SALARY TOO LOW

WHAT THE ASSISTANT POSTMAS-TER GENERAL SAYS.

OFFICE CLERKS ARE UNDERPAID

By Reason of This the Efficiency De. succeed themselves, were considered creases-Many Cases of Indecent in executive session of the senate but and Scurrilous Matter Given Atten- action was postponed until after the tion by the Department.

WASHINGTON-In his annual re- presented a letter from Secretary of port made public Wednesday, First War Taft explaining what had been Assistant Postmaster General Hitch- termed a legal teconicality against cock says that the low salaries paid these officers succeeding themselves clerks in first and second-class post- in the detail named in the nominations. offices is decreasing the standard of At a recent meeting of the commitefficiency. It is impossible, he says, to tee on military affairs it was stated induce efficient men to enter this by several members that the law branch of the service when the salary seemed to prohibit officers from acto begin with is but \$600 per year, cepting a second four year detail of with no certainty of promotion for perhaps several years.

Mr. Hitchcock strongly recommends a discontinuance of the practice of installing postoffices in public buildings devoted in part to other branches of the government service. The best type be ineligible to re-appointment for of quarters for postoffice purposes, he continuous staff service and that in the says, is a single large room in a onestory building.

Much embarrassment has been occasioned the postal authorities to pro- bers of the isthmian canal commission vide emergency mail facilities in mining towns, and Mr. Hitchcock recommends an emergency appropriation of \$75,000 to meet such requirements.

There has been an increase of more than \$18,000,000 in the amount of domestic and of more than \$5,000,000 in the amount of foreign money orders issued during the year over the one preceding.

While the number of undelivered letters which found their way to the dead letter office during the year was smaller than during the previous year. the number of undelivered letters with valuable enclosures greatly increased. General prosperity of the country is given as one reason; another is the suppression by the department of concerns using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Mail for such concerns containing money, money orders and commercial paper was received at the dead letter office in unusual quantities. Nearly 11,000,000 pieces of mail were of his term, without influence at the received at the dead letter office dur- white house. ing the year, including 1.668 that failed of delivery in the Panama canal

"Over 1,500,000 cases of alleged indecent and scurrilous matter received attention. In the summer the influx of offensive pictorial postcards became so great as to call for a special order by State district attorney by order of the the department looking to the abate-president was the theme of general ment of the nuisance. As a resula of comment about the federal building proprietors seems to be convinced of this order many thousands of objec- Christmas day. Judge Baxter was not this to such an extent that the landionable cards have been withdrawn at his office during the morning. It lords in the neighborhood of Minsk from the mails by the postmasters and was learned, however, that he had re- are calling their tenants together and forwarded to the department for de-

RAILROAD PROMOTERS HAVE A CLASH

PORTLAND, Ore.-The granting of an injunction by the state circuit court ordering the Portland & Seattle railroad and Simms & Shields, contractors, to discontinue the work of the railroad construction in the vicinity of a proposed crossing by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's track between here and the Columbia river, marks the first actual legal, clash between the principals themselves in the alleged fight between the Hill and Harriman interests. Both companies for some time have been striving to gain the vantage at the point of crossing, in order to establish a grade to which the other company would have to conform.

PRESIDENT SIGNS CANAL BILL Eleven Million Dollars Made Available

for Work. WASHINGTON - President Roosevelt signed the bill passed by congress appropriating \$11,000,000 for the Panama canal. This is the first law created by the present session of congress. Secretary Shaw stated that although

the Panama canal bill which has just passed congress perfected the legislation relating to the sale of Panama bonds, and makes it possible to issue them at any time, the treasury department does not contemplate any immediate issue. At present conditions for an issue are not so favorable as they are likely to be later on. An immediate sale would withdraw money from channels of trade where it is now needed to the amount of the issue.

THOUSAND DOLLARS A CHILD

This lowa Farmer Has a Method in His Rooseveltan Ideas.

ELDORA, Ia.-George Cramer. a him a leave of absence from January wealthy and industrious German living 1, 1906, until the school year expires. near Ackley, came to America a poor Dean Frederick D. Fairfield of the colboy. At the time of his marriage his legiate department of the university wealthy father in Germany promised was named as acting president of the to send him \$1,000 each time a child university and will assume his new duwas born in the family. To date ties at once. twelve children have come to bless the union and, faithful to his promise, the after a demonstration made against old grandfather has remitted twelve him by the students several weeks ago. \$1,000 checks to his son and heirs in At that time he was hissed and jeered America.

Calls on the President.

WASHINGTON-James W. Wads- the organizations popularly termed as worth. Jr., the announced choice of "lid-lifting clubs," which were raided Governor Higgins for the speakership recently upon instructions of Goverof the New York assembly, was in nor Folk, were arraigned in police conference with President Roosevelt court on charges of violation of the liat the white house. The conference quor law. Fines were imposed in was by appointment, and Mr. Wads- sums ranging from \$50 to \$100. Many worth remained about half an hour of the cases were appealed to the court with the president. There was full of criminal correction. Police Judge discussion of the events which preced- Tracy denounced the organizations, deed and have followed the selection of claring that in nearly very instance Mr. Wodsworth by the governor as his they are merely subterfuges for the choice for the party's leader in the evasion of the Sunday closing or exlower house of the state legislature.

WASHINGTON - Advices received by cable at the State and Navy departments from Santo Domingo indicate that a serious condition of affairs exists there. The captain of the port of Puerto Plata has been shot and killed during an insurrectionary movement and the governor of that province has defied the general government and barricaded the town. The Dominion government has issued a decree removing the government. The State department has determined that this is an internal difficulty and will not lan has been sworn in as mayor of McCall to furnish Venner a complete intervene at this stage.

SENATE POSTPONES ACTION.

Will Not Corfirm Military Men Until After Holidays.

WASHINGTON - Nominations of

chief of ordance of the army, both to

holidays. Senator Warren, chairman

of the committee on military affairs,

this character until they had again

In each case, Secretary Taft says it

is the clear intention of the army re-

organization act of 1901 that only of-

ficers below the rank of colonel shall

case of heads of the bureaus, there is

no prohibition whatever as to reap-

pointment. The nominations of mem-

were again referred to the committee

WASHINGTON - Congress will at

its present session, enact railroad rate

legislation carrying out the ideas of

President Roosevelt or find itself in

extraordinary session immediately fol-

lowing the close of this session. This

is the text of the ultimatum handed

out at the white house. In this the

president is radically determined; he

The house is easily conceded to be

with the president in this fight. The

senate, however, is in question. Every

senator found to be opposing the presi-

dent's railroad rate program will be

set down as an enemy of the adminis-

tration, and will be, during the balance

INVESTIGATION WILL GO ON

Government to Continue Delving Into

Land Frauds in the West.

Judge Baxter from the office of United

OMAHA-The summary dismissal of

A member of the secret service

land fraud matters in Nebraska, said:

"The removal of Marshal Mathews nd

when the grand jury meets in May.

to Make Purchase.

East Twentieth street, in this city, and

present it to the nation, completed the

details of purchase and secured posses-

sion of the property for \$60,000. It is

the intention of those interested in the

plan to restore the house as nearly as

possible to the shape it was in at the

time of the president's birth. This will

include the furnithre and fittings, as

Among the colloborators to the pro-

ject were Andrew Carnegie and Henry

C. Frick and General Horace Porter,

who is said to have subscribed \$10,000

WASHINGTON - The trustees of

nation of President John Gordon to

take effect at the end of the present

school year in May, 1906, and granted

Dr. Gordon offered his resignation

ST. LOUIS-Officers of several of

Islands Offered For Sale.

Mayor McClellan Sworn In.

NEW YORK-Mayor George M'Clel-

as he entered the chapel.

cise laws.

well known.

IS DOWN AND OUT

far as they can be secured.

PRESIDENT JOHN CORDON

and others.

A RAILROAD RATE BILL

on interoceanic canals.

means business.

peared in print.

PRESIDENT MUST HAVE

served in the line for three years.

Brigadier General George B. Davis, to GOVERNMENT FAILS. be judge advocate general, and Brigsdier General William Crozier to be **MOSCOW REVOLT IS SUPPRESSED**

Electric Light Service Resumed and Conditions are Becoming Normal-Strike Declared Without Preparation and Army Remained Loyal.

MOSCOW-The electric lighting system was restored at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The streets are gradually assuming their normal condition. It is probable that the railroads will soon commence their regular schedules. Work has been resumed in most of the factories. The town council is organizing a system for the relief of the families of the victims of the recent disturbances.

ST. PETERSBURG-The suppresssion of the insurrection at Moscow and the certainty that similar uprisings elsewhere will be crushed mark the collapse of the first attempt of the "reds" to overthrow the government arms and administers a defeat from which it is not believed in government circles the revolutionaries can quickly recover.

Now that the smoke of battle is clearing away the utter hopelessness of the conflict seems to be apparent. The populace held aloof and not a single military unit actually joined the revolutionaries. Even the general strike crumbled under their feet by their challenging and precipitating a conflict before the proletariat organizations were prepared. The government secured a comparatively easy though ruthless victory, and it is believed in high official circles that the organizations have been so demoralized and disrupted by the blow and by the arrest of their most able leaders that it would be impossible for them to attempt the coup planned for the anniversary of "bloody Sunday." In desperation undoubtedly the revolutionaries will again have recourse to acts of terror which they will spring at the most unexpected moment.

The country has quieted down, and the cabinet now hopes that the selections to the douma are assured and that the government can devote its time to the suppression of the revolt in the Baltic provinces, and more especially in the solution of the grarian question. If means cannot be found to in some measure satisfy the land hunger of the peasants before spring the universal opinion is that the peasanth everywhere will rise. The landed ceived the telegraphic order from the voluntarily arranging the distribution president directing his removal, but of a portion of their private holdings Judge Baxter declined to discuss the upon terms satisfactory to the peasmatter further than has already ap- ants.

force, who is now investigating the MR. ROSEWATER WILL GO TO THE POSTAL CONCRESS

Judge Baxter will not have any effect WASHINGTON-It was announced upon the investigations now being by the postmaster general that after carried on by this department. We several postponements the sixth unishall proceede with the work of gathversal postage congress will convene ering evidence to present to the grand jury in May, and the deeper we delve at Rome, Italy, during the first week of April, 1906. Former Representative into the matter the dirtier it becomes. Eugene F. Loud of San Francisco was I do not know just where it will end, but there will be a ratling of dry bones appointed in November, 1903, to represent the United States at the congress, and December, 1905, Edward Rosewater of Omaha, Neb., was named BUYS ROOSEVELT BIRTHPLACE as Mr. Lund's associate representative They are clothed with authority to Organization Effected at New York conclude and sign such modified postal union convention as may be agreed to NEW YORK - The organization by them subject, however, to the apformed to purchase the house in which proval of the president and postmaster Theodore Roosevelt was born, at 28

RUSSIA MUST BORROW MONEY.

Will Issue \$200,000,000 in Bonds

Meet War Expenses. ST. PETERSBURG-The budget for 1906 estimates the ordinary revenue at \$50,000,000 in excess of the ordinary expenditure, but shows that the government will require \$195,000,000 additional to liquidate the war expenses. The emperor has signed a ukase empowering the minister of finance to issue \$200,000,000 short term gold bonds for sale abroad, not any of which, however, are yet known to have been taken.

The Milva reports that General Kuropatkin, the former commander-inchief of the Russian forces in the Far East, has withdrawn his fortune. \$1,-Howard university accepted the resig-250,000 in gold from the imperial bank.

Jeopardizes Safety.

WASHINGTON - In submitting his annual report as supervising inspector general of the steamboat inspection service. George Uhler expresses conship and passengers. Much of this oil, temperature of the atmosphere.

Fatal Fire at Minneapolis. MINNEAPOLIS — One dead, two badly burned and fifteen or more injured or overcome by smoke, is the ments here. The fire started in the

where the thermometer indicated 10 degrees above zero.

Must Furnish List of Names.

NEW YORK-The right to secure a SAN ERANCISCO-An advertise full list of names of policy holders in jury returned an indictment against sional action on President oRosevelt's for sale Fanning and Washington was granted to Clarence H. Venner islands in the South Pacific, under in- and nearly one-hundred other policystructions of the registrar of the holders by Supreme Court Justice British high commissioners court for Greenbaum. The court denied their the West Pacific. Fanning island is request that they be informed of the face value of each policy and also depied their petition to inspect the company's books. A writ of mandamus was issued directing President John A. New York city for the next four years. list of the policy holders.

Suffrage. ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE

ST. PETERSBURG-The new electoral law was gazetted and was accompanied by a statement explaining that in view of the fact that even some of the western counties do not possess universal suffrage the cabinet could not assume the responsibility of decreeing it. The ultimate decision must be

made by the assembly itself. The election list will be published forthwith, the date of the elections will then be announced and as soon as the government receives notification that half the members are elected the national assembly will be convoked. The extension of the suffrage proclaimed applies especialy to the cities, where it is made almost universal. Besides the workmen in the factories and mills who are by the railroads in favor of large shipespecially provided for, the suffrage pers. will include every owner of real estate, persons in the government service, in- before the commission. cluding railroad men. All limit of rent paid by lodging holders as a vot- Cockrell and Clements were the only ing qualification is removed. The in- members present, the other commisdirect system of two degrees of voters | sioners being out of the city. in both the cities and country is retained.

A KANSAS TRACEDY OCCURS AT WATHER

WATHENA, Kas. - Because John Shalz, a prominent merchant of this place told Edward Morris, a farmer when the latter inquired the price of a pair of shoes and then complained that it was exorbitant, that "those shoes are much too good for you to wear," Schalz was stabbed to the heart with a pocket knife. The murder occurred on the threshold of the store in front of a half hundred horrified Christmas shoppers Saturday night. Schalz leaves a wife and eight small children. Morris who is in jail, has a famliy of six.

BOYCOTT IN CHINA GROWS.

American Merchant Says There is No Improvement in the Situation.

SAN FRANCISCO - According to latest reports received here from the Orientthe boycott in China has become so serious that a number of American houses closed their doors until the conditions change. There arrived here covering unlawful practices." yesterday from the Orient, on the steamer Coptic, R. Van Sant, who represented a local firm at Shanghai. Mr. Van Sant, in speaking of the boycott, said:

The situation in China is very sein the stories that the feeling against the commission in its enforcement. cent of the business they formerly did, grounded suspicion.

and at Hong Kong the Chinese were purchasing Australian flour at a much higher price than that quoted by the ODELL THINKS HIS MAN Americans. The Chinese state that they will not

trade with the Americans until there is a modification of the exclusion laws but this. I told them, was hardly probable. In the event of the United States failing to pass a law less stringent than the present one the Chinese will adopt more drastic measures. The boycott has developed into an antiforeign feeling and the British and German business concerns in the Orient are suffering the loss of considerable trade.

WILL GO AFTER CATTLEMEN.

S. R. Rush Appointed as a Special Pros ecutor.

OMAHA-S. R. Rush, an attorney of this city, received notice of his appointment by Attorney General Moody as special prosecutor in the land fencing MORALES REPORTED WOUNDED. cases, with instructions to proceed with the prosecutions at once and Report Heard by the Commander of push them vigorously. He will begin sending out subpoenas at once. Court convenes January 8.

NEBRASKA IS SOLID FOR THE PAYNE BILL

WASHINGTON - "Nebraska will vote solidly on the Payne Philippine bill just as the president would want it to vote," said Senator Millard of that state before leaving for his home. Ever since the beet sugar insurgency movement began the Nebraska delegation was not enthusiastic about fighting the battle for beet sugar. It has been recognized that the position of this state was likely to be decisive, for Nebraska is one of the most important beet sugar producing states in the union. At one time it was rated late Pope, when an international exsecond and is now thought to be third position was held in the Vatican, the siderable anxiety regarding the present in tonnage of sugar. Nowithstanding practice of carrying crude petroleum this significant home industry for in passenger steamers in quantities which the protectionists of other states which jeopardizes the safety of the are demanding protection there will character." not be a Nebraska vote in the senate or he says, is so highly inflammable that house against the Payne measure to let it will flash at the ordinary summer in Philippine sugar at 25 per cent of the Dingley rates and after 1909 to ad- ing during the jubilee mass.

Charles T. Yerkes is Dead.

NEW YORK-Charles T. Yerkes, the noted railway financier of Chicago and London, died in his apartments result of a fire in the "Higgins" tere- at the Waldorf-Astoria where he had been ill for more than six weeks. Mr. apartments of Mrs. Lorraine Buckliff, Yerkes suffered from a complication 823 Minnehaha avenue, in the midst of of diseases, growing out of a severe the big tenement and spread with cold which he contracted in London Twenty-seven families were rescued been critical for ten days and the at- this city. It is said that she has enfrom their beds and sent shivering and tending physicians gave up all nope gaged the services of a local attorney, half smothered into the outer a.r. several days ago, although members and that when she has established a of the family thought he would pull through.

Indictment Against Burlington.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The federal grand ing railroad rebates.

Gotch Defeats Delivuk.

second in twenty-six minutes.

NEW ELECTORAL LAW GAZETTED RAILROAD REBATE

A CONFERENCE HELD AND MAT-TERS DISCUSSED.

STATEMENT OF WHAT WAS DONE

Interstate Commerce Commission Takes up Rebates-Purposes of the Various Organizations Under Dis

WASHINGTON-Representatives of he leading trans-Mississippi railroads were in conference with the interstate commerce commission concerning re bates and the efforts of the commis sion to do away with discrimination

J. C. Stubbs, vice-president and paying taxes, persons conducting en- traffic director of the Harriman lines, terprises, like shopkeepers paking li- was the spokesman for the railroad censes; persons paying a lodging tax men and held a brief conference with or occupying separate lodgings and his associates before they appeared Chairman Knapp and Commissioners

> The following statement of the meet ing was made by the interstate com-

"The conference with western railway officials was not sought by the commission, as certain papers have incorrectly stated, but its purpose was legitimate and commendable and warrants the expectation of beneficial re-

merce commission:

"At a recent meeting in Chicago the representatives of practically all the lines west of that city, from the Canadian border to the gulf, adopted the following resolution: "That a joint committee representative of lines in the western trunk line committee, the trans-Missouri freight bureau, the southwestern tariff committee and the transcontinental freight rate commission be instructed to wait upon the interstate commerce commission.

"The desire and purpose of the respective members of said committees or bureaus to co-operate with the commission on the enforcement of the law to the extent of pointing out ways and means and giving the commission any specific information that may come to its knowledge which will lead to effective inquiry in un-

"The object of the committee whose names have been published was to present this resolution and to assure the commission of the determined and united disposition of the lines represented to conform to the law in good rious and there is absolutely nothing faith and in every respect and to aid American goods has lessened. It has Pledges to this effect were given by now extended to seventeen provinces, all present, with the further promise and in Canton and Hankow the situa- to report every illegal transaction tion is just as bad as in Shanghai. which may come to their knowledge The Americas are not doing 20 per or of which they may have well-

MAY YET BE SPEAKER

NEW YORK-Former Governor B B. Odell, Jr., left for Newburg after having spent the day in conference with E. A. Merritt, Ja., candidate for speaker of the assembly and with local politicians. Mr. Odellwould only say about Mr. Merrit's candidacy that conditions looked favorable tonight. He said he did not know whether or not he would go to Albany before the assembly caucus next Tuesday even-

Mr. Merritt was setill in town When asked if there was any truth in the reports of a compromise, he said: "The reports of my death are greatly

the Nashville.

WASHINGTON-The navy depart ment has received a cablegram from Commander Chambers of the Nashville, dated at Puerto Plata last night stating that he had been informed from a government source that President Morales had been shot and se riously wounded.

JUBILEE OF POPE PIUS IN 1908. He Wants It to Be of a Strictly Re-

ligious Character. ROME-Preparations are going one to celebrate in 1908 the jubilee of the Pope's ordination as a priest. Being asked if he desired the festivities to be similar to those witnessed on the occasion of the priesthood jubilee of the Pope answered:

"Certainly not. I wish the celebration to maintain a strictly religious

Committees will be organized all over the world with the purpose of presenting the pope with a large offer-

MRS. "FITZ" WANTS DIVORCE.

Has Gone to Sioux Falls, S. D., to Establish a Residence.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.-Mrs. Robert Fitzgimmons, who was generally supposed to be in New York studying voearly in the fall. His condition had cal music, has become a resident of residence she will institute divorce proceedings.

A Plea for Broader Laws. BOSTON - Anticipating congres-

ment appearing in a local paper offers | the New York Life Insurance company | the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy suggestion as to a new law on the subrailroad. Darius Miller, first vice president of Chinese immigration, the Amerdent, and C. G. Burnham, foreign ican board of foreign missions has freight agent, on the charge of grant- prepared a communication to the chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, Representative Robert A. Hitt, approving the president's plea for MONTREAL-Frank Gotch defeated broader laws and a less stringent pol-Delivuk, the Australian wrestler, in icy of Chinese exclusion. Rev. Judson two straight falls, Graeco-Roman. He Smith, one of the secretaries of the took the first fall in an hour and the American board, who has charge of the communication, will forward it.

KILLING GOES ON.

Estimate of the Terrible Slaughter at Moscow.

LONDON-The correspondent on the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in a dispatch dated at 6:45 p. m., December 25, says: At an early hour this morning the casualtlies at Moscow were estimated at 5,000 killed and 14,-000 wounded, with the fighting still proceeding.

The inhabitants of Moscow have been forbidden to leave their dwellings after 1 o'clock in the evening.

It is impossible to move about the city in consequence of the number of stray bullets. Many innocent persons have been accidentally killed. A scarcity of provisions is threatened. The same correspondent, telegraph-

ing at 10:38 p. m., says: "Your Moscow, correspondent's telegrams have not been accepted because all private messages were refused this afternoon. It is learned, however, that cannon

firing is now proceeding in various parts of the city where, very near the railroad stations, the barricades erectes erected by the revolutionists are being desperately defended. From fragmentary accounts received

from Moscow I gather that the civil war has brought no decisive action, but only a thickening of the blood cloud and an increase of the prevailing bitterness.

The driving force behind both the troops and the rebels is no longer that of enthusiasm or of any human impulse. It is the force of superhuman hate and hence the deeds reported are not the acts of patriots, soldiers or otherwise, but the enormities of mad-

It is impossible to understand how any emotion, even of the extremes of despair or hate, can impart such foolhardy courage as some of the rebels display.

For every barricade destroyed Sunday two or three appeared in other places. Orders were given by the revlutionists to shoot only when there was good hope of bringing a man down, but otherwise to tire out the troops until they lost patience. In the meantime, in their houses, the bulk of the population cowers in the innermost seclusion of kitchens and cellars. trembling at every boom of the cannon or the explosion of a bomb.

LIVED FIFTY YEARS

IN SIDUX CITY

SIOUX CITY, Ia.-George Wears, president of the Iowa State National bank, the pioneer banker of northwestern Iowa, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in Sioux City.

Having reached Sioux City on th day after Christmas, 1855, Mr. Weare's residence here has been longer than that of any other living man save one-L. D. Letillier, the venerable Frenchman, who as a voyager as the adventurous explorers of that day were called, engaged in fur trading in this section at an earlier date.

His bank, with the bank of Weare & Allison, is the oldest under one continuous management in the state.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN TALKING. Commends the Soldiers on Their Work

During the War. TOKIO-The emperor, in closing the diet made, a speech from the throne, expressing his appreciation of the devotion of all the public servants, whom he said had enabled the war with Russia to be brought to a close.

The emperor said that friendly relations with Russian had been restored and that the attitude of the treaty powers toward Japan was becoming increasingly amiable. He referred with satisfaction to the Anglo-Japanese alliance and to the necessity which required Japan to give her guidance to Korea.

The house of representatives, after adopting a loyal address to the emperor, adjourned until January 20.

ATTORNEYSHIP IS HELD UP.

Men Who Have the Say All Leaving

Washington for a Vacation. WASHINGTON-The vacancy in the United States district attorneyship of Nebraska, caused by the removal of Baxter will not in all probability be filled for several weeks.

President Roosevelt left for his country home in Virginia and will remain there during the balance of this week. Senator Millard leaves Washington for Omaha Thursday and will not return to Washington until January 8.

Senators Millard and Burkett had an informal meeting regarding various candidates for district attorney. It is said they number twelve, but no conclusion was reached as to whom they will unite upon to recommend.

Forty Millions for Canal.

ALBANY, N. Y .- Forty million dollars will be asked of the coming legislature for work on the thousand ton barge canal during 1906 according to the second annual report of State Engineer and Surveyor Henry A Van Al-

Wattles Outlines Defense.

BOSTON - Attorney Streeter outfined the defense that will be put in by Guy W. Wattles of Omaha in the \$30,-000 suit over legacies left by Edwin Wallace, a wealthy New Hampshire manufacturer. Wattles is administrator under the will and claims that the plaintiffs well know that he was agent for the Omaha property of Wallace and there was no attempt to give any fietitious value to the property and that later an independent examination was made.

Wolves Have the Rabies.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.-Great loss of domestic animals is being sustained in northern Mexico from coyotes and wolves with rabies. Cattlemen from the Rio Grande country say practically all the coyotes beyond the river are

She dashed her hand across her eyes
And told her tale of woe;
How things were worse than they used mad.

French Cardinals Meet.

PARIS-All the French cardinals met here to discuss their attitude toward the separation of church and state and forwarded a cipher dispatch to Rome.

PURSUED BY WILD ELEPHANTS

Death of a Wounded Bull Saved the Hunting Party.

"I was kneeling, while my men lay flat on their faces," writes C. G. Schiflings in his "With Flashlight and Rifle," of an elephant hunting incident. "I sent two more bullets into the male elephant. The whole herd then gathered around an old remale elephant and broke away in a quick shuffle. Since they turned to the right I enjoyed the grand sight of twenty-four elephants passing at a distance of about 450 feet. The wounded male passed a little nearer to me and I could not refrain from firing at him once more. The whole herd stopped, took the young ones into their midst, looked around and

sniffed the air. "They discovered us, and, led by wo females, they came to attack us. The situation became very critical, for ia the long run the animals were bound to overtake us. I fled as fast as my feet would carry me in the wake of my men, who were running away from the animal at a right angle. They knew, as I did, that the elephant's sense of sight is weak and that our only chance of escape lay in changing, from time to time, the direction of our flight.

"We did not dare look around, but hurried on in breathless haste. The thundering, dull noise of the pursuing elephants came nearer and nearer. Then suddenly a piercing, trumpetlike sound was heard above the dull noise. Turning around I saw the wounded animal falling into a sitting posture and the rest of the herd in wild flight away from us."

THOUGHT LITTLE OF PERJURY. Youth Willing to Make False Affidavit Without Compunction.

A prominent Brooklyn lawyer tells me that perjury is one of the very commonest forms of crime committed in New York.

"It's got so," says he, "that comparatively few people seem to have any idea of the sanctity of an oath or any fear of punishment for swearing to a lie. Indeed, many people act as if they did not know that they are doing wrong when they make false affidavits. Not long ago a young business man, son of a very worthy father, retained me in a little case involving something under \$1,000. Just before was to submit the papers in the case to the court, my client happened to speak, in the most incidental way, of his wife, and I happened to remember that in his affidavit he had described himself as a single man.

"'Oh, that's all right,' said he, as if the perjury were of no importance whatever. 'I don't want the old folks to know just yet that I am married."

"Now, there was a young man of good family, fine education and excellent prospects, who, for a little matter of less than \$1,000, stood ready to perjure himself in the most matter-ofcourse way, and he seemed to think I was a good deal of an old fogy, with strange back-number notions, when I insisted that he must either make a new and truthful affidavit or drop the case altogether."-Brooklyn Eagle.

The Retort Courteous.

The pleasant-faced young man stood in an aisle of the book department of one of the big stores. In his hand he held a volume which he had some time previously taken from the counter devoted to the display of the latest fiction. It must be confessed that the young man was devoting v most of his attention to an exceedingly pretty, blonde clerk, who stood by his side. The pair were, in fact, so merry that they did not observe the approach of a haughty woman of middle-age who would probably have tipped the scales at 250 pounds, and who wished to pass them, an operation which, though simple for persons of average size, was rendered difficult, if not impossible, by her ex-

The new-comer paused a moment, but the merry pair, oblivious of her

presence, kept on chatting gayly. "Can I pass you?" she demanded at length in tones of thunder, surveying the offending couple with a glance truly Gorgonian. The young man turned, surveyed

the speaker, noted her distended nostrils and wrathful eyes, likewise her overplump figure. "Really, I don't know," he said,

raising his hat politely. "I hope so, Now, if looks could kill-!-New

York Times.

Comanche Counting. A peculiar feature about the Comanche language is the method of counting. A Comanche will count up to 10 in the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 method, but there he stops. He does not use eleven but instead he counts it as "10 and 1 more," and so on, until he reaches 19, which he pro-

He then pronounces 20, but starts in with "20 and 1 more" until he reaches 29, which he counts 29, then starts in with 30, like he did 20, and counts to 39, and so on all the way

Counting is the most difficult thing to learn in the Comanche language. In fact, by the time a person has learned to count in that language he

has pretty well mastered it. As there is no alphabet in the language, the only way to learn it is by word of mouth. Any attempt to write it in the English alphabet would be absolutely fruitless, as the proper pronunciation could not thereby be transmitted.-Lawton Democrat.

A beggar accosted me to-day-A woman disheveled and sad: She asked for a penny and wept and mid That times were terribly bad.

With you and your class they always are

As bad as bad can be;
"Come, now," I said, "and stop your tears; They flow so easily."

A month or so ago.

For then, she said, her only son,
A blind and helpless lad,
Went out and begged the daily bread,
But now, alas! 'twas sad.

"And so you lost your boy?" I asked.
"And hence your bitter plight?"
"Twas even worse than that," she said.
"My boy regained his sight!"