

NEBRASKA NOTES

STATE TREASURER MORTENSON'S REPORT MADE PUBLIC.

A BALANCE IN ALL THE FUNDS

A Movement on the Part of State Officials to Save Nebraska Birds—Other Matters Here and There Over the State.

LINCOLN—The report of State Treasurer Mortensen for March filed with the auditor shows a balance in all funds of \$375,856.42, and there has been paid out during the month the sum of \$647,708.54. The redemption fund created by the Sheldon bill, levying 1 mill to pay off the state debt has been increased during the month by the receipt of \$21,267, while out of this fund there has been paid the sum of \$25,302. In the temporary school fund there is a total of \$297,690, which means the May apportionment will be a good one. Of the permanent school fund there is only \$30,702 uninvested.

The report in detail, together with the bank statement, is as follows:

Balance	March 31
General	\$12,288.38
Permanent school	28,752.23
Temporary school	232,931.97
Permanent univ.	22,255.59
Temporary univ.	2,212.21
Penitentiary	645.50
Redemption	1,832.74
Kezney fund	1,023.22
Orphanage	159.50
Hos. for insane	140.83
State library	967.02
University cash	32,135.25
Normal library	2,843.55
Nor. endowment	2,355.59
Normal interest	595.15
Agriculture and mechanic arts	11,822.22
U. S. Exp. station	2,944.17
Totals	\$421,105.29

TO SAVE SONG BIRDS.

State Officials Make Move in a New Matter.

LINCOLN—An effort is to be made by state officials to save the lives of the song and insectivorous birds of Nebraska. Chief Game Warden Carter has now in preparation a circular which is to be distributed by State Superintendent McBrien in all of the schools of the state. The school children are to take the appeals to their parents. Mr. Carter remarked this morning that the farmers and horticulturalists should be especially interested in the preservation of the birds, as insects would become almost exterminated if the birds were let alone. A single robin eats at least six dozen ponds of insects in a year.

A picture of the front cover of the circular, which will contain ten excellent reasons for not killing birds. Extracts will be given from the Nebraska laws and penalties for bird slaughter, and the last page will contain an appropriate poem. It is hoped that the little pamphlet will result in much good, not only to the members of the feathered tribe, but also to the farmers and fruit growers of the state.

Barker Case Dismissed.

The insanity charge against Frank Barker, the Webster county murderer, filed to save him from the gallows, has been dismissed by Judge Holmes of the Lancaster district court for want of prosecution. A few days before Barker was to have been executed Judge Hamer, his attorney, filed the charge and Judge Holmes refused the jury trial, claiming he had no jurisdiction. The case was taken to the supreme court and that court held Judge Holmes did have jurisdiction to give the man a trial by jury. At this juncture Governor Mickey gave the man a reprieve for two years. The case was called the first part of the term and because no one appeared to prosecute Judge Holmes entered an order of dismissal.

No New Clothes for Visitors.

When old soldiers leave the Soldiers' Home to visit back in the places where they came from, they will wear the same clothes they have been wearing if they will hold together. In other words, the State Board of Purchases and Supplies has decided not to buy any new clothes for the old soldiers when they desire to leave the home on furlough. The matter came up in a request from a number of inmates who wanted new suits to go visiting in. The board then and there made a rule that no new clothes can be furnished.

Deaths at Soldiers' Home.

GRAND ISLAND—Three deaths at the Soldiers' home within the space of twenty-four hours from an incident emphasizing the great number of helpless veterans in the hospital connected with this institution and the fact that the members of the old guard are rapidly nearing the end.

Governor Accepts Terms of Law.

In the absence of a legislature, Governor Mickey issued a statement giving the assent of the state to the provisions of the recent law enacted by congress providing for the appropriation of money for experiment stations.

Widow With Millions.

LINCOLN—Mrs. Ida Macomber, an inmate of the Norfolk hospital for the insane has been doing a big business during the last few months by secretly advertising that she is a rich widow with \$12,000,000 in assets. She has received letters from hundreds of dupes in all parts of the country. She started the advertising while she was in the Lincoln hospital. The authorities sought to stop it and finally secured an order to stamp the mail "fraudulent" and return it.

Boy Kills Brother by Accident.

GRAND ISLAND—While playing with a loaded shotgun, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Quaring, on a farm in Cameron township, this county, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his brother, a year or two older.

Hunter Loses an Arm.

KEARNEY—Word was received from Elm Creek, that while out hunting Sunday a young man named Rhodes had his right arm shot off between the wrist and elbow.

OVER THE STATE.

J. D. Hennessey, formerly a hardware merchant at Grafton, has located at Walla Walla, Wash.

After a campaign of six months by leading members of the York Commercial club, York will pave most of its principal streets.

The Farmers' Grain and Stock company of Kenesaw filed a statement with the secretary of state that as soon as it could wind up its business it would cancel its charter.

John Mick, son of George Mick, died at Schuyler, of consumption. Mr. Mick had come home Thursday afternoon, having been west for his health. He was an attorney.

M. B. Thompson, president of the Albion National bank of Albion, who was stricken with paralysis several weeks ago, is yet alive and his condition has not materially changed for the past two weeks.

County Clerk Conlee of Gage county has issued twenty-four hunting licenses during the past few weeks. Sixteen of these have been to Beatrice sportsmen, six to Wymore nimrods and two to Filley sports.

A lively fight for possession of the Fremont hospital terminated last week in the surrender of Manager Miss Kathryn Fox and Misses Eoline Clark and Mary Ostrand, who bought the building recently, have assumed control.

The oldest woman in Cuming county, Mrs. Susan Miller of West Point, was 94 years old last week. A very largely attended birthday party was given by her friends and neighbors in her honor, and a handsome reclining chair was presented to her.

G. A. Wilkinson, a farmer living northeast of Beatrice, made a thorough investigation of the peach buds on his place and reports that he was unable to find a good bud in his orchard. He is of the opinion that there will be no peaches in that section this year.

R. E. Harris, secretary of the coal dealers' association of Iowa and Nebraska, with headquarters in Omaha, has resigned and is succeeded by E. H. Betts of Sioux City. The office remains in Omaha. Mr. Harris goes into the wholesale coal business at Chicago.

There is a strong probability that a fair and driving park association will be organized at Pierce in the near future. The enterprise is being pushed by a number of local horsemen. A meeting was held to talk over the proposition and was attended by a large crowd.

Miss Anna Caldwell, director of kindergarten work in the state normal school, has gone to Milwaukee as a representative of the school and of the state of the International Kindergarten union. The work with her a fine exhibit of the work done in the kindergarten at the normal school.

The fight for the reward offered by the state for the discovery of coal is now on in earnest. A. M. Borst, the owner of the land on which the coal was discovered, near Peru, and F. M. Medley, who says he made the discovery, have both filed claims with Governor Mickey for the money.

The Northwestern Realty company of Omaha filed its article of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock of the new company is \$100,000. The business of the corporation is to buy and sell real estate mortgages, and act as trustees or agents. The incorporators are J. M. Brunner, Franklin I. Reber, Charles W. Lyman and Wallace Lyman.

The state board of assessment met to pass upon the question of where cattle should be assessed, in the county in which they are pastured or where the owner resides. The assessor of Dawson county assessed cattle which were being pastured in Custer county and the assessor of the latter county also got them on his rolls. The board decided the cattle should be assessed where they are pastured.

Solomon Yanson was killed by Burlington train No. 42 while he was trying to mail a letter on the train at the depot on Lincoln avenue. He had written the letter to his wife, who was at Scottsbluff, and went to the depot to mail it. When the mail car passed where he was standing, he endeavored to put it in the car and it is supposed the letter fell and that he stooped over to pick it up when he was struck by one of the car steps and was dragged under the wheels. His chest was crushed and he died almost instantly.

Thrown out of the second story window of the old court house at Grand Island, now undergoing dismantlement, there are the complete parts of an old scaffold, built for an execution in this county over twenty years ago, an execution which never took place. A policeman named Hart killed a saloon man. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. Before the day of execution drew near he escaped. Recaptured at Omaha, he was held there until the day of his execution should be near. In the meantime a carpenter was set at work making the gallows. Just before the time of execution his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Later he was pardoned.

The Nebraska institute for the blind has been placed on the list of accredited schools of the state university. A letter to Superintendent Morey, reads as follows: "The committee on accredited schools after an hour's consideration of the question (a new one distinctly) unanimously voted accreditation; not on the ground that your school would be a feeder to the university, nor because your course of study harmonizes with our entrance requirements; but because they wished to express confidence in the legitimate standard school work you are doing."

Martin McPadden of Coleridge met with a painful accident. While attempting to bridge a mule the animal turned and made a vicious lunge at him and bit him severely, the teeth cutting deep into the flesh of the palm.

The mortgage indebtedness of Otoe county was increased last month by \$46,679.01. The figures were as follows: Farm mortgages filed, sixty, amounting to \$181,207.15; released, fifty-five, amounting to \$123,740.55; increase, \$47,466.30. On city and town property the mortgage indebtedness was decreased \$789.23.

OFFER OF MINERS

ANTHRACITE MEN READY TO SUBMIT DIFFERENCES.

THE DECISION IS TO BIND ALL

Employees to Resume Work as Soon as Proposition is Accepted—Offer Comes as a Great Surprise to Operators.

NEW YORK—Having failed to come to an agreement among themselves, the hard coal miners of Pennsylvania through their representatives, proposed to the operators that all matters in dispute be referred to a board of arbitration for settlement. The board to be composed of the members of the board of conciliation which was created by the award of the anthracite strike committee in 1903, with Judge George Gray of Delaware or any person he may appoint as chairman and umpire. If the operators accept the proposition and a convention of mine workers approves the plan the 160,000 men now idle in the anthracite fields will return to work at once. While it had been reported for several days that the miners might ask that the differences be arbitrated, the proposition made to the mine owners today came to them as a great surprise, as they did not believe the union leaders were ready to leave the controversy to a third party at this time.

Text of Miners' Offer

The text of the arbitration proposal as submitted to the operators is as follows: The subcommittee of miners met at 1 o'clock today and the miners submitted the following proposition: The committee appointed by the Shamokin convention of December 14 last, representing the employees of the various companies operating the mines, washeries and breakers in the anthracite coal region having under consideration our proposition to you, dated February 27, together with your committee's proposition, of March 9, which was a continuation of the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike commission, and a letter from the governor of Pennsylvania, has decided in view of the great public interest involved, aside from those we represent directly, it is our duty to make some further effort and sacrifice of what we believe justly our due in the matter of wages and conditions of employment in order that a great public calamity may be avoided.

Therefore we propose that, subject to the approval of a convention of anthracite mine workers, which shall be called at the earliest date possible, the differences between us as stated in our propositions, and your counter proposals be referred for determination and settlement to a board of arbitration composed of the present board of conciliation provided for in the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike commission with Judge Gray or any person he may appoint to act as chairman and umpire. The decision of this tribunal or the majority of members thereof insofar as it influences wages to be effective from April 1, 1906, and to continue in force until March 31, 1908, such decision to be final and binding upon all parties in interest. The employees of the anthracite mines, washeries and breakers to resume work pending the decision of said board. (Signed)

JOHN MITCHELL, T. D. NICOLLS, WILLIAM H. DETTRY, JOHN G. GALLAGHER, JOHN FAHEY, GEORGE HARLIN.

SENATOR M' CUMBER HAS AMENDMENTS

WASHINGTON—Senator McCumber offered a number of amendments to the railroad rate bill as follows: Prohibiting rebates and providing a penalty three times as great as the rebate allowed in each case. Making the bill apply to refrigerator and cold storage cars and requiring that charges for their use shall be just and reasonable. Requiring railroad companies to own their own refrigerators and cold storage cars after 1908.

Prohibiting the interstate commerce commission from making rate regulations which will result in preventing competition among the various railroads lines or in discrimination as between railroad lines and different cities.

Iowa Miners Stand Firm.

DES MOINES, Ia.—The joint conference of the Iowa coal operators and the miners took a recess until next Tuesday, but not until the miners had expressed by vote their determination not to consent to the settlement of a single question in the proposed scale until the basis for a wage price had been determined. During the time of adjournment both sides will hold consultations and the miners will ask advice from their national organization.

"Man With the Muck Rake."

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt will deliver his decoration day address this year before the army and navy union at Norfolk, Va. The ceremonies there will be held at the navy yard and in the sailors cemetery. The address of the president will be practically a repetition of the address he delivered at the dinner recently given by Speaker Cannon to the members of the Gridiron club and other guests. The text of the speech was: "The Man With the Muck Rake."

Foreign Trade is Growing.

WASHINGTON—According to a bulletin issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, the exports from the United States for the first eight months of the fiscal year 1906 are \$190,000,000 in value, in excess of those of the corresponding months of 1905. The imports for the eight months of 1906 are \$71,000,000 greater than for the corresponding period of 1905. The growth in exports of manufactures has been \$45,000,000 and in agricultural products, \$133,000,000 over the same period last year.

MANY DIE IN RUINS.

Collapse of Hotel in Germany Kills Fifty-Five.

NAGOLD, Little Black Forest, Germany—The Hotel Zum Tirsch fell during the progress of a festive dinner. There were two hundred persons present, most of whom were buried in the ruins. At 10 o'clock at night fifty-five dead bodies had been recovered and one hundred injured were taken from the ruins, many of them in a serious condition. Twenty persons still are missing and probably are dead.

The accident is attributed to carelessness on the part of those who were making repairs on the building, which had been raised five feet from the ground in order to give more space for the lower story. The work began early in the morning, and was supposed to have been finished at noon. The keeper of the hotel invited workmen and a large number of townspeople to a grand dinner. The company assembled in the middle of the banquet room and was drinking the health of the builder and landlord when the building collapsed.

HOUSE PASSES THE QUARANTINE MEASURE

WASHINGTON.—By a vote of 292 to 26 the house passed the national quarantine bill. The bill places the control of all quarantine stations, grounds and anchorages under the secretary of the treasury, and directs that as soon as practicable after the approval of the act he shall select and designate such suitable places for them and establish the same at such points on or near the sea coast of the United States on the Mexican border as in his judgment are best suited for the same in order to prevent the introduction of yellow fever into the United States. The bill further gives the secretary of the treasury the right to establish a quarantine station at Dry Tortugas islands, and at such other points on the sea coast, not to exceed four in the aggregate, as he deems necessary.

SOUTH OMAHA DEMOCRATIC.

Elect Their Ticket from Mayor Down to Member of School Board.

OMAHA—The democratic ticket was elected Tuesday in South Omaha by majorities ranging from 1,146 for J. J. Gillin, who led his ticket, down to the contest for members of the school board, in which Thomas Corrigan beat his opponent by 104. The vote on the head of the ticket was W. P. Adkins 1,725 and Thomas Hector 2,325. This gives Hector a majority of 610. The total vote was nearly as it could be estimated was between 4,100 and 4,200.

THE SAME OLD SOUTH SAYS SENATOR FRAZIER

NEW YORK.—United States Senator James B. Frazier of Tennessee in the course of a speech at the annual dinner of the Tennessee society of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel said: "If we of the south want to nominate a southern man for the presidency we have a perfect right to do so, and if we do so he should not lose a single vote because he comes from the south. There is no new south," continued the speaker. "It is the same old south. We, as all true Americans, have the love of constitutional liberty."

BENSON WINS OUT.

Result of Primary Contest for Republican Nomination for Mayor.

OMAHA—Benson wins the republican nomination for mayor in the primary election held Tuesday. Most of the candidates for other offices endorsed with him on the Fontanelle ticket also won out over their opponents for places on the republican ticket.

Westberg, the Fontanelle man for comptroller, is defeated by W. Ernest Johnson, and possibly one or more Fontanelle council candidates may have fallen by the wayside when all the votes are tabulated.

INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL

MANILA.—The inauguration ceremonies in connection with the induction of Henry C. Ide into the office of governor general took place with civic and military display. Three thousand troops of all arms attended and the marble hall of the Ayuntamiento, the official home of the governor general, was thronged with thousands of citizens of all classes while the naval officials, consular officers, Captain Shimamura and staff of the Japanese navy all in full uniform, added brilliancy to an impressive scene.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Cayetano Arellano of the supreme court.

State Capitol Fight.

PIERCE, S. D.—The state supreme court denied the temporary writ of prohibition asked for by citizens of Sioux Falls to prevent the opening of bids for the construction of the new state capitol.

Visit Tomb of Washington.

WASHINGTON—Earl Grey, and the other members of the vice-regal party visited the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon. They returned and were guests at a luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McVeagh.

Pemberton for Grain Case.

LINCOLN—L. M. Pemberton of Beatrice, was appointed by the supreme court to be referee to hear the testimony in the grain cases. Senator Pemberton is attending the Kansas supreme court at Topeka and it is not known yet whether he will accept.

A Rival of British Boat.

KIEL.—The government has placed an order with the Krupp German works for a battleship of 18,000 tons.

RATE BILL WORK

BUT NO HOPE FOR VOTE FOR SOME TIME.

MANY SPEECHES YET TO COME

McLaurin and Morgan to Start Off the Talk on the Measure—Postoffice Appropriation Bill Uppermost Subject in the Lower House.

WASHINGTON—The United States senate will continue this week to discuss the railroad rate bill, and the indications fall to support Senator Tillman's prediction that the week will witness the termination of the general debate. The conservative senators who are still standing out for a sweeping provision for court review, and some of them were at least quite as determined as they ever were on their opposition to the bill in spite of the Long amendment. The presentation of the Long provision has had no effect upon the more pronounced of that element in the direction of intensifying their opposition. Mr. Tillman will continue to prefer his request for the naming of a day, but for the present will meet with the same denial that has attended his previous efforts in that direction.

The discussion will be resumed Monday by Senators McLaurin of Mississippi and Morgan of Alabama. Mr. Bailey has given notice of a speech for Tuesday in reply to the criticisms that have been made by Mr. Spooner and Mr. Knox of his amendment depriving the United States circuit courts of the power to issue temporary writs of injunction in rate cases. Much interest is felt in the senator's reply and there is little doubt that it will bring out a number of speeches in rejoinder. He will occupy most of the time Tuesday, and it is understood that Mr. Spooner and Mr. Knox will make formal replies later in the week. Mr. Foster of Louisiana, who is a member of the committee on interstate commerce, will also speak on the bill during the week.

It is expected that the conservatives will present their court review provision soon after the conclusion of Senator Bailey's speech.

Senator Clapp will make an effort during the week to secure action on the conference report on the affairs of the five civilized tribes of Indians. He will also try to get the Indian appropriation bill passed.

Postoffice Bill in House.

Another week is to be devoted to the postoffice appropriation bill in the house of representatives. The general debate on the measure has taken a wide range and the demands for recognition will make it impossible to reach the details of the bill before Wednesday. To complete it will consume the remainder of the week.

There is to be a general reply to democratic tariff speeches by Colonel Hepburn of Iowa, probably on Tuesday. He will pay particular attention to the showing made last week by Mr. Rainey of Illinois on the question of importation of American watch movements which had been sold abroad.

The pure food bill has been made a special order to fill in time not taken up with the appropriation or revenue measures.

TOWNS ARE IN RUINS.

Mount Vesuvius Becoming More Deadly as the Days Go By.

NAPLES.—The hope that Mount Vesuvius was becoming calm was dispated Sunday when the volcano became more active than ever. The panic has spread to Naples. Two strong earthquake shocks, which shattered windows and cracked the walls of buildings, were experienced today. The entire population rushed to the streets in terror, many persons crying "The Madonna has forsaken us; the end of the world has come."

No trace remains of Bosco Trecasene, a commune on the southern declivity of the mountain, where up to forty-eight hours ago ten thousand persons lived; and Torre Annunziata, on the shores of the gulf of Naples, one mile to the southward, is almost surrounded by the invading lava and has been evacuated by its thirty thousand inhabitants.

IOWA MAN DROPPED DEAD.

Fell on Depot Platform at Denver and Expired.

DENVER, Colo.—John Culver, aged 74 years, a retired business man of McPherson, Ia., dropped dead from heart failure while strolling along the platform at the union depot. He was returning from California with his wife and daughter.

Von Buelow Faints in Reichstag.

BERLIN.—Inquiry at the residence of Chancellor von Buelow, who fainted while attending the sitting of the reichstag elicited the information that he is continuing to improve. He is now able to read the newspapers and to hold short conversations.

Intervention Not Timely.

LONDON.—Replying to a question in the house of lords as to whether the government intended to lay on the table of the house any consular or official reports concerning the recent outrages of Jews in Russia which it may have received, Lord Fitzmaurice, under secretary for foreign affairs, said the government was desirous of a cessation of the outrages, but considered that the success of the reforms introduced by the Russian government was the only hope of ending long standing oppression.

Mrs. Dowie is in Collapse.

CHICAGO.—Physical collapse of Mrs. John Alexander Dowie on Thursday, followed the rumors that the party in favor of the "First Apostle" had grown so strong that a serious conflict between the two factions in Zion City might follow the return of her husband. Friends of Mrs. Dowie say that she expressed the belief that bloodshed might result. Early on Thursday, she fell in a swoon, while in her home and was feared for a time that she had suffered a stroke of paralysis.

RUSSELL A. ALGER OUT OF IT.

Michigan Senator Is Not a Candidate For Re-Election.

DETROIT, Mich.—An announcement was made late from Senator R. A. Alger's office in this city that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself in the senate when the legislature meets on January 1, next. The announcement took the form of a letter which it was stated was received today from the senator. It says: "Owing to the condition of my health I am compelled to withdraw my candidacy to succeed myself in the United States senate. While it is a great sacrifice to sever a connection of many years' standing with the public affairs of my state, that sacrifice has become necessary. I take this opportunity to convey to the friends who have so loyally given me their support my heartfelt thanks and sense of lasting obligations and to express to the state my deep gratitude for the honors it has seen fit to confer upon me."

A RAILROAD CONTEST SOON TO START

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The Pioneer Press says: James J. Hill is to have a twin transcontinental road operating, now being under way for the construction of an east and west line between Winnipeg and Vancouver. Five hundred miles of the new line is already in process of construction, and the plans call for a total of 1,500 miles. Hitherto it has been surmised that Hill was building in connection with the Canadian Northern, but this is not the case and an exciting railroad contest soon will start between the Great Northern, the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific.

FOR CONSUMPTIVE CARRIERS.

National Home Is to Be Established at Colorado Springs.

CHICAGO—Plans have been formulated by the National Association of Mail Carriers to build a national home for consumptive members of the association in Colorado Springs, Colo., according to announcement made today by members of a committee of the association, who are attending the convention of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, which is being held in this city.

"The Businessmen's Association of Colorado Springs has donated 160 acres of land for our home," said John C. Bunton, chairman of the committee. "and we intend to raise \$100,000 to build the institution. We have received an offer from a well known philanthropist whose name cannot be divulged at present, who will donate a dollar for every dollar that we raise, and we hope to have all the money needed for the project by next fall."

GOVERNOR WILL HAVE A PRIMARY LAW

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The supreme court handed down a decision declaring the new primary law unconstitutional. Governor Deneen will call a special session of the legislature for 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning to pass a new primary law in conformity with today's decision of the supreme court. The republican state central committee will meet in this city at 10 a. m. next Saturday to decide the call for a state convention.

SUIT FOR FIVE MILLIONS.

Philadelphia Contractors Asked to Return Unearned Money.

PHILADELPHIA—Civil proceedings were instituted by the city against the contractors and former city officials interested in the construction of the municipal filtration plant to recover \$5,000,000, which sum is alleged to have been wrongfully retained by the defendants. A bill in equity was filed with the prothonotary of the common pleas court by City Solicitor Kinzy and former Judge James G. Gordon, Mayor Weaver's private counsel. Those named in the bill are Israel W. Durnhim, former republican leader of this city; State Senator James P. McNichol, Anastasia McNichol, his wife; Daniel J. McNichol and John M. Mack, all of which were at one time members of the contract firm of Daniel J. McNichol & Co.; William C. Haddock and Peter E. Costello, former directors of public works, and John W. Hill, former chief of the filtration bureau. The paper is sworn to by Mayor Weaver.

Receives Winder's Message.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has received a telegram from John H. Winder, president of the bituminous operators of Ohio, a duplicate of which was sent to President Mitchell of the miners' union, proposing arbitration.

New Railway in Alaska.

TACOMA, Wash.—The American Smelting and Refining company is to build 125 miles of railroad from Valdez to its Bonanza copper mine in Alaska at once. This has been decided upon by George Gugenheim, president of the company.

Mr. Rosewater in Rome.

ROME—More than 200 delegates, representing fifty-eight different countries, arrived here for the Universal Postal congress, which will be inaugurated April 7. Edward Rosewater of Omaha, Neb., one of the American delegates, has arrived. Among the reforms to be submitted to the congress are plans for the reduction of the international postage rate to 4 cents, for the adoption of a universal postage stamp for international service and for the raising of the weight of letters to three-quarters of an ounce.

Rural Delivery Service.

WASHINGTON—A statement concerning the operations of the rural delivery division of the postoffice department, made public and covering the period ending March 31, shows the number of petitions received for the establishment of rural free delivery service to have been 52,611, upon which 14,940 adverse reports were made. The number of routes in operation June 30, 1905, is stated to have been 22,055, while on April 2, 1906, they had increased to 25,205. The balance April 2, 1906 aggregated \$889,750.

HAS A BIG HEART

PRESIDENT PROMPTLY ACTS IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

A WIFE'S PRAYER IS NEEDED

A Nebraska Prisoner Allowed to Go to Her Bedside That He May Once More See Her Before the Final Summons Comes.

WASHINGTON—That President Roosevelt showed himself a man of most generous impulses is the opinion of Representative Hinshaw, but as for the president's secretary, Mr. Loeb, the congressman is by no means so certain. Some weeks ago Rev. Mr. Waro was convicted of frauds in connection with western Nebraska lands. He was tried in Omaha and sentenced to the penitentiary. Waro had a number of agents working for him in procuring old soldiers to make application for homestead entries. Among these agents were Harry Welch of Davenport, Neb. Welch pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Douglas county jail and fined \$300. Welch has now served three months of the sentence.

Believing that Welch was really ignorant of the law a large petition has been signed by citizens of Davenport and vicinity requesting the president to pardon Welch, which petition Mr. Hinshaw presented