initiation, revision and subject to proper safeguards of delay."

King Edward was accompanied by Queen Alexandra, and the state opening was marked by all the pomp and pageantry associated with these occasions since the accession of Edward II.

### GIRL CAPTURES TWO ROBBERS.

Sees Them Rob Father, Chases Both and Aids in Arrests.

To the courage of Carrie Montgomery, 17 years old, is due the capture of two highwaymen who had assaulted her father, Joseph, and robbed him of \$60. From the window of her home on the outskirts of Kansas City Miss Montgomery saw her father struck down. Rushing out, she pursued the robbers. One highwayman turned and felled her with a blow. She was threatened with death if she persisted in following. Undaunted, the girl resumed the chase until detectives, who had been notified by neighbors of the Montgomerys, took up the pursuit and captured the men.

### PERCY IS MISSISSIPPI SENATOR.

Long Deadlock on Successor to Late U. S. Senator McLaughlin Broken.

Le Roy Percy, of Greenville, one of the most brilliant lawyers in Mississippi, was elected United States Senator from the State of Mississippi to fill out the unexpired term of A. J. McLaughlin, who died Dec. 23.

The election was on the 58th ballot by the legislative caucus and after a deadlock that had continued since Jan. 4 with one or two ballots nearly every day. When the result of the ballot was announced there was a scene of wildest confusion. The vote was: Percy, 87; Vandaman, 82.

### FIND EDUCATOR POISONED.

#### Strychnine Is Discovered in the Stomach of Prof. Vaughn.

Poison was found in the stomach and liver of Prof. J. T. Vaughn, educator and author, in an analysis made by Dr. Paul Schweitzer of the University of Missouri. Strychnine was located in the amount of nearly one grain. The grand jury of Adair County, according to a long-distance telephone message, will immediately take up the case and indictments are expected. Mrs. Vaughn is related to several of the wealthiest families in North Missouri, as was her husband.

### Die in Series of Accidents.

A whisky warehouse in Cincinnati was burned Wednesday preceding Christmas. On a recent Wednesday a wall of the ruined building collapsed on a small frame building and three lives were lost. Later the fall of aerrick in the ruins killed two men and seriously injured four. Persons residing in a rooming house beside the ruins are preparing for a hurried exit.

### 'Millionaire Tramp' Killed by Train.

Alexander Blackman, 50 years old, known as the "millionaire tramp," was killed by a train near Buffalo, N. Y. Blackman received monthly remittances from New York which would have enabled him to live well, but he preferred the life of a wanderer.

### Death for Wife Slayer.

Antonio Mangano, husband of the woman who, with her two little children, was found murdered in her home in Cleveland Dec. 4, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Without a reversal by higher courts, the verdict means that Mangano must die.

### Kills Alabama Franchise Tax.

By declaring the franchise tax law of Alabama unconstitutional, the Supreme Court of the United States knocked out another one of the anti-corporation acts of the radical Comer Legislature, and loses to the State \$136,945.

### Nebraska Seed Corn Poor.

As a result of continuous tests of Nebraska seed corn, the Commercial Club of Omaha announced today that only 27 1/2 per cent of the corn held by farmers for seed in Nebraska would grow.

### \$1,000,000 "Near-Beer" Tax Valid.

The Ohio Supreme Court has announced that all saloon-keepers in "dry" counties who are selling "near beer" must pay the Aiken liquor tax of \$1,000 a year. About \$1,000,000 is involved.

### Fifty Die in Theater Panic.

Fifty persons are reported to have been killed in a panic following a fire in the municipal theater at Trujillo, a town of Northern Peru. The fire started among the apparatus used in connection with a moving picture show.

### Clay Clement Is Dead.

Clay Clement, the actor, died suddenly at the University Hospital, in Kansas City, of arsenic poisoning.