

Are Probing the Redlights.

Madison, Neb., March 22.—Special to The News: That the "redlight" district of Norfolk is being investigated by the Madison county grand jury...

MORE WITNESSES CALLED.

Names of Those Summoned for Wednesday and Thursday at Madison, Madison, Neb., March 22.—Special to The News: The witnesses called by the grand jury today were: Pat Weatherly, Jacob Fabriz, John Cornelius, A. C. Daniel, August Schultz, Herman Kurgpewit, A. L. Killian, Jan Oskay, August Marquardt, Forest Emery, Prairie Emery, Ned Emery, John Friday, C. F. A. Marquardt, Eugene Best, Sherman Poling, Peter Koberg.

Those called for tomorrow are: Dr. A. B. Tashjian, Dr. W. H. Pilger, Dr. C. J. Verges, Marguerite Klentz, Minnie Bankbrat.

Included in the above list are Mayor Friday, Chief of Police Marquardt and President of the Commercial Club Killian of Norfolk. What they are to be asked about is not known.

Peter Koberg was an informer upon two Norfolk bootleggers recently and "blind pig" testimony is apparently sought in the case.

Some of the witnesses named have knowledge of the death of little Kurt Stehr, whose mother may be indicted. The father is already charged with murder.

New Steel Bridge at the Milldam. County Commissioner Taft has announced that the bridge across the Norfolk river on North First street, known as the milldam bridge, is to be replaced in the near future by a modern steel bridge.

Shot by Bandits. Josef Kohout, a prominent Rushville, Neb., farmer, enroute with his sister Katerina Kohout to Oregon in an emigrant railroad car, is seriously wounded with a bullet in his neck as the result of a terrible struggle with two hold-up men who attacked him while he was asleep in his car in the Northwestern switch yards, about half a mile north of the city, at 3:30 o'clock last night.

Although very serious, Dr. W. H. Pilger, who was called to attend Kohout after the man, bleeding terribly from his wound, ran into the J. A. Montague pool hall for assistance, says Kohout may recover.

Kohout made his way to the city and his sister was left alone in the car. She was almost overcome with fright when a rescue party of about fifty men went to the car. It was not learned that she was in the car until Kohout had been removed from the pool hall to the Masten rooming house. This was about an hour and a half later, and the woman suffered terribly from the mental strain.

Kohout reached the pool hall about 9:45 and was not removed until 10 o'clock.

Could Identify the Men. Kohout and his sister are Bohemians and do not understand a word of the English language. He endeavored by means of paper and pencil, which were laid before him on the pool table, to explain what had occurred, but none in the crowd understood the language until N. Netherda of Nibbrara came to the rescue and acted as interpreter. Kohout's wound is such that he cannot talk at all this morning, nor can he eat or drink.

A black soft hat found by Herbert Hauptli, an employee of the Citizens National bank, at Norfolk avenue and Seventh street, was identified by Kohout as that worn by one of the men who, during the afternoon, asked him to change a \$5 bill and who had offered him \$150 for one of his horses. Kohout declares he could identify either of the men should he again see them.

Speaking in gasps to a News representative who speaks Bohemian, Kohout told the following story of the hold-up:

He Tells of the Hold-up. "I came to Norfolk in my car from Rushville Sunday night, but the railroad company, it seems, could not have my horses inspected sooner. I should have been gone Monday night because I was all ready. I don't know why the railroad company held my car here. During the day two men about 30 years of age came to my car and looked over my horses. They had been drinking; I could notice that, and finally one of them asked me to change a \$5 bill for him. I did and they insisted that I sell them one of my horses. I am enroute to Oregon, where I last year purchased an eighty-acre farm, and I would not sell the horses.

"Tuesday night I was asleep in my car when two men, whom I recognized as the same ones who had been around the car during the day, suddenly came into the car and said 'Money or your life!' They both jumped on me, but I clung with my hand to the neck of one of them. We all rolled out of the car and in the struggle one kept pounding me on the head with something and the other was searching me. They

both told me to keep still. "While I was endeavoring to reach into my pocket for a knife one of them shot at me three times with a revolver. One bullet struck me and when I fell they ran toward the city and I followed them. One of them dropped a clothes brush which might help find them. I could recognize them at any time."

Kohout told this while in the pool hall and officials and the excited crowd forgot all about the car with the frightened woman. When Kohout declared he had left money in the car, the News man inquired if the car was guarded and he declared that his sister was left behind, but that she did not have the money. Immediately the crowd of men, headed by Chief of Police Marquardt, started for the car. Two other cars were sidetracked close to the Kohout car and C. O. Jensen, enroute to Chadron, in charge of one of the cars, declared he heard no shots nor any fighting, although the shots were heard by people on Norfolk avenue.

Sister is Terrified. When the Kohout car was entered by the police and some of the men, no one could be seen. Lanterns were put to work and no one answered to the calls of the men, who inquired if anyone was within. Soon one of the men discovered the half crazed woman in the extreme north end of the car, where she had taken refuge and thought she was well hidden among the chicken coops, grain sacks and household furniture.

Thought They Came to Kill. "My God, don't kill me!" she cried when she was discovered, and kneeling, with her folded hands extended into the air, she prayed in her Bohemian language that the Lord save her from the murderers and at the same time implored the men that her life be spared because she had children and a husband back in Bohemia who were coming here.

One member of the rescue party, who understands the language, soon pacified the trembling woman and after repeated explanations that her life was not sought, but that friends had arrived, she consented to come out of the car. This was with much difficulty, the woman having covered herself with most every conceivable thing in the car. Finally two of the men lifted her gently to the floor of the car where she fainted for a moment, but then recovering herself she told The News man that she had \$400 in her care and asked if it was safe. She soon found the money and, holding it tightly, she walked between two of the party to the city.

Recognized Robber's Voice. "No, I did not see the struggle," she said to The News man. "I was asleep when it happened, but I could understand when they were fighting that one of the men wanted my brother to keep still. It is a Godsend that he gave me the money in my charge. From the talking I could plainly recognize the voice of one of the men who had been around the car in the afternoon. I did not see them, but I know that they gave my brother some whiskey and he in turn gave them some home-made wine. I wish I had travelled by passenger train to Oregon, but my brother wanted me to come with him. I thought you men had come to kill me and rob me of the money. I thought my brother was killed and that he had told of me having his money. I was much frightened in the car alone that long time. My brother's wife and children are now at Rushville with relatives but they should go direct from there to Oregon where my brother has a farm."

All night Kohout's sister watched by his bedside and refused to go to sleep. "I would rather sit up," she said, "I am too excited and frightened, I could not sleep. Won't you please see that our property is safe?"

Chief of Police Marquardt put Walter Barnhart, son of City Attorney Barnhart, and another young man in charge of the car. Besides the \$400, which is safe, Kohout declares when the men jumped on top of him he had the presence of mind to put over \$15 in the hay where he had been sleeping. Blood stains from the bullet wound and the bruises on his head show the track of the wounded man from the car to the pool hall.

Kohout is about 55 years and his sister about 38 years of age. Had \$12,000 Taken to Omaha. Kohout was taken to Omaha at noon to be operated upon. Francis J. Netherda, claiming Nibbrara as his home, was supplied with money by Katerina Kohout, sister of the injured man, and accompanied him to Omaha. Netherda speaks Bohemian and he has taken some interest in the Kohout trouble.

Accompanied by the injured man's sister, Netherda deposited \$12,000 of Kohout's money in the Nebraska National bank Wednesday morning. Kohout carried with him nearly \$400 in cash to Omaha. The sister is being taken care of at the Masten rooming house, in the Schoregge block.

Sheriff C. S. Smith brought Ed Pich and Burt Gardner from Meadow Grove as suspects at noon, but Kohout did not identify them as his assailants.

The Kohout car is being taken care of by the railroad company and the city authorities, with the aid of Sheriff Smith and a railroad detective, are in search of the bandits.

Shoots Off His Finger. Holding a .38-caliber revolver to his finger, E. P. Hanley, a stranger in the city, deliberately pulled the trigger of the weapon and shot off part of a finger, in the Person livery barn last evening.

Hanley, with a partner, has been in the city for several days selling clothes and other articles which, it is believed, are stolen property.

Yesterday he entered the Persons barn in an intoxicated condition and his revolver dropped from his pocket.

W. N. Persons picked up the weapon and handed it to Hanley, telling him at the same time to get out of the barn. Hanley pulled the trigger and the cartridge did not explode. He then put his finger over the barrel and again pulled the trigger. This time the cartridge proved good and his finger was badly injured. Mr. Persons bandaged the wounded member and when the man left his barn he telephoned Night Patrolman O'Brien, who went in search of Hanley. It is believed he and his pal have been hiding stolen property in the stock yards north of the city. The men also answer the description of the bandits who held up Josef Kohout.

TAFT INVITES JAP.

President Wants to Show That There's Nothing in Jap War Story. Washington, March 22.—President Taft today invited Baron Uchida, the Japanese ambassador, to a conference at the white house this afternoon. The president's object in doing this is to personally set at rest the various irresponsible stories that have been published to the effect that army maneuvers in Texas and California were in a vague way directed toward Japan.

Mayor Didn't Order Arrest.

Mayor Friday disclaims responsibility for the arrest of Sheriff Clint Smith of Madison in Norfolk last Friday afternoon for violating the local automobile speed ordinance. The mayor says that he did not know the arrest had been made until he read of it in The News the next night and that the story given to The News by a city official that the mayor ordered the arrest of the sheriff, was untrue.

The official who gave the story to The News that the mayor had ordered the arrest was in a position to know the facts, but in fairness to the mayor, Mr. Friday's statement that he did not order the arrest of the sheriff will probably be accepted as proof that the official who gave out the story was mistaken.

Chief of Police Marquardt says that last Friday afternoon the mayor gave him orders to arrest all automobile drivers violating the speed ordinance. The chief says he knew nothing of the arrest by Officer Sasse of Sheriff Smith until after the sheriff had been taken into police court and fined. Officer Sasse says that he made the arrest on his own responsibility, obeying the order given him earlier in the day to take into custody any violators of the automobile speed ordinance. He says he knew that Sheriff Smith was in the car which he saw speeding through the city enroute from Madison to the state hospital here and when the car returned he had a warrant ready for the sheriff's arrest.

Sheriff Smith was conveying an insane patient from Madison to the state hospital and was making all possible haste because the woman in his charge has suicidal inclination and as an act of mercy he was anxious to get her under the care of Dr. Johnson at the hospital as quickly as possible. Although the automobile speed ordinance had been in effect for a long time, the arrest of Sheriff Smith was the first time the police had ever pretended to enforce it, although it is well known that the ordinance has been violated many times every day. It is said that Madison people are quite indignant that the only arrest that the Norfolk police ever made for this offense should have been an outside man as a victim and particularly when that man was the sheriff of the county engaged in an act of human kindness. They are said to resent the fact that the sheriff, in the back seat, should have been arrested for some mysterious reason, instead of the driver of the car.

A Divorce and \$6,000 for Her.

Madison, Neb., March 22.—Special to The News: Mrs. Rasmus Nielson of Norfolk was granted an absolute divorce and \$6,000 alimony from her husband, in a decree handed late by District Judge A. A. Welch last night.

The case had been pending for some time. Mrs. Nielson having made sensational charges against her husband in filing the suit, alleging marital faithlessness.

Rasmus Nielson is a pioneer farmer, living a mile south of Norfolk on Thirteenth street.

The couple are well along in years, having several grown children.

Aldrich Signs School Bill.

Lincoln, March 22.—Governor Aldrich in spite of the speech about the "cow with two tails," to which he compared Nebraska, with two agricultural colleges, signed the Eastman bill, H. R. 2, giving the state board of public lands and buildings the right to choose a site for a new agriculture institution, which shall have an appropriation of \$100,000.

The board is generally understood to be disposed to locate the school at Holdrege, which is well into the southwest part of the state, although opponents of the bill argued that it is in a farming region very similar to that at Lincoln and not at all in the dry farming part of the state, that is said to need its own school.

The house in committee of the whole knocked out the culmination of an effort of the joint committee named to create a road and bridge bill from the five or six measures covering the subjects that have been introduced. The house killed three of the bills and amended two more in such a manner as to upset their purpose. The action is probably a death blow to the road legislation it was hoped to get at this session.

Governor Aldrich this morning affixed his signature to H. R. 2, appropriating \$100,000 for an agricultural school in the southwestern part of the state, probably at Holdrege.

The senate passed S. F. 212, by Smith, defining road rights; S. F. 249, by Morehead, requiring fire insurance companies to contribute a small percent of their receipts toward the sup-

port of the fire warden's office. S. F. 172, by Hanning, readjusting the salaries of county treasurers, to make them conform to the late census report.

Hit by Hose Cart; Man Dead.

Crawford, Neb., March 22.—While making a run to a fire Tod Miller, who was pulling the fire cart, stumbled and fell, the wheel passing over his chest. He died about 1 o'clock a. m.

At first it was not thought the accident was serious. Mr. Miller was employed in Sherill Bros. cafe and was to have been married next week to Miss Vilda Pittit.

After the accident he sent for the girl and told her he was going to die, and asked her to notify his parents at Independence, Ia.

The fire was of no importance, the Northwestern railway burning old dry grass and brush from its right-of-way.

A Stock Sale at Fairfax.

Fairfax, S. D., March 22.—Special to The News: A sale of thoroughbred registered Shorthorn cattle was held here Saturday by Koenig brothers, this being their first public sale since entering the business of breeding and rearing this splendid breed of cattle.

The animals sold at prices from \$60 to \$150 at an average of about \$75 per head, which is considered quite a fair average, including as it did several quite young animals.

About seventy-five head of horses were also sold, bringing good prices. A good crowd was present, breeders being present and making purchases for Tripp and Gregory counties, S. D., and Boyd county, Neb.

Insurance Receiver Asked.

Cleveland, March 22.—Alleging that a \$30,000,000 policyholders' dividend fund has dwindled to \$24,000,000 through the unlawful operations of its custodians, Charles W. Eberhardt, Augustus M. Weber and Bernard Miller, three Cleveland policyholders, started suit for an accounting in United States circuit court here against the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company of Milwaukee. A receiver also is asked for the fund. The complainants do not attack the financial standing of the insurance as a whole. Their attorneys say the company is in no difficulty.

Mrs. Schenk in Jail.

Chicago, March 22.—Mrs. Charles Schenk was lodged in jail yesterday, having been indicted for murdering her husband, after a night of revelry. Schenk was superintendent of a Park Ridge gas company.

Hope to End Express Strike.

New York, March 22.—Settlement of the express strike was hoped for as the result of a conference today between a committee of the teamsters' union and Mayor Gaynor. The conference was arranged for, following the arrival here of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and a series of consultations he will hold with the local officials of the teamsters.

Scratched His Finger.

Royal, Neb., March 22.—Special to The News: Charles Cannon, a Knox county farmer, is suffering with blood poisoning in his arm as the result of a scratch on one of his fingers.

RUSSIAN CABINET CHANGED.

Stolyppin Hands Over Presidency to Council of Ministers. St. Petersburg, March 22.—M. Stolyppin handed over the presidency of the council of ministers to M. Kokovoff and notices for the next meeting of the council, to be held March 23, were sent out in the name of M. Kokovoff, who is now acting premier. Count Hendrikoff visited M. Stolyppin in behalf of the emperor.

At his final audience with his majesty, the former premier discussed affairs of the state and among other things told the emperor that Russia would never have a good fleet so long as Admiral Voevodsky was minister of marine. The emperor showed great concern over this declaration.

The council of the empire rejected the proposal to confer the franchise on women. The rumors of an attempt against the life of M. Korostev, the Russian minister to Peking, have proved untrue.

U. C. T. Election.

One of the most largely attended meetings of Norfolk county No. 120, U. C. T., ever held took place Saturday evening when the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Senior counselor, C. L. Chaffee; junior counselor, E. E. Miller; past counselor, C. H. Taylor; secretary and treasurer, George H. Spear; conductor, F. L. Cummings; page, S. A. Erskine; sentinel, L. W. Greer; executive committee for two years, H. M. Culbertson and John F. Dunaver; executive committee for one year, F. H. Beels and Henry C. Oldfield.

The honorary title of past senior counselor was conferred on C. A. Blakely for having served six full years on the executive committee. Public installation of officers will be held at 10 o'clock on Saturday, April 15, followed by a lunch for the members and ladies.

Quite a stir is being started for a good delegation for grand council meeting at Grand Island in May, a committee having been appointed to secure a sleeping car from Norfolk and return. The following are delegates to the grand council: C. H. Taylor, C. L. Chaffee, C. A. Blakely, Alternates are: George H. Spear, E. C. Engle and A. E. Chambers.

'Prof.' Leo, Fakir, Skips the Country.

Professor Leo, who calls himself the world's greatest clairvoyant and spirit medium, has disappeared and with him has also disappeared a valuable diamond ring, left with him by one lady patron as a "charm." Professor Leo and his wife have for the

past two weeks had a suite of rooms at 101 Norfolk avenue, where many of their victims have been enticed by great promises.

The ring was asked for by the clairvoyant to keep until the patron called again. The ring was to be used as a "charm" and many secrets from this "charm" were to be laid bare to the lady patron. Leo, however, left the city last Friday and his wife followed him Saturday morning. His whereabouts are unknown to Chief of Police Marquardt, who is looking for him.

Leo's great hit with the unsuspecting public was his feat of leaving the room with instructions that the patrons write their name on a slate. He would re-enter the room and pronounce the name. The patrons did not, however, notice a large glass ball on the table at which they were writing. Through this Leo is said to have looked to read the names.

Telephone Work Delayed.

Owing to the failure to arrive of certain material for Nebraska Telephone construction work, the sixty men advertised for to start operations Tuesday morning will not be needed. It is not known just when this material will arrive.

More Activity at the Theater.

More activity in the theatrical line is promised for Norfolk within the next few weeks than the city has seen for a couple of months. Next Monday night "The Barrier," the latest and greatest success of Rex Beach, will be the attraction at the Auditorium. This is the first tour of this play in the west and the company is high grade.

Within a short time Al G. Fields' "Greater Mirth"—the greatest minstrel show in the world, headed by Al G. Fields himself—will appear in the city, and another noteworthy booking is that of Henrietta Crozman, one of the most celebrated actresses on the American stage, who comes to Norfolk in her new comedy success, "Anti Matrimony."

Norfolk theatergoers may well be pleased with these announcements, as these are all metropolitan events of first rank.

MONDAY MENTIONS.

Clara Plass of Madison was here. D. Rees and C. S. Bridge went to Lincoln.

John Schwichtenberg went to Pierce on business.

J. S. Adams of Central City was here on business.

Miss Ruth Shaw returned from Tilden, where she attended a house party.

M. Manning of Battle Creek was a visitor in the city.

C. W. Landers returned from a business trip to Pierce.

W. W. Weaver of Dallas was in the city in his automobile.

P. Y. Hyde of Fremont was in the city transacting business.

William Hauptli of Monow spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kuhn have returned from a visit in California.

W. T. Stockdale and A. P. Stockdale of Madison were visitors in the city.

Constable John Flynn returned from a business trip to Ewing, Orchard and Plainview.

Charles Beiersdorf and Fred Hellerman start for an extended trip in Texas Tuesday.

W. A. Baldwin of Lincoln is in the city visiting with Dr. O. R. Meredith and C. E. Hartford.

Charles Beiersdorf, Jr., of Emerson spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beiersdorf.

Mrs. Risor, who has been here visiting with her sister, Mrs. John Phinney, has returned to her home at Fremont.

G. L. Carlson returned from Verdigris, where Saturday he lectured before the Verdigris farmers and business men.

Mrs. H. C. Sattler is reported quite ill.

Another sure sign of spring is the appearance of children on Norfolk avenue munching ice cream cones.

Sam Erskine, Jr., has purchased two residence lots on Koenigstein avenue, near Thirteenth street, from W. M. Rainbolt of Omaha.

Damascus chapter, R. A. M., No. 25 will have a special meeting tonight for work in the past master and most excellent master degrees.

The quarterly meeting of the Burns club will take place at the Dan Craven residence Tuesday evening. An elaborate program has been arranged. Work has been begun on the new residence of W. W. DeHart, a Norfolk traveling salesman, on North Eleventh street, between Nebraska and Prospect avenues.

T. G. Hight was operated on at an Omaha hospital Saturday. His condition is reported by his son, Elmer Hight, who accompanied him to Omaha, as very favorable.

C. H. Cornell of Valentine passed through Norfolk enroute home from New York, where he has been in the interests of his proposed Valentine-Sioux City railroad.

Captain C. L. Anderson of the local national guard company invites any one desiring to join the company to the armory tonight, when the regular weekly drill will be called.

The boy scouts of this city have been invited to attend a moving picture entertainment at the state hospital. The scouts' next "hike" is scheduled for in about two weeks.

Floyd Taylor, who has been driving the Sletre meat wagon, has accepted the position as driver for the Craven laundry, succeeding Claude Housh, who has taken up inside work at the laundry.

A. N. McGinnis has returned from Florida, where he spent the latter part of the winter. He reports a delightful sojourn. Mr. McGinnis brought back with him an air plant, which is considerable of a novelty in this climate.

G. L. Plahn of Lamar, Colo., a graduate of the Gem City Business college of Quincy, Ill., has accepted a position as solicitor and representative

for the Norfolk Business college. Mr. Plahn has already enrolled three new students.

Viola Sheldon, daughter of Mrs. Sheldon, a widow living on South Fourth street, is suffering from scarlet fever. Another child had just recovered from the same illness and the new case was contracted from this. The house has been quarantined for several weeks.

Preparatory to his annual sugar camp in Pasewalk's grove, James Gray has put the grove in its usual spring appearance. The maple trees have been tapped and little buckets on tiny troughs adorn the trees, which will furnish the sap for the large boiler that will be used to make the sugar at the camp.

William Yates, a painter, and E. Brandenberg, both colored, were arrested Sunday for being drunk and fighting on North Eighth street. Both men were fined \$7.10 in Judge Eiseley's court and, having no money but a good job, were allowed to go to work and pay their fine on the installment plan. Yates is the painter who last month served time in the Madison jail for furnishing alcohol to Mrs. Sam Goom. He was arrested for being drunk after he returned here and, according to Judge Eiseley, "tows the court sixty days in the county jail." He will probably be sent to Madison on April 1.

The bill appropriating enough money to build a railroad spur to the state insane hospital here has been favorably passed upon by a committee in the legislature, but probabilities are that it will not be passed at this session of the legislature. This information was received from Representative H. C. Matrau, who was here to spend Sunday with his family. Mr. Matrau says the appropriations have been so great that it is possible the pruning knife will be used to some extent and that it is likely the bill for the spur to the state hospital will be laid over. The house will probably adjourn about the last of this month, but there is so much work to be done that it may be necessary to turn the hands of the clock back for some time.

JAPS MOBILIZE NEAR MEXICO.

Exodus of Little Brown Men from Colorado Coal Fields Noticed. Trinidad, Colo., March 21.—The exodus of Japanese from the coal camps in this vicinity has become noticeable. Several hundred of them have quit the mines and left the state within the last two weeks. Practically all purchased tickets to points in California or to El Paso, Tex.

Trinidad, Colo., March 21.—Special to The News: The called chaqueta meeting held last night at the court room drew a fair crowd of business men and citizens of this city. J. F. Boyd called the meeting to order and J. C. Jenkins stated the object of the meeting, giving in detail the program that is planned by the Midland chaqueta circuit to be presented here, starting Saturday, August 5 and concluding on Sunday the 13th. The program is far better than that given here last year. The sentiment of those present were unanimously in favor of another chaqueta and was so voted. It was given out at this meeting that the season tickets sold last year and the general admission sale paid in full the guarantee.

The proposition is precisely the same this year with the Midland people, and that is, Neligh guarantees \$1,400 for nine days' program. It was moved and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of ten to be given full authority and run the chaqueta. Chairman Boyd stated that he would appoint this committee some time today. During the latter part of the meeting J. W. Lamson was appointed secretary of the meeting.

GIRL IS EXONERATED.

Killing Man in Defense of Her Honor Held to Be No Crime. Poultney, Vt., March 21.—Accepting the jury's statement that she had shot Luigi Vermillo in defense of her honor, Judge F. G. Swinnerton of the Rutland municipal court declined to hold Camilla Covino on a charge of murder.

On the stand the young Italian girl admitted that she shot Vermillo, who was a boarder at her parents' home, on the morning of February 16. She said Vermillo entered her room before she had arisen, insulted her and attempted to drag her upstairs. She managed to break away from him and secured a shotgun with which she shot him.

Hard to Get Murder Jury.

Independence, Kan., March 21.—When the trial of A. A. Truskett, a wealthy business man of Caney, Kan., charged with killing J. D. S. Neeley, banker and oil man of Lima, Ohio, at Caney, January 7 last, was resumed today, there was little chance of getting a jury. Owing to the prominence of the defendant it is difficult to secure competent jurors. Several days will be probably required. In his examination of veniremen, the states' attorney asked each man if a person pretending to be a mule buyer had accosted them. The defense also asked the veniremen if a man representing himself as a lease taker had inquired the opinions of the guilt of the defendant.

JAPS UPHOLD TREATY.

Effort to Defeat American Agreement, is Beaten in the Diet. Tokio, March 21.—The resolution offered in the diet by the opposition condemning the government's foreign policy in connection with English and American treaties, was defeated today by a large majority.

Count Komura, the foreign secretary, in a lengthy speech reiterated that the American treaty had caused no change in the policy or principles of the government of Japan. The diet will be prorogued this afternoon.

Honolulu Cholera Outbreak Ends.

Honolulu, March 21.—The cholera outbreak here is officially declared to be ended but quarantine and other precautionary measures will be continued until the sanitary work for which the legislature appropriated \$50,000 is complete. There are twenty-seven cases of cholera in the present outbreak of which twenty-one proved fatal.

Big Reserves in Banks.

Washington, March 21.—Reports of conditions of national banks, made in response to the comptroller's last call on March 7, continue to show a gradual expansion with a slight tendency to curtail circulation. The New York banks appear to have a substantial reserve beyond the requirements of the law. The contraction of circulation is reflected in deposits of lawful money in the treasury to retire the bank currency.

The banks are about \$6,000,000 in excess of requirements and treasury officials believe much of the circulation now being retired will not be seen again until the crop-moving season. The large re-

demptions are held to indicate a general movement of money from the interior to the central reserve cities, particularly New York.

Tom Johnson Better.

Cleveland, O., March 21.—Former Mayor Tom L. Johnson passed another restful night. It is expected he will regain most of the strength lost as a result of his relapse last week.

Nebraska Solons Take a Day Off.

Lincoln, March 21.—The overwhelming presence of distinguished democracy in the persons of Champ Clark, Senator Owen, Senator Kern, Governor Shaforth, W. J. Bryan and others was altogether too much for the Nebraska legislators and after a feeble effort in each house to attend to business they gave it up and adjourned for the day.

The house had set as a special order the five good roads bills, which were drawn up by the joint committee on these. H. R. 669, moved up for discussion. McKusick came to definitely postpone it, and while that question was being debated, the house took a recess to hear the addresses delivered by Champ Clark, John W. Kern, Robert Owen and Governor Shaforth of Colorado.