

WILL CORRECT BOND LAW

NORFOLK MAY YET VOTE BONDS TO YANCKTON LINE.

GOVERNOR HAD WRONG IDEA

A New Bill Will be Introduced in Nebraska Legislature to Correct Bill Preventing Bonds for Railroad Construction—Options.

A new bill will be introduced in the Nebraska legislature today revoking the law recently enacted which prohibits communities from voting bonds for railroad construction. Governor Sheldon is said to have signed the former measure under the impression that it restricted bonds only to inter-urban electric lines, but the bill also struck steam lines. The governor has now asked that a new bill be introduced correcting the steam feature and allowing bonds to be voted for steam lines but not for electric lines. This will allow Norfolk and other communities to vote bonds, if they like, for the Yanckton & Southwestern railroad; it will also allow northwestern precincts to vote bonds for Lyman Waterman's road, if they desire.

Get Option on Right of Way.

Attorney A. A. Carney of Stanton, right-of-way agent for the Yanckton & Southwestern railroad company, which proposes to build a line from Yanckton to the Gulf of Mexico, by way of Norfolk, has secured options on land along the line of survey, as far south as Colfax county. He has secured options on the land desired east of Norfolk, throughout this vicinity, with the exception of two farms. He has agreed to purchase the land at various prices, circumstances having much to do with the value. The rates range from \$30 per acre to \$75.

Card of Thanks.

To the many friends and neighbors who have been so thoughtful and kind during our recent bereavement in the sad death of our husband and son, we wish to extend our most profound gratitude.

Mrs. W. R. Braasch.
C. W. Braasch.

THURSDAY TOPICS.

John R. Hays was in Omaha today.
Frank Moras of Plainview is in Norfolk.
J. Andliss of Butte is in Norfolk today.
C. Charlton of Blair is a Norfolk visitor today.
Dr. Thomas was down from Pierce yesterday.
F. Moore of Creighton was in Norfolk over night.
W. R. Locke of Stanton was in Norfolk last evening.
Wm. Selling of Benson was in the city this morning.
H. Barnes of Battle Creek stopped in Norfolk today.
Myron Whitney of Randolph was in Norfolk yesterday.
A. E. Remender was up from Madison this morning.
Miss Rose Feddersen of Waterloo is in the city today.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Hansen of Tilden are in the city today.
H. F. Henderson of Osceola stopped in Norfolk yesterday.
E. A. Kinkaid of Plainview was in the city last evening.
August Hansen of Tilden was a visitor in the city yesterday.
Mrs. L. Schinkel and Miss Alice Reynolds of Nacora spent yesterday in the city.
Burt Mapes returned at noon from a business trip to Lincoln.
Dr. Carl Schemel was a Hoskins visitor in Norfolk yesterday.
C. O. Carlson of Genoa stopped in Norfolk for a few hours today.
Mrs. Gruener and mother of Hoskins spent yesterday in Norfolk.
Mrs. H. B. Paddock was a Meadow Grove visitor in Norfolk yesterday.
A. J. Steffen and John Boyer were Norfolk visitors from Humphrey yesterday.
County Commissioner Charles Fuhrman of Stanton county was in Norfolk yesterday.
August Steffen and E. Eggert were in Hadar yesterday attending a conference of German Lutheran teachers.
Lou Newell, of Walker, Iowa, returned home yesterday after visiting in Norfolk and Creighton. In Norfolk Mr. Newell was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. W. H. Clark.
Wm. Berner has built an addition to the cottage occupied by D. D. Brunson.
The Norfolk band members will give a dance on the evening of April 15 at Marquardt hall.
A change is to take place in the ownership of the Reed barber shop, C. J. Reed having made arrangements to dispose of his interest in the business to his brother, E. B. Reed.
A special meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Morgan. The trustees of the church will be present.
Fred Schelly will open a new pop factory in Norfolk within the next week or ten days. The factory will be located in the building which he has had erected at Seventh street and Koenigstein avenue.
Thursday was the seventy-second birthday of Mrs. Julia F. Lamb of this city and in honor of the event her friends and neighbors joined in a pleasant birthday party at the home of her son, Frank Lamb.
O. A. Sleeper, postmaster of Warrerville, was loser of the purse found

in Norfolk by R. E. Williams. The purse contained \$40 in cash and a check for something more than \$10. The money was restored to Mr. Sleeper before twenty-four hours had elapsed.

The suit of Dr. J. H. Mackay vs. Mrs. Arvilla Cheney in Justice Lambert's court was decided in favor of the defendant, Mrs. Cheney, for want of material evidence. Dr. Mackay sued for \$50 for medical services alleged to have been rendered by him for the benefit of Wm. Woodworth at the instance of Woodworth's sister, Mrs. Cheney.

The Norfolk baseball season was opened Wednesday afternoon when a team from the high school defeated the nine from the Norfolk business college in a practice game. The score stood 25 to 8 in favor of the high school, indicating an energetic if not an exciting contest. The business college nine is just getting into the field. They have written for a game with the Stanton high school.

The Norfolk camp of the Modern Woodmen has entered on a membership contest, whereby it is hoped to secure a material increase in the camp's membership during the next two months. The members of the local lodge have been divided into two opposing parties under the respective leadership of Ed Brueggeman and D. F. O'Brien. The side securing the smaller number of candidates in the contest will tender the winners a smoker and an ice cream supper. The contest closes May 13. The Modern Woodmen have some eighty members in Norfolk at this time.

Norfolk will probably have a touch of district court next week. The spring term of the district court in Madison county will convene in Madison on Monday, April 1. The jury has been summoned for a week later. It is probable that routine court matters will engage Judge Welch's attention in Madison for the first two days, bringing him to Norfolk on next Wednesday to take testimony in two cases. Testimony to be offered will be in the divorce case of Hull vs. Hull and in the case of White vs. the city of Norfolk, the latter case involving a dispute over a street line.

Mrs. W. R. Braasch, who brought the remains of her late husband to Norfolk for burial Tuesday, has not determined whether she will continue her home in Norfolk or not, but friends here are anxious that she remain in Norfolk permanently. It has developed that Mr. Braasch had been a long sufferer from Bright's disease and that, lest the knowledge of his suffering might add to the worry of his already woe-burdened father, confiding alone to his wife the seriousness of his condition. It was to get away from Norfolk when he felt an attack approaching that he left suddenly for Hot Springs.

Among the patients in the Norfolk insane hospital will probably be added Frank Brink, the Ponca man just acquitted by a jury of murdering Miss Bessie Newton, his former sweetheart. The girl was killed the night before her wedding was to have taken place to an Iowa man. Circumstantial evidence fastened the crime on Brink. He has been declared insane by physicians and was acquitted under Judge Graves' instruction that, if he was insane when the murder was committed and did not know right from wrong, he was not responsible. He has been taken to the home of his father but it is said that he will be examined by a board of insanity within a few days and probably sent to the Norfolk insane asylum for treatment. If he becomes cured he will be released. It will be recalled that the murderer, Rash, from Wayne county, who brained his entire family with a soapstone, was confined in the hospital here for a time and later released. He never showed symptoms of insanity in the hospital.

HOMESTAKE MINE IS BURNING

Fierce Fire is Raging in the Six Hundred Foot Level.

Deadwood, S. D., March 27.—A fierce fire is burning in the 600-foot level in the Homestake mine, at Lead, and it may become necessary to flood that part of the workings to put out the flames.

A dozen miners were caught back of the point where the fire started and were rescued with difficulty. A number of them had been overcome by gas and smoke. Nine horses have been burned to death.

The fire started in the stables at the 600-foot level and spread quickly to the timbered slopes between the Highlands shaft and the Star hoist.

No miners, except a few to fight the fire, were allowed to enter the mine.

Stolypin Misses Golden Opportunity.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—The Rech says Premier Stolypin missed a golden opportunity to "speak that healing word of peace that the country craves," and that instead he confessed the government was still hesitating between the duma and drum-head courts-martial. "The people are reminded of the wall that stands between them and the government," the paper continues, and in conclusion asks "will the duma or the drum-head courts-martial survive May 31?"

Belek Held to Grand Jury.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—A coroner's jury decided that arsenic poisoning caused the deaths of Mrs. Rosa Vrzal, Martin Vrzal, her husband, and Tillie Vrzal, their daughter. Herman Belek a fortune teller, already charged with having poisoned three other daughters of the Vrzal family, was held to the grand jury.

GRAND JURY STILL AT WORK

PROBING DEEPER INTO SAN FRANCISCO GRAFT.

TWELVE WITNESSES EXAMINED

Telephone Officials and Bankers on the Rack as to the Story of Bribery to Get Franchises—Satisfactory Day for Inquirers.

San Francisco, March 28.—Twelve witnesses were examined by the grand jury in its investigation of bribery and graft. These were, in the order named, Dr. Ferdinand Butterfield, representing interests allied with the United States Independent Telephone company, the concern which desired to bid but did not, for the competitive franchise awarded to the Home Telephone company, it is charged, after approximately \$200,000 of bribe money had been paid to administration officials, \$25,000 to the city of San Francisco and \$75,000 to the earthquake and fire relief fund; E. Oppenheimer of San Francisco; William Meade, president of the Central bank of Los Angeles; Mr. Swan of Los Angeles; Frank M. Brown, a broker of Los Angeles who had to do with the formation of the Home Telephone company and who, it is said, has furnished the grand jury with evidence respecting the manner in which that corporation secured the San Francisco franchise after, it is claimed, it had been illegitimately bought by the Pacific States Telephone company; W. C. Patterson, vice president of the First National bank of Los Angeles, who was financially interested in the operations of the Home company; J. S. Torrance, a Los Angeles broker; A. B. Cass, president of the Home Telephone company of Los Angeles; T. S. Parkhurst of Los Angeles; Mr. Dole of Pomona, and Supervisor W. W. Sanderson of this city, one of the several supervisors who are alleged to have furnished the grand jury with much of the ground work for its indictments by confessing to wholesale bribery practiced upon themselves by the two telephone companies, the local gas company, the United Railroads and other corporations.

At the conclusion of the session District Attorney Langdon was asked to make a statement regarding the investigation. He replied: "This was one of the most important days thus far before the grand jury—a day respecting which it is necessary for the officers of the prosecution to observe the strictest silence. I shall simply say that this was one of the most satisfactory days yet."

This was taken to mean that the witnesses called or some of the more important of them, had given testimony tending to corroborate the bribery and graft evidence on which sixty-five indictments have been already returned against Abraham Ruef, nine against General Manager Louis Glass of the Pacific States Telephone company, thirteen against Abraham K. Detweiler, outside agent for the Home Telephone company; ten against J. V. Halsey, outside agent for the Pacific States Telephone company; five against Mayor Schmitz, and one against Chief of Police Dinan.

Mayor Schmitz, in a statement to the Associated Press, denied the truth of charges published in local papers to the effect that the prosecution has abundant evidence that Schmitz profited to the extent of not less than \$602,000 from participation in the "hoodling" operations now being investigated by the grand jury. "These charges," he said, "are maliciously false and as soon as I am afforded the legal opportunity I shall prove them to be so."

FOR REVENGE OR ROBBERY

Keystone Express Derailed by Wreckers, but Nobody is Hurt.

Pittsburg, March 28.—Train No. 20 on the Pennsylvania railroad, known as the Keystone express, eastbound, was derailed near Wilmerding, Pa., fourteen miles east of here.

The engine, two mail cars and a combination baggage and smoker left the tracks, but no one was hurt.

It is believed the train was intentionally derailed and that the deed was done by the same parties who wrecked the Chicago limited train No. 23 at Stewart, Pa., last Friday. The same plan was carried out and only the slow speed of the train (thirty miles an hour) saved it from turning turtle, diving over a steep bank and crushing out perhaps a score of lives. Both the eastbound and westbound tracks were tampered with, one rail joint on each track being displaced within a few rods of each other.

Railroad detectives started an investigation and the announcement was made that the deraiment was undoubtedly the work of train wreckers, either for revenge or robbery.

Wellman Expedition Getting Ready.

Paris, March 28.—The members of the Wellman-Chicago Record-Herald North pole expedition are completing the preparations of the balloon America, and will leave shortly for Tromsø, Norway, whence they will depart June 1. The balloon, or airship, has been entirely reconstructed, has new motors and possesses a lifting power of 19,500 pounds.

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SALVADOR EAGER FOR PEACE

Requests Mexico to Intervene in Central American War.

Mexico City, March 27.—Mexico has been requested by the republic of Salvador to intervene and use her best efforts to bring about peace in Central America.

Dr. Baltazar Estupinian, the minister to Mexico from Salvador, received a telegram from the government, saying Salvador was withdrawing all her troops from Honduras territory and was eager for peace. Dr. Estupinian then conferred with President Diaz. As a result of the conference a message was immediately sent to Ambassador Creel in Washington by the president. The contents of this dispatch were not made public, but it is stated on good authority that President Diaz has instructed Mr. Creel to join the American government in demanding the cessation of hostilities Salvador has been an active ally of Honduras. According to an American who has important interests in Central America, unless the war is brought to a close by intervention on the part of the United States and Mexico shortly, a federation of Central American states, with President Zelaya of Nicaragua at the helm, will be the direct end of the present conflict.

BONILLA ORDERS SURRENDER

President of Honduras Tells Tegucigalpa to Admit Nicaraguan Army.

Managua, Nicaragua, March 27.—It is stated on the highest authority here that President Bonilla of Honduras, after his retreat to Amapala following the defeat of the Honduran-Malvadorean forces at Choluteca by the Nicaraguan army, ordered from Amapala the surrender of Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, to the victorious troops. The city is now in possession of the Honduran-Nicaraguan government junta.

Brownson to Command Pacific Fleet.

Washington, March 14.—Complete plans for the consolidation into one fleet of all American cruising vessels in the Pacific ocean were made public by the navy department. The order probably will go into effect about the end of this month, when Rear Admiral Brownson will become commander-in-chief of all American naval vessels in the Pacific. Rear Admiral W. T. Swinburne will become commander of the second squadron and Rear Admiral J. H. Dayton will command the third squadron.

Revolution Started in Venezuela.

Willemstad, Curacao, March 19.—A dispatch received here announces that a powerful revolution has started in the state of Tachira, Venezuela, with General Juan Pablo Penosa as its leader.

BOOST IN STOCK PRICES

Sharp Recovery is Feature of the Day's Operations in Wall Street.

New York, March 27.—A complete reversal of sentiment marked trading in the stock market. Although London prices were lower, the New York exchange soon after the opening showed a much stronger tone than for some time past and quotations were advanced sharply on very heavy buying. The bears began to retreat on rumors that further government assistance for the money market was imminent, and when the formal announcement came from Washington that such assistance was to be given the shorts began to cover up their outstanding contracts. At the same time there was a renewal of purchases for investment. The trading was wild and excited, as the bears sought to cover. Accompanying the upward movement was an industriously circulated rumor that an enormous pool had been formed by the greatest banking houses in Wall street to support prices. This report, which lacked confirmation, made it appear that \$50,000,000 had been subscribed by bankers to buy stocks with the object of putting a stop to the recent precipitate declines. The extreme advances reached to over seven points in most of the Harriman and Hill stocks, to six or over in St. Paul, Canadian Pacific and Smelting and from three to four points in a large number of the most active stocks. The extreme gains were not all held and the closing tone of the market was rather irregular.

TERMINAL BILL TO GOVERNOR

Conference Report is Adopted in House by Vote of 58 to 25.

Lincoln, March 27.—The house occurred in the report of the conference committee on the terminal tax bill. The vote was 58 to 25. The bill will now go to the governor.

The senate passed the house child labor bill, amending it so as to exempt from its provisions boys who work on farms and other boys between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years who have an eighth grade school certificate. The house concurred in the senate amendments and the bill goes to the governor.

The senate also passed the house bill prohibiting in the train service at night of telegraph operators less than twenty-one years old.

The house voted to accept the amended anti-pass bill and reported it for passage. It prohibits railroad passes for practically everyone except bona fide employees of railroads.

The senate bill, intended to forbid the issuance of special life insurance contracts, was indefinitely postponed by the house.

The senate killed the house bill reducing sleeping car rates 33 per cent.

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ALLISON DENIES RUMOR

Iowa Senator Says He Has Announced No Plans for Future.

Dubuque, March 27.—Senator Allison was shown a dispatch saying he would retire after his present term and that General Dodge's return to Iowa meant he was being groomed for the position. He denounced the report with indignation, and declared he had announced no plans for the future. He evaded every effort to secure a statement whether he would or would not retire. A close friend of his said he believed no plans had been perfected, but added that as the senator will be eighty years old when his term expires in 1909, he thought he would decline to enter on another term.

PARDONS FOR THREE.

Iowa Legislature Votes Them Out of List of Twenty-three Applicants.

Des Moines, March 27.—Pardons to three life convicts have been voted by the senate and house committees of the legislature out of the twenty-three who asked for mercy. The three are Betsy Smith, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of her husband in Des Moines; George Weems, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of L. H. Ridpath of Des Moines, and Jasper Mason, who killed a fellow traveler in Dallas county in self-defense during a political quarrel. Pardons were denied to seventeen convicts by other committees. The seventeen include the Rains bargers.

GIFTS FOR COLLEGES

General Education Board Distributes \$625,000 Among Five Institutions.

New York, March 27.—The first distribution by the general education board since it received John D. Rockefeller's most recent contribution of \$32,000,000 was made at a meeting of the board, when conditional gifts to totaling \$625,000 were made to five educational institutions.

The money was divided as follows: Yale university, \$300,000; Princeton university, \$200,000; Bowdoin college, Brunswick, Me., \$50,000; Colorado college, Colorado Springs, \$50,000; Millsaps college, Jackson, Miss., \$25,000.

After making these appropriations the board voted to give a total of \$42,500 to colored schools.

With the five principal gifts is the condition that the institutions shall raise a specified sum independent of the board's appropriation. Yale and Princeton are each to raise \$2,000,000; Colorado college, \$500,000; Bowdoin, \$250,000, and Millsaps, \$100,000.

These subscriptions were decided upon after the board had considered applications from about 400 institutions. Further distributions, it was stated, will be made before long.

Storm at Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs, Colo., March 27.—A terrific sandstorm raged in Colorado Springs and vicinity and business in the downtown districts was practically suspended. Many telephone poles were blown down and plate glass windows were broken. The wind blew with a velocity of seventy-two miles an hour.

Suicide at Waterloo.

Waterloo, Ia., March 4.—C. O. Dickey, committed suicide here by hanging himself in the cellar of his wife's home. He was a barber by trade and was recently divorced.

BILL HAS GOOD PROSPECTS.

C. E. Burnham Left Norfolk Hospital Matter in Good Shape.

There is every prospect that the appropriation bill providing for \$98,000 to be used in improvements at the Norfolk insane hospital, and which was introduced in the house by Representative Alderson of Madison county, and passed with only one dissenting vote, will this week be passed by the senate, where it struck good sized snags at the beginning of the week. C. E. Burnham, legislative representative of the Norfolk Commercial club, returned from Lincoln last night after having been in the state capital all week looking after the measure. He says that the bill has every prospect now of going through. This is a victory when the fact is considered that appropriations have during the past week or so been looked upon with suspecting eyes and when the passage of any appropriation bill, however

FRISCO STILL A RUIN.

Vast Area of Burned District is Yet a Heap of Ashes and Debris.

At least 10,000 people perished in the San Francisco earthquake and fire, instead of the 400 or 500 reported by newspaper dispatches at the time of the catastrophe, according to the admission of practically everybody in that city. J. F. Loach of West Point, who has just returned from a two months' trip to California, including the devastated city, says that San Franciscans generally believe that at least 10,000 and perhaps more than that perished in the earthquake horror and flames that followed. Dead bodies by the scores and hundreds were tossed into the fire while the city still burned and were thus cremated without any record being made of the corpses.

Hundreds and hundreds of dead bodies were hauled through the streets and dumped into the water before anything like an accurate accounting could be made. Chinese in untold numbers, many of whom had never seen the light of day, perished down in their underground swallow-nests. Buildings that burned with inmates were buried with ashes and dirt and there will never be any knowing how many unfortunates lie in these unmarked graves.

Many of those who survived the fire are today succumbing to the nerve shock and many others, robbed of their families and friends, are now becoming insane as a result of the mental strain that they have undergone.

San Francisco today looks as if it had just been burned a week ago, according to Mr. Loach. The down town district is still a vast area of ashes and ruins and 1,200 wagons are being employed to haul away what remains still of the debris. A few frame shacks have been built in the down town district but business is practically impossible because the public is unable to make its way through the ruins to get to this section.

Inadequate street cars, which are running with electricity for the first time in the town's history, are crowded to the guards with people and many are being killed because of this congested condition. Passengers drop off the cars and are run over without attracting particular comment.

Many of the beautiful mansions that stood on Nob Hill are still staring at the streets in their ghastly condition of ruin, and will not be rebuilt.

It is the opinion of visitors that San Francisco will not be replaced as it was before under twenty-five years, if then.

NORFOLK BANKS SHOW INCREASE

Highwater Mark in Deposits and Resources is Reached.

Bank statements just issued in Norfolk for March 22, 1907, show an increase in deposits since the January statement of \$121,939.89. The high water mark in deposits in the three local national banks is reached by the statement this week, the total being \$1,273,183.94. It is an increase over the year of \$327,236.20.

Resources show an increase since January of \$126,475.65, the total March 22 having been \$1,647,674.83. This is an increase since a year ago of \$3,400,657.72.

The seat sale for Miss Isabel Irving's appearance here Saturday night in Jerome K. Jerome's comedy, "Susan in Search of a Husband," one of the New York successes of the present season, will go on at The News business office Friday morning at 9 o'clock. There are 300 seats on the lower floor of the Auditorium at \$1; the parquet seats are \$1.50; the first two rows in the balcony are \$1, the next three 75c, the next three 50c and the gallery seats 25c. In the east Miss Irving's company plays at \$2 prices. In the company are five actors of prominence, each of whom has been a star in his or her own right. The play is pronounced one of the refreshing comedies of the year—as it must be since it comes from the pen of Jerome K. Jerome, and the company is one of evenly-balanced excellence seldom seen in the west. The attraction will be one of the most important features of the theatrical season and from the mail orders that have been received, it is apparent that Miss Irving and her company will be greeted by a full house Saturday night.