

NEBRASKA MATTERS OVER THE STATE

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND
NOTES HERE AND THERE.

Governor Issues Proclamation Designating the 23d of This Month as Arbor Day.

Governor Mickey has issued the following Arbor day proclamation:

"By virtue of the authority of legislative enactment and in accordance with the custom which has been established in nearly every state in the union, I, John H. Mickey, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby issue this my proclamation appointing Monday, April 23, 1906, to be observed as Arbor day."

"Nebraska owes a debt of gratitude to the tree planters of pioneer days which it can never repay. These pioneers of a generation ago not only demonstrated that trees could be successfully grown upon our then bleak prairies, but they realized the importance of such growth upon climatic conditions and they inspired the settlers with a zeal for forestry which has dotted the state with groves, making our climate more equable, adding to the beauty of nature and the enjoyment of man. Statisticians tell us that the natural forests are being rapidly depleted and that it is a question of a comparatively short time when the demand for lumber will have to be supplied from artificial groves. Let us anticipate that time and get ready in the present for the necessities of the future. I regard the planting of trees as a patriotic duty and I call upon all citizens, in every walk of life, to devote at least a portion of the day to practical forestry. Let the minds of the school children be especially directed in this channel and let their instructors, by precept and example, teach them not only how to plant trees, but teach them also the important place which the forest occupies in the economy of nature, and let us all, both old and young, plant at least one tree for our own pleasure and for the benefit of posterity."

UNION PACIFIC VALUATIONS.

Company Files Statement of Property and Earnings With State Board.

LINCOLN.—The report of the Union Pacific Railroad company of its property and its value to be used as a basis of assessment by the state board of assessment was filed with the secretary of the board and shows the road did a business amounting to only \$37,551,654.46 during the year. This is an increase of something over \$4,000,000 over the year previous. After deducting all expenses, which includes the taxes paid in Nebraska, the road comes out with the small sum of \$15,556,298.87 to show for its year's work. This is an increase of more than \$2,000,000 over the year before.

The road also filed a statement to show what it earned in Nebraska. The following explanation is attached to this statement:

"The earnings here shown include all earnings on both local and interstate traffic, the gross earnings on local freight and passenger traffic are about 17.2 per cent of the total gross earnings on all such traffic in, through and over the state. The net earnings shown are found by deducting expenses of operation and taxes from gross receipts. They cannot be taken to represent the actual net profits from the business."

Earnings of Union Pacific.

LINCOLN.—In its report filed with the state auditor, the Union Pacific Railroad company has a statement showing in detail the money its lines earned in Nebraska during the last year as well as the amount of money spent in operating the road. In this latter sum is included the amount of taxes paid in the state, though no mention is made of the amount of taxes not paid but levied. The average amount of money earned above expenses on all the Union Pacific lines in the state during the year was \$7,314.30.

Mortgage Record in Platte.

COLUMBUS.—The real estate record of mortgages and releases in County Clerk John Graf's office for the month of March shows that there were farm mortgages filed amounting to \$259,682.20; released, \$242,666.12; town mortgages filed, \$3,970; released, \$3,927.20; chattel mortgages filed, \$29,161.43; released, \$11,890.94.

Hung Himself in Barn.

WEST POINT.—Alfred Geist, a well known citizen aged forty years, committed suicide by hanging himself to the rafters of his barn where he was found suspended by his children upon their arising.

Nursery Song for Doolology.

WINSIDE.—Mary had a Little Lamb," was sung as doxology by the congregation of the First Methodist church, a peculiar incident in this strict denomination. The lights in the church went out about the time the services were over and the congregation sat in darkness waiting for the janitor to remedy the trouble. Finally, some one started "Mary Had a Little Lamb," and the congregation joined in the nursery ditty. It was some minutes before order was restored.

New Corporations.

LINCOLN.—The Nebraska Spencer Seedless Apple company, a Colorado corporation, has filed its articles of incorporation with the secretary of state and will do business in Nebraska. The object of the corporation is to grow seedless apples and trees in every county in the state.

La Follette Will Lecture.

PERU.—Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin has been secured to lecture at the Normal, July 20.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

"Major" Johnson, a car robber of Wymore, has been sent to the penitentiary for a year.

O. P. Fulton of Beatrice, sold his pacing horse, Rebel Medium, with a mark of 2:27, to H. B. Trowel. The animal was shipped to the eastern markets today.

Engineer Leonard I. Meserve of McCook was struck by a switch engine in the Burlington yards there, and received very grave injuries to his back, head, face, arm and leg.

Chadron is having the Salvation army for a two weeks' stay, as well as Evangelist George Williams, conducting day and night services, in a downtown store building.

Planting for corn has commenced generally throughout Cuming county. The lateness of the season causes the farmers to exert every endeavor to push forward the work of putting in the crop.

The Burlington railroad has not yet filed its report with the secretary of the State Board of Assessment, and it may not be filed until April 15, the last day without a penalty that such report can be filed.

Walter Ashby, who was arrested at Tekamah, for illegal voting at the spring election, was bound over to the district court and placed under \$800 bonds. R. C. Dill, was arrested on the same charge.

Mrs. Edith McDowell of Fremont, has brought suit in the district court against her mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace, for \$5,000 damages for the alleged alienation of the affections of her husband, William Pollock.

The Western Union Telegraph company, James Erskine of North Platte, has been adjudged a dipsomaniac under the law passed by the last legislature. This makes in the neighborhood of six cases where parties who have become altogether too frequent drinkers into the bowl when the contents thereof are read, have been committed to the asylum.

Stanton will have a running team at the state freemen's tournament at Lincoln in July. The company agreed to have a team at the tournament if the business men would raise \$125 to pay the car fare and hotel expenses of the team. A subscription paper was circulated and in an hour the money was pledged.

While workmen were excavating for a cellar in Stevens' addition to York they came upon the remains of a man and of a child. Upon inquiry of the oldest settlers it was learned that this particular spot was where the first persons who died about York were buried, all of whom but two are supposed to have been removed, and buried elsewhere.

The city council of Stanton, put a patent road drag on the streets to test the efficiency of that machine as a leveler. It was a great success in every way. In two hours after the machine was put to work the streets were as level and smooth as in good weather. There were a large number of farmers in town and the work of the drag was a revelation to them.

Mayor Brown of Lincoln, has already issued his orders for a sane Fourth of July. He has said the blank cartridge, the cannon cracker and the torpedo on street car tracks will be strictly prohibited. The mayor issued such an order last year, but modified it because many of the dealers had loaded up on big crackers and blank cartridges. This year he is beginning early in order to head off the merchants in their buying.

Many has filed a brief in the supreme court in answer to the appeal of Douglas county from the decision of the district court of that county, that the county board had no right to increase the assessment of that county \$30,000 over the returns made by the county assessor. The suit was started before the supreme court decided in another Western Union case it was not constitutional to arbitrarily take the value of the franchise.

Hon. Silas S. Atwood died at his home near Beaver Crossing from heart failure. He had been in usual health and about his work on his farm during the day and died suddenly soon after midnight. He was sixty-four years old. Mr. Atwood was at the time of his death a member of the legislature from this county serving his second term. He was an honorable, clean and highly respected citizen of the county, where he had lived nearly forty years, coming here from Iowa in 1876 and settling on a homestead near Millard.

The village board of Springfield, met to canvass the vote of Tuesday's election, there being a tie vote, and whoever won in the straw drawing contest decided whether or not the town would be wet or dry. T. T. Hall, the wet member, won and the town will be wet another year.

There is a strong probability of a starch factory being located in Beatrice. The Commercial club is in receipt of information from eastern parties making inquiries about a suitable location and it is more than likely that a plant will be started if proper inducement can be offered.

Bob Fleming and George Crockett, the two negroes wanted for the Goldberg store burglary in Nebraska City, were arrested in Pacific Junction.

Coroner Overgard of Dodge county, conducted an inquest over the body of C. Wilbur Cook and a jury found the young man's death was by accident. The theory was, and the testimony was directed to show that Cook intended to go hunting early Sunday morning, procured the gun and shells, hurried through the alley way and slipped on the rear steps of his store, causing premature discharge of the gun.

The Seward city council has passed an ordinance forbidding any outside person from selling goods of any description to citizens of Seward.

John Whittaker of Auburn, made a find of coal last week on the farm of J. P. Quinn just south of Brownville, and about ten miles east of Auburn. While the coal is not of the best quality it is a very fair grade. The find was made sixteen feet from the edge of the bluff into which he was tunneling. Mr. Whittaker has secured a lease on the land and is to pay 75 cents per ton for all the coal he can dig and sell.

MT. VESUVIUS IS ON THE RAMPAGE

CINDERS AND ASHES WORKING
GREAT DESTRUCTION.

One Town Entirely Destroyed and the People of Others Said to Be Fleeing for Their Lives.

NAPLES.—The whole of the Vesuvius district as far as Naples, Caserta and Castellamare is one vast desert. Reports tonight from all sides state that the fall of ashes is not so heavy as it has been for the last few days and that the ashes are much finer, and from this it is argued that the prospects are much brighter.

The blockade of local traffic continues, but service on the main lines of railway has been re-established, although greatly disarranged by the indescribable confusion in the stations, where foreigners, not fully understanding the situation, inveigh against the delays and discomforts to which they have been subjected. It is estimated that 50,000 people have been driven from their homes and property damaged will exceed \$20,000,000.

This has been a disastrous day in Naples. The people, alarmed by what has happened, have deserted their shops and the manufactories are nearly all closed. The crowds are in a temper for any excess. It would only require a spark to start a conflagration.

The arrival of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena has done much to restore calm. They have been received with great joy, especially among the sovereigns left a hospital after a visit to the wounded there. One poor woman exclaimed: "I would consent to be wounded for the sake of being kissed by the queen."

Others cannot find words in which to express their gratitude. Both the royal palaces of Capodimonte and San Fernando have been given up to refugees.

Reports of the destruction of two towns—Sarno and San Gennaro—the former having a population of more than 8,000, have proved to be without foundation. At Sarno 5,000 persons from nearby villages and farms have found refuge. Ottajano, where many lives were lost on Monday, is now practically buried.

Conditions tonight in the section affected by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius are greatly ameliorated. The fall of volcanic ash has diminished, and scientists express the opinion that the volcano has spent itself. All the papers tonight advise the public to be calm, pointing out the improved condition of affairs. The papers also eulogize Director Matteucci for his courage in returning to the ruined observatory on Mount Vesuvius and sending from that place messages of encouragement and expressions of confidence that Vesuvius will soon quiet down.

THE FUNERAL OF E. C. SWIFT.

Representatives of Many Industries Attend.

BEVERLY, Mass.—The funeral of Edwin C. Swift, of the firm of Swift & Co., the Chicago meat packers, who died at the Quincy house in Boston from pneumonia, was held at Beverly Farms. The honorary pall bearers were fifty in number, representing the various industries with which Mr. Smith was connected, while the actual pall bearers were from St. John's church. The body was taken to Forest Hill cemetery and placed in a receiving vault to await the arrival of Mr. Swift from Europe.

IOWA CROP BULLETIN.

Farm Work is Ten to Fourteen Days Behind Normal.

DES MOINES, Ia.—The winter of 1905-1906 was phenomenally mild, but March was unusually cold and stormy, except the last week, with conditions unfavorable for farm operations in all parts of the state. The first week in April was above normal in temperature, with frequent showers and excessive rainfall except in portions of the northern section. The season for farming operations is ten to fourteen days later than the average. The showers of the latter part of the past week will cause still further delay in seeding and spring plowing.

In well drained portions of the state a little seeding of spring wheat and oats has been done, but generally field work has been impracticable, except plowing grass lands. All reports indicate that fall wheat and rye came through the winter in good condition. There are no reports of material injury to fruit buds. One of the most favorable features of the crop situation is that an unusually large amount of plowing was done last fall, preparatory for spring seeding and planting.

Prominent Choctaw Dead.

ARDMORE, I. T.—Jefferson Gardner, ex-governor of Indian territory, and a highly respected member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians, died of pneumonia at Idabel. The deceased was sixty years of age.

Bailey, the Showman, Dead.

NEW YORK.—James A. Bailey, died at his home in Mount Vernon Wednesday from erysipelas. He was 59 years of age. Mr. Bailey's name is familiar throughout America and Europe as a showman, and in his later years he was managing director of the Barnum & Bailey show. Practically his whole life was spent in the circus business as employee and proprietor. He joined P. T. Barnum in 1881 and since that time most of the big circuses of the country have been consolidated, with him as director.

Clark Must Hang.

OMAHA.—For the second time within a month a criminal court jury has decreed the severest penalty known to law in passing upon Harrison Clark, one of the trio of negro outlaws who took the life of Edward Flury, the street car conductor, a month ago, the judgment of death. After having been out but three hours, only a third of which time was consumed in actual deliberation, the jury returned its verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree with the sentence fixed at hanging.

DIE IN THE LAVA.

Several Hundred People Reported Killed.

NAPLES.—Reports of fatalities consequent upon the eruption of Mount Vesuvius are coming in. According to information received late tonight more than 50 perished in the disaster of San Giuseppe, while in the ruins of a church which collapsed owing to the weight of ashes on the roof, 200 dead are buried, and it is asserted that at Sorrento thirty-seven persons were killed by falling houses.

A railway train from San Giuseppe for Naples was derailed owing to showers of stones from the crater.

Cavalry, proceeding to the succor of inhabitants of the devastated section, have been unable to make progress, the rain falling on the ashes a foot deep, having made it impossible for the horses to travel.

The sea is greatly agitated. The sky has cleared, but heavy clouds hang over the east, threatening a further downpour.

The streams of lava are almost stationary. Troops are erecting barriers in the direction of Pompeii to prevent further ganging in that quarter.

Almost equally with the devastation wrought by the lava is the damage done by cinders and ashes, which in incredible quantities have been carried great distances. This has caused the practical destruction of San Giuseppe, a place of 6,000 inhabitants. All but 20 of the people had fled from San Giuseppe and these 200 assembled in a church to attend mass. While the priest was performing his sacred office the roof fell in and about sixty persons were badly injured. These unfortunate were for hours without surgical or medical assistance. The only thing left standing in the church was a statue of St. Anne, the preservation of which the poor, homeless people accepted as a miracle and promise of deliverance from their perils.

At Ottajano five churches and ten houses fell under the weight of ashes and cinders, which lie four feet deep on the ground. In the fall of the buildings about twelve persons were killed and many were injured. The village is completely deserted by its people. After the evacuation of the place the barracks and prisons fell in.

Reports from coast and inland towns depict terrible devastation. San Giorgio, Cremona, Portici, Resina and Torre del Greco have been almost completely abandoned.

LEWIS TO SUCCEED HALLETT.

Appointment Urged by the Colorado Delegation.

WASHINGTON.—Judge Moses Hallett, of the United States district court of Colorado, has tendered his resignation to the president, and it has been accepted. After a spirited contest, conducted principally before Judge Hallett's resignation was received, but with a knowledge that it was coming, the president has appointed Robert E. Lewis, formerly a judge of the El Paso county court, Colorado, to succeed Judge Hallett. Several members of the Colorado congressional delegation discussed the appointment with the president today.

DEATH OF BISHOP MORRIS.

Head of Oregon Episcopal Church Passes Away.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Benjamin Wislar Morris, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church for the diocese of Oregon died here.

Bishop Morris was born at Wellsborough, Pa., May 30, 1819, and was pastor and rector of churches at Sunbury, Pa.; Manauk, Pa., and Germantown, Pa., from 1847 to 1868, when he was consecrated missionary bishop of Oregon and Washington. Later when the diocese of Oregon was established he became its bishop. He is said to have been the oldest bishop in the United States.

INDIANS CAN PARTICIPATE.

May Have a Part and Parcel in Drainage Lands.

WASHINGTON.—In the senate Senator Burkett passed the Richardson county bill introduced by him a few weeks ago. The object of the bill is to make it possible for certain Indians in the southeastern portion of Nebraska to participate in a drainage plan of their lands. The state of Nebraska has a law authorizing land owners to organize for the purpose of draining and reclaiming their lands. The law provides in general for the machinery of assessment and the collection of taxes for the payment of such drainage and reclamation services. A drainage district has been formed by the land owners in Richardson county to reclaim the land along the Nebraska river. In this drainage district there are several Indian allotments and certain other Sac and Fox tribal lands. Owing to the fact that the Indians are not able to enter into the assessment and charge their lands with the cost of drainage, it interferes with the entire drainage project because the lands are in the drainage district and the Nebraska law provides that all lands to be benefited must be assessed.

Will Move Jones' Body.

ANNAPOLIS Md.—The officials of the naval academy have completed their part of the program of the ceremonies incident to the transfer of the remains of John Paul Jones from the temporary tomb in the academy grounds to Bancroft hall on April 24.

Prison-Made Goods Opposed.

WASHINGTON.—The house committee on labor took favorable action on the Hunt bill prohibiting interstate commerce in prison-made goods.

10,000 Flowers in 1 Basket.

MADRID.—The Liberal Club of Seville presented King Alfonso, upon his arrival there on his return from the Canary islands, with a basket containing 10,000 red and yellow flowers, the national colors of Spain.

Comes West Next Year.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt has taken up the question of a trip through the west during the spring or summer of 1907. He expects to reach a conclusion in the matter before a great while.

IN CONGRESS FOR THIS WEEK

HEPBURN MEASURE WILL HAVE
SENATE'S ATTENTION.

Main Feature of the House Expected to Be Passage of the Free Alcohol Bill.

WASHINGTON.—Speeches on the railroad rate bill will be the feature in the United States senate the present week. Notwithstanding the assurances to the contrary which were given by senators last week, there is no immediate prospect for securing an agreement upon a time for voting upon the bill. No one has at any time counted upon getting such an agreement until the general speeches should be exhausted, and there are a sufficient number of these already in sight to consume the entire week. Beyond the fact that Senator Hephburn will speak Monday no order of delivery has been agreed upon.

Senator Tillman has stated that Senator La Follette would probably be ready to proceed Tuesday, but the senator himself is not apparently prepared to say whether he will be. If he does not take the floor Tuesday he will ask to be heard later in the week. It is understood he will take advanced ground for stringent legislation. It is not improbable that the junior Wisconsin senator will be followed immediately by his colleague, Senator Spooner, who will devote his special attention to the points raised by Senator Bailey and will reply to the Texas senator's contentions that congress has a right to limit the injunctive powers of the lower United States courts.

In all probability his speech will provoke considerable debate and undoubtedly it will occupy an entire day, if not more time.

The feature of the week in the national house of representatives is to be the passage of the free alcohol bill. As this measure deals with the revenues of the country and might possibly be considered the vehicle on which to load political capital, especially by the minority, it is to be brought up Monday under suspension of the rules. Monday is the regular suspension day and bills handled under this order are not subject to amendments. There is little opposition to the bill itself, the only task connected with its passage being to prevent its being used for the purpose of producing a record for other revenue reform propositions.

Pensions are to have the right-of-way Tuesday and on that day also the appropriation bill for the District of Columbia will be reported. This bill will be taken up Wednesday and will serve as the legislative topic for the balance of the week.

There are several measures of minor importance which will also be brought up for passage under suspension of the rules today.

WITTE HAS BEST OF FIGHT.

Downfall of Durnovo Thought to Be Forecasted.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Appearance indicates that Premier Witte, having the best of the fight with Minister of the Interior Durnovo, the downfall of the latter is only a question of a few days.

The government today authorized the holding on May 4 of a caucus of constitutional democrats elected to the national parliament.

Minister Durnovo has been compelled officially to warn the governors of provinces to exercise greater care in the employment of troops and police in repressive measures.

Russia will not insist on July as the date for the holding of the second Hague conference. A note has been dispatched to Russian representatives abroad pointing out the reasons actuating the suggestion of a tentative date but stating that there was no intention of insisting on that date if it proves to be inconvenient. As the United States objects owing to the pan-American congress and as other powers share the view of the United States, Russia is therefore willing to accept a later date that will be convenient to all the powers.

MILLARD SEEKS RE-ELECTION.

Reiterates Statement Made to Correspondent Last Summer.

OMAHA.—"I told the Bee's Washington correspondent last summer that I would be a candidate for re-election to the senate and I have not changed my mind since then," said Senator Joseph H. Millard at the Millard hotel, in reply to a direct question on the subject.

"I have not given the matter any great amount of thought, however, and have done no work in that direction. My visit to Omaha at the present time is entirely on personal business and has nothing whatever to do with my candidacy. I will not be missed from the field though, as there are plenty of candidates out for the seat."

Ask for Loan of Tents.

WASHINGTON.—Representative Kinkaid called upon the secretary of war and requested the loan of tents from Fort Niobrara for use at the next annual encampment of the northern Nebraska soldiers' reunion to be held at Valentine some time in June. Judge Kinkaid afterwards made a visit to the geological survey and presented to Director Walcott a petition of sundry citizens of Box Butte county, Nebraska, urging the construction of irrigation ditches in connection with the Platte river project.

House in Session Sunday.

WASHINGTON.—The house met at noon Sunday to hear eulogies on the life and character of the late Representative Benjamin Marsh of the Fourth Illinois district. The house was called to order by Major McDowell, the clerk, who read a letter from Speaker Cannon designating Representative J. Warren Keifer of Ohio as speaker for the day. The resolutions of condolence were offered by James McKimney, successor to Mr. Marsh, and others then made addresses on the life and character of the deceased.

DISCUSSES THE RATE BILL.

President Has Conferences With Three Senators.

WASHINGTON.—Railroad rate legislation again was a topic of discussion at the white house. The president talked over the subject with Senator Nelson of Minnesota, one of the staunch supporters of rate regulation and later discussed it with Senators Simons and Overman of North Carolina.

The president suggested to Senator Nelson that in his judgment it would be wise to attach to the Hephburn bill either the amendment offered by Senator Simons or that by Senator Mallory of Florida, both of which are designed to prevent unusual delay in the consideration of applications for temporary injunctions. The proposed amendments provide that proceedings for preliminary injunctions must be begun before the rate fixed by the commission goes into effect. The complainant must begin proceedings within fifteen days after any given rate fixed by the commission and the notification has been received. Ten days then are allowed for the taking of testimony and the return of papers. In thirty-five days all the facts in any case must be ready for submission to the court on a motion for a temporary injunction.

DECLARED SUBONIC PLAGUE.

Disease on Board Bombay Steamer So Diagnosed.

PHILADELPHIA, P. — Dr. Fairfax Irwin, surgeon of the public health and hospital service, in charge of the local quarantine station, received a telegram from Assistant Surgeon John Anderson at Washington stating that the suspicious cases of sickness on the steamer Burrsfield, from Bombay, which is in quarantine here, are bubonic plague. Surgeon Anderson inoculated a guinea pig with pus taken from the infected men, and the animal died in less than twenty-four hours, showing all the symptoms of bubonic plague. There are now four patients, all Lascars, in the quarantine hospital at Reedy Island.

MORGAN ON RATE MEASURE.

Alabama Senator Says Pending Bill Interferes with State Rights.

WASHINGTON.—Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Morgan addressed the senate Monday on the railroad rate question, the former advocating legislation and the latter opposing. The Mississippi senator announced his intention to support an amendment providing for court review of the decisions of the Interstate Commerce commission and also stated his adherence to the Bailey amendment prohibiting the temporary suspension of the commission's orders by the inferior courts. He criticized what he characterized as an effort to inject politics into the consideration of the bill.

Mr. Morgan took the position that the proposed legislation was an interference with the rights of the states to control the corporations created by themselves and said that the best way to check exorbitant railroad rates was to keep the waterways in such condition as to insure competition.

ORDERS THEM DOWN.

Another Campaign Against Illegal Fences.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt, after repeated conferences with Attorney General Moody and Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, has determined to inaugurate a vigorous campaign for the reclaiming of government land now unlawfully fenced in and used for pasture by certain large cattle-owners. Through some technicality of the law these men have escaped punishment so far. The president will probably issue a proclamation soon ordering the cattle-owners to tear down their illegal fences, and to open up the country within a reasonable time, about sixty days, upon pain of punishment. If this is not complied with pending indictments are to be prosecuted vigorously.

Greene and Gaynor Guilty.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor were found guilty of conspiracy against the government, presenting false claims and embezzlement, in the federal court for the southern district of Georgia. Judge Emery Speer will pass sentence upon them. The defendants were found guilty with no recommendation on each of the indictments. The verdict was returned a few minutes after the jury had been out three hours and a half. The case had been progressing fourteen weeks.

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.

At the white house it was stated that the telegram was sent to the president for his information, that no reply is expected and none will be sent.

Grocer Trust Ousted From Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O.—The Ohio Wholesale Grocers' Association Company permitted judgment of ouster to be taken against it and the Franklin county court appointed J. B. Sater and Gilbert H. Stewart of Columbus, trustees to wind up the company.

Bumper Strawberry Crop in Missouri.

CARTHAGE, Mo.—A bumper crop of strawberries will be gathered in the Southwest Missouri berry district this season.

Willing to Postpone Date.

WASHINGTON.—Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, advised Secretary Root that the Russian government is entirely willing to have the meeting of the second Hague conference postponed.

President Planning Vacation.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt has taken up the question of a trip through the west during the spring or summer of 1907. He expects to reach a decision in the matter before a great while.

FOUR-YEAR TERM FOR CONGRESS

THE MORRIS RESOLUTION IS FAVORABLE RECEIVED.

It Also Makes Provision for the Election of United States Senators, By Direct Vote of the People.

WASHINGTON.—A resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people has been favorable acted upon by the house committee on election of president, vice-president and representatives in congress. The resolution, which was introduced by Mr. Morris of Nebraska, makes the terms of members of the house four years instead of two. Both propositions are to be accomplished by amendments to the constitution.

Reasons why the term of members should be four years are stated to be because no party can inaugurate its policy in two years.

"The people are tired," the report says, "of this continuous drama and as a result are inclined to give no attention to the primaries and the convention—the very foundation of our political system—the forum wherein the country's interests can best be guarded and protected. With an election every two years, the political grafter who thrives on partisan strife and on the nervous uncertainty controlling candidates for office is able to live from one election to another by the bootle secured at his unholy business. The adoption of the proposed amendment would render it less possible for this creature to ply his trade."

Regarding the election of senators by direct vote the report says: "The proposition to provide for the election of senators by direct vote of the people has been before the house of representatives and has received favorable consideration upon several different occasions. A proposition to amend the constitution having this object in view has passed the house of representatives at four different times and each time by a practically unanimous vote."

PEACE BROODS OVER ZION.

Controversy Between Dr. Dowie and Former Followers to Be Arbitrated.

CHICAGO.—At the conclusion of a day of conferences between representatives of the opposing interests of the Christian Catholic church, the statement was made at midnight Wednesday that the whole controversy would probably be settled by conciliation. Both sides to the dispute, according to Attorney Emil C. Wetten, John Alexander's legal representative, are anxious for an amicable adjustment of the whole dispute. This announcement was made by Mr. Wetten after his return to Chicago from Zion City, where he went and was in conference with General Overseer Voliva, Overseer Speicher, Overseer Piper, Deacon Granger and Judge Barnes, the head of Zion City's law department.