

CAPITAL CITY CHAT

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS.

EVENTS OF STATE-WIDE INTEREST

Cost of Doing of the State Legislature, and Other Things of Which Nebraska People Desire Knowledge.

Railroad Regulation Bill.

Two bills have been introduced in the senate for the regulation of railroads by conferring power upon the newly elected railway commission. It is probable both bills will go before joint committees before a bill for this purpose is reported back to either of the houses. Senator Root, of Cass, has introduced a bill that is almost an exact copy of the Texas law. His bill is S. F. 31. It provides that the commission shall have power to make rates where none exist, to change rates that already exist, and establish rates for any railroad line or any part of a line. Ten days' notice shall be given to a railroad when a change is to be ordered. The bill contemplates an appeal to the courts in the usual manner.

Senator Aldrich introduced S. F. No. 45. It provides not only the qualifications of the railway commission, but defines its powers. It contains provisions taken from the Texas, California and Iowa laws and suggestions from Judge Brewer's recent decisions in railroad cases. The bill provides that the commissioners shall receive a salary of \$2,500 each, with power to elect one secretary at a salary of not to exceed \$1,500 and two clerks at not to exceed \$1,200.

Regulation of Corporations.

Interest centers to a great extent on the makeup of the legislative railroad committees which are said to be satisfactory to the "progressive" republicans, but it is not certain that either of these committees will formulate the same important bills dealing with railroad regulation. A movement has already been started in the house for the appointment of committees of seven to consider bills relating to the campaign pledges.

Plan Assessment Board Change.

Preparation of a bill to change the composition of the state board of equalization and assessment by reducing its membership from five to three has been commenced, and as soon as the measure is fully drafted it will be introduced in one or both houses of the legislature. It is proposed to make the board of review include the governor, the secretary of state and only one other state official. The board's present membership takes in the land commissioner, treasurer and auditor, but if the change that is in view should take place two of these would have to be dropped. Some uncertainty exists as to which of them will be left off in the bill as it is to be formulated. The desire for this change comes from the fact that during the two years in which Land Commissioner Bacon and Auditor Scarle have been members they have twice opposed any considerable increase in the assessments of transportation companies, and with the assistance of former Secretary of State Gault, their votes prevailed in 1905 and 1906. The railroads, under the change (if it is made) will be given a full hearing, as they have already had, it is believed the change will result in a square deal all around.

House Gets Busy.

Resolutions were passed by the house Thursday authorizing the speaker to name members of four committees to act with similar committees from the senate to draft bills on direct primary, terminal taxation, free transportation of persons and property and railway commission. To accomplish this a resolution by Farley of Hamilton, was substituted for one by McMillen of Gage who sought to name the committee on direct primary in a slightly different manner than had been agreed on by a number of the house Republicans.

An agreement was reached in the house to work Friday and Saturday. Bills were introduced to compel charitable societies to take examinations in anatomy and other branches; to remove the \$5,000 liability limit for loss of life in an accident; to establish a bacteriological laboratory in the state university; appropriating funds for the expenses of the legislature.

Votes Themselves Stamps.

After much wrangling over the proposition, the house members, after twice voting down the matter of having the state furnish postage, finally decided that five two-cent stamps a day were sufficient and needed in the transaction of business. The following day Speaker Nettleton announced that an appropriation was available with which to pay for stamps, the members would not be supplied with same. It will require the passage of a bill providing for stamps and appropriating money to pay for same. This is not likely to be done.

Want Mickey to Stay.

An effort is being made to interest Governor Mickey in some business enterprise in Lincoln, in order that he may find a good excuse for following out his natural desire to make his home here permanently. It is recognized even by people who have disagreed with him politically that his name and business judgment and experience would be a fine asset for any concern that could secure an alliance with him. Leading members of the Commercial club have mentioned some promising projects in the hope that he may find one to his liking.

Square Deal Element Wins.
In the formation of the committees of both houses of the Nebraska legislature the square deal element was able to overcome all opposition. There is every reason therefore, for the people of the state to expect some wholesome legislation in respect to those questions in which they are vitally interested.

Senate Committees Named.

The committee to select the senate committees announced its choice, the more important committees being:

Railroads—A. Wiley, chairman; E. D. Gould, C. H. Aldrich, J. G. O'Connell, Geo. W. Witte, C. H. Epperson, D. Hanna, L. C. Gibson and J. C. Byrnes.

Revenue—B. F. Thomas, chairman; J. C. F. McKesson, F. W. Phillips, H. E. Sackett, C. A. Luce, C. G. Sibley and S. H. Buck.

Rules—C. L. Saunders, chairman; E. L. King and Geo. W. Witte.

University and Normal Schools—R. M. Thompson, chairman; E. D. Gould, W. H. Wilson, F. W. Phillips, E. L. King, A. L. Clark and F. W. Ashton.

Agriculture—W. E. Thoma, chairman; J. C. F. McKesson, L. Goddard, C. G. Sibley, Charles A. Randall, F. Wilcox and F. W. Ashton.

Irrigation—C. G. Sibley, chairman; A. Wiley, D. Hanna, C. A. Luce, H. Glover, R. M. Thomas and J. C. Byrnes.

Judiciary—E. L. King, chairman; B. F. Thomas, C. H. Aldrich, C. H. Epperson, H. E. Sackett, J. L. Root, R. M. Thomas, George W. Witte, F. W. Ashton, and W. R. Patrick.

Labor—F. W. Ashton, chairman; Joseph Barras, B. P. Thomas, Charles A. Randall, J. C. Byrnes.

Municipal Affairs—L. C. Gibson, chairman; Joseph Barras, H. E. Sackett, B. F. Thomas and F. W. Ashton.

Live Stock and Grazing—D. Hanna, chairman; C. G. Sibley, H. B. Glover, W. E. Thoma and J. P. Latta.

Insurance—Joseph Barras, chairman; W. H. Wilson, B. F. Thomas, F. W. Phillips and H. E. Sackett.

The House Committees.

Speaker Nettleton's list of house committees was made public. The more important ones follow:

Rules—Mr. Speaker, chairman; Hart, Keller, Marsh, Harrison, Brown, (E. P.), Armstrong.

Livestock and grazing—Masters, chairman; Keller, Richardson, Baird, Stoltz, Jones, Greig, Snyder, Metzger, Reynolds, and taxation—Dodge, chairman; Doran, Neff, Davis, Scudder, Killen, Baker, Stadler, Kuhl, Quackenbush, Carlin.

Bank and currency—Hart, chairman; Farley, Steinaker, Smith, Milligan, Kuhl, Snyder.

Public schools—Shubert, chairman; Witham, Wilson, F. C. Doran, Cuddebo, France, Metzger.

University and normal schools—McMullen, chairman; Armstrong, Gilman, Smith, Hamer, Logsdon, Snyder, Coon, Worthington.

Judiciary—Brown (E. P.), chairman; Keller, Harrison, Brown (E. W.), Clarke (H. T.), Johnston, Harvey, Eiler, Carlin, Quackenbush, Kuhl.

Finance Ways and Means—Keller, chairman; Dodge, Brown (E. W.), Harrison, Farley, Knowles, Armstrong, Hill, Redmond, Graf, Fries.

Agriculture—Wah (J.), chairman; Johnson, Loe, Stolz, Rejcha, France, Graf, Murphy.

Telegraph, telephone and electric companies—Johnson, chairman; Hagemaster, Dodge, Root, Hanson, Brown, (E. W.), Adams, Metzger, Graf.

Corporations—Baker, chairman; Reynolds, Harrison, Barnes, Whitman, Howe, Van Housen.

Public lands and buildings—Marsh, chairman; Shubert, Eiler, Fletcher, White, Thosson, Rejcha, Byram, Logsdon, Besse, Metzger, Fries, Howard.

Railroads—Harrison, chairman; Doran, Hart, Farley, Marsh, Johnston, Knowles, Walsh, Keller, Scudder, Quackenbush, Cone, Dunca, Adams, Henry.

Constitutional amendments—Tucker, chairman; Whitman, Talbot, Cuddebo, Wilson (F. C.), Quackenbush, Carlin.

Labor—Loe, chairman; Hagemaster, Johnson, Lahners, McCollough, Lee, Milligan, Saunders, Neff, Whitney, Bolen, Schoettger, Weema.

The Senate Adjourns.

The senate Thursday laid over a resolution authorizing trips to state institutions by a committee, took no action on the appointment of joint committees to consider important legislation, reconsidered a motion to recognize only one publication of the state statutes and adjourned till Monday, 2 p. m. Bills were introduced which the Christian scientists to obtain a license from the state board of health, preventing brewers from being interested in saloon licenses unless in their own name, limiting the number of saloons in South Omaha, Omaha and Lincoln, repealing the act creating the state board of charities, and preventing corporations from leasing stock at less than par value or for anything but money, labor or property actually paid, rendered or delivered.

Fraser Reappointed.

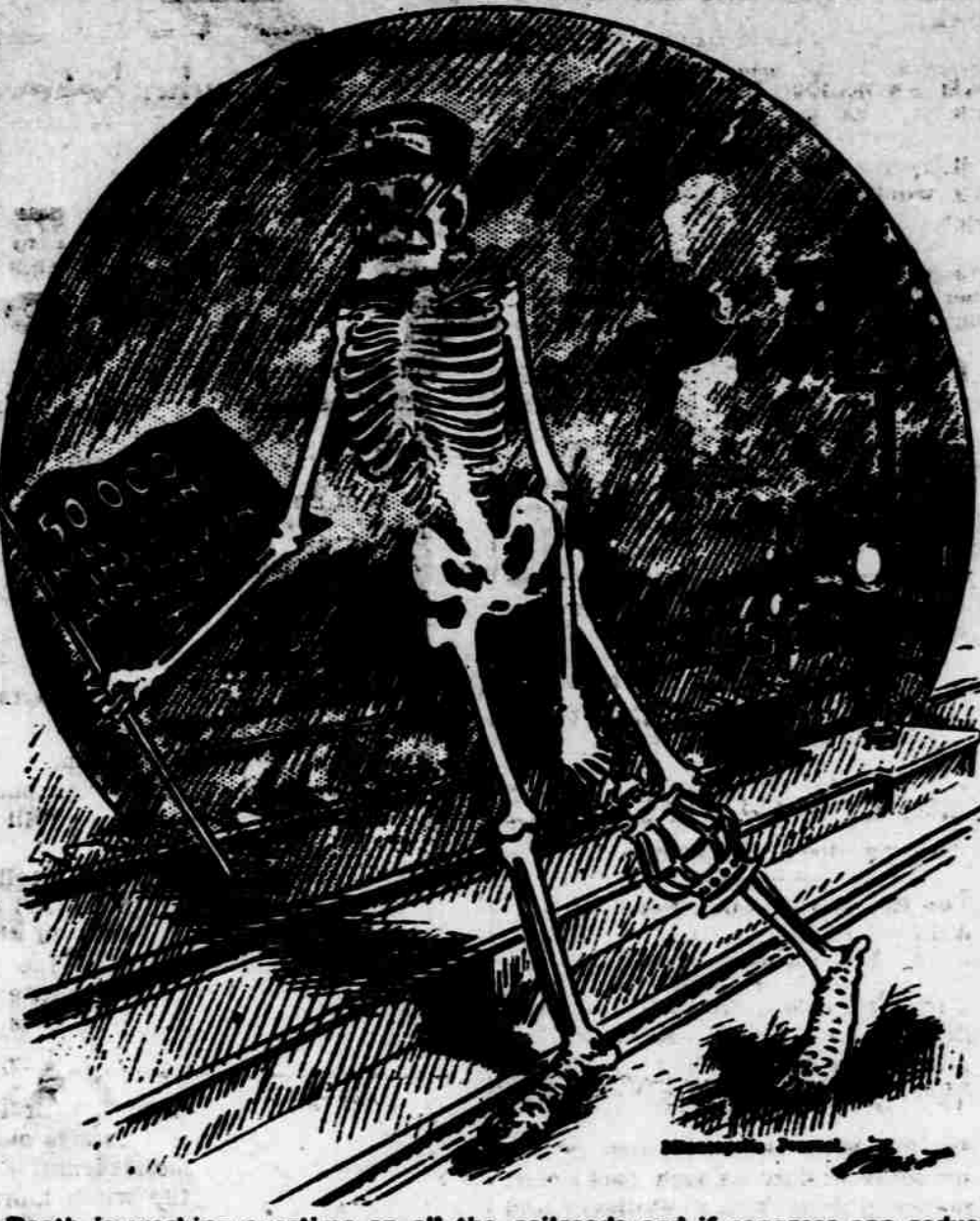
Les W. Frazier of Fairmont was reappointed secretary of the state printing board. The board members appointed Scarle, Treasurer Brien and Secretary Junkin. There were several applicants for the position. Mr. Frazier has served in this position for four years.

The senate has adopted a new rule regarding admission of persons to the floor. The new rule admits the persons who usually have the privileges of the floor, such as members and ex-members of the legislature, state officers and their deputies and their clerks, and permits members of the senate or the secretary of the senate to issue cards of admission to members of the state keeper, have petitioned the state board of pharmacy to close the drug store of Wilson & White at that place. They allege that the laws of Nebraska are not fully complied with by the drug firm. The names of the violators are not stated. The names of the petitioners are Elizabeth Bosley, O. G. Pierpont, A. U. Parmenter, B. Decker, T. E. Chambers and J. O. L. Moffit. It is supposed that the petition is an outgrowth of the Cox murder.

Aftermath of Cox Murder.

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SHORTEN HIS HOURS.



Death is working overtime on all the railroads and if congress can reduce his labors it can't be done too quickly.

NEAR CLASH IN HOUSE

TWO CONGRESSMEN HAVE SPIRITED ALTERCATION.

Gaines of Tennessee Tries to Attack Mahon of Pennsylvania, But Fight is Averted.

Washington.—The house late Thursday took on the appearance of the closing days of the Fifty-fifth congress, commonly known as the "war congress," when altercations between members were frequent.

Late in the afternoon Mr. Gaines of Tennessee and Mr. Mahon of Pennsylvania were only prevented from meeting in a personal encounter by the intervention of other members. Mr. Gaines was making a speech on his bill to "dock" members pay for absence from the house and he charged Mr. Mahon with being absent from the house 95 per cent. of the time.

Mr. Mahon thundered: "Any man who charges me with being away from this house 95 per cent. of the time tells an untruth."

Mr. Gaines started down the aisle from his seat. "No man can tell me I lie!" exclaimed Mr. Gaines.

When order had been restored Mr. Mahon again arose. Having been cautioned by the chair that it was against the rules to address a member in the second person, he measured his words, saying he would speak in the "fourth person." He then said:

"The charge of the gentleman from Tennessee that I am away from this house 95 per cent. of my time is a deliberate falsehood."

With a rush Mr. Gaines reached the center of the chamber, making directly toward the gentleman from Pennsylvania, insisting as he went that no man could call him a liar without personal chastisement.

The rush of Mr. Gaines upon his adversary brought a dozen members before the speaker's desk. Messrs. Ollie James of Kentucky, Taylor of Alabama, Bell of Georgia, Williams of Mississippi, the minority leader, and Starnoff of Wisconsin, grabbed Gaines, who, resisting vigorously, was borne back to his seat.

The friends of Messrs. Gaines and Mahon engaged in an effort to bring about a reconciliation in which they were successful. Both gentlemen apologized. Mr. Mahon rushed across the chamber and the two clasped hands amid loud applause.

TOBACCO TRUST IS GUILTY.

Two of Its Companies Convicted in Licorice Paste Trial.

New York.—A jury in the United States circuit court Thursday returned a verdict in the so-called "tobacco trust" trial, which had been on hearing before Judge Hough for the past three weeks. The jury acquitted Karl Jungbluth and Howard E. Young on all the counts charging conspiracy in restraint of trade and combining to control the licorice paste industry, but found the MacAndrews & Forbes company and the J. S. Young company guilty on two counts, one of forming an illegal combination and the other of being a monopoly.

The corporations named, which were joint defendants with Jungbluth and Young, were acquitted of the charge of conspiracy.

Gives His Life for a Boy.

Riverdale, Mich.—Elbert W. Gibson, principal of the schools here, was drowned Friday while trying to save 14-year-old Harry Valance, who had broken through the ice while skating. Gibson leaves a widow and six children.

Gas Explosion Kills Two.

Wilmington, Ill.—Two men were killed and more than a score of persons injured, including several women, by an explosion of acetylene gas at a card party in Woodman's hall here.

Japanese Squadron Not Coming.

Tokyo.—The Japanese government has decided that on account of anti-Japanese agitation on the Pacific coast that the training squadron will not visit the Pacific coast. But will go as far as Honolulu only.

Man is Frightened to Death.

Philadelphia.—Albert Lindsay was frightened to death and two men were severely burned by an explosion of molten metal in the finishing plant Baldwin's Locomotive Works Thursday.

WORKMEN DIE IN HOT METAL.

Over Score of Lives Lost in Pittsburgh Furnace.

Pittsburg, Pa.—As a result of the explosion of molten metal at the Eliza steel furnaces of the Jones & Laughlin's company, limited, the charred remains of seven men are at the morgue and 12 badly burned and crippled employes are in hospitals, while anxious workers, with crowbars, picks and shovels are digging through a mass of steel and clinders for the bodies of several more who are missing. It is thought 23 altogether met death. Of the injured three will probably die.

E. L. Messler, the superintendent, thinks the accident was caused by the loosening of one of the steel bands about the bottom of the furnace. It fell, he says, and that made that portion of the shell weak. The great pressure of the steel charge and gas against the weak point resulted in the plate giving way and allowing the avalanche of molten steel to roll down on the workmen.

Thirty-five men were at work about the furnace. One man alone of the 35, George Knox, escaped injury. The others not accounted for were consumed by the awful fiery flood.

Charles Bennett, a yard brakeman, who was passing near the furnace on a freight train when the explosion occurred, describes what he saw, as follows:

"I saw a large mass of molten steel rolling down on the workmen. I saw a man who was killed by the steel. I saw a man who was killed by the steel. I saw a man who was killed by the steel."

As was also Cullen's brother. He with Prof. Rudd and Royal Jacobs took the knife away from Cullen and the boy started to town to summon the marshal. As he went out the front door Cullen shot him twice, killing him instantly. He then attempted to kill himself by shooting.

Lynchers to Be Arrested.
Des Moines, Ia.—Gov. A. B. Cummins Thursday ordered immediate prosecution of as many as possible of the mob that lynched a murderer at Charles City. The leaders of the band are known and will be arrested.

STOVE WORKS DESTROYED.
Fire Causes Loss of \$750,000 in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich.—Fire gutted a great portion of the large plant of the Michigan Stove works on Jefferson avenue Tuesday evening, causing a loss estimated at \$750,000, while the entire plant was insured for but \$250,000.

Upwards of 15,000 gas and coal stoves were ruined, and of the tremendous plant covering an area of ten or twelve acres only the office buildings, the foundries and part of the storage building were saved. Less than two-thirds of the entire establishment.

Several firemen were injured by falling debris and half a dozen spectators were hurt when the horses attached to one of the fire department wagons ran away into the enormous crowd that lined the street opposite the burning plant.

Shaw of Persia Dead.
Tehran, Persia.—Official announcement of the death of the shah at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, was made at nine o'clock Wednesday morning from the office of the grand vizier. The news of the death of the shah was received quietly by the people.

Bad Sleet Storm in Southwest.
Kansas City, Mo.—An unusually severe sleet storm in western Kansas and throughout Oklahoma and Indian territory Friday crippled wires south from Kansas City.

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Lancaster, Pa.—A fire which started in the tobacco warehouse of S. R. Moss & Co. here Friday from the falling of an electric arc light spread to adjoining property and caused a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Hundreds Die by Tidal Wave.
The Hague.—A tidal wave has devastated some of the Dutch East Indian islands south of Achin. The loss is very great. According to a brief of local dispatch 300 persons perished on the island of Tana.

Tragedy in Idaho Town.
Rigby, Idaho.—Miss Irene Miller, a teacher in the public schools at Lewistown, near here, was shot and killed Wednesday night by Prof. I. F. Couch, principal of the schools, who then committed suicide.

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Lansing, Mich.—Congressman William Alden Smith of Grand Rapids was nominated Thursday night to succeed United States Senator R. A. Alger. This is equivalent to an election.

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New York.—Panning to his clothes a note saying that "he is a rabbit dream," Albert A. Chittenden, an artist, committed suicide by inhaling gas in his apartments on West Twenty-sixth street.

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JAMES CULLEN HANGED BY MOB AT CHARLES CITY, IA.

SMASH WAY INTO JAIL

Ministers, Women and Leading Citizens in Crowd—Victim Was Killed His Spouse and Young Step-Son.

Charles City, Ia.—James Cullen, a white man 60 years old, who had murdered his wife and young step-son, was taken from the jail here Wednesday night by a mob and hanged from the bridge that crosses the Cedar river. The lynchers, who were headed by some of the leading citizens of the town, made no attempt to disguise themselves.

The summary execution was witnessed by more than 1,000 persons, including some women and children and four ministers. A prayer service preceded the lynching.

The crowd gathered about the jail at nine o'clock. With a railroad from they battered down the door and with picks and axes quickly cut through the wall and secured possession of the prisoner. Immediately after hanging Cullen the crowd dispersed.

Feared He Would Escape Death.
Judging from the expressions about town the hanging was largely the result of the commutation granted to Louis Busse, the Bremer county wife murderer. Busse, who murdered his wife within 15 miles of Charles city, was twice granted reprieves and then his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

One of Cullen's sons, it is said, was hanged by a mob in Missouri near Joplin a dozen years ago for horse stealing. Cullen had been married three times, his two former wives leaving him. His brother, Richard Cullen, a banker, from Warren, Ill., who was in the city, did not hear of the lynching until it was all over.

Men who participated in the hanging stated Wednesday night that they did not fear prosecution. They said that they disliked mob violence but considered that if lynching was ever justifiable, it was in the case of Cullen. They declared that the estate of \$50,000 which he had accumulated as a contractor here, would have been used to fight his case in the courts and that it would be years before he would have been punished, if ever.

James Cullen, a wealthy contractor, killed his wife and his 15-year-old step-son at four o'clock Wednesday morning, at his home on East Clark street, and attempted to commit suicide, but failed. He first murdered his wife with a large knife and then went to where the boy, James Eastman, was sleeping. When he had felt the knife blade touch his throat, he battled bravely with his step-father and gained possession of the weapon.

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POUCE IS SAFE IN MARDON

TOWED TO THE BERMUDAS BY A TRAMP STEAMSHIP.

Capt. Harvey Cable That Shaft Broke—Passengers and Crew All Are Well.

New York.—The steamship Ponce, with a broken shaft but safe, is riding at anchor in St. George's bay, the Bermudas, and her crew of 52 persons and the seven passengers aboard are reported "all well."

This assurance was received direct from Capt. W. A. Harvey by the owners, the New York and Porto Rico Steamship company, Friday evening. Friday's cable reported that the long overdue steamer had reached the fortified harbor in tow of the German steamer Elizabeth Rickmers, but a message from the master himself had been eagerly awaited by General Manager Mooney of the line and still more anxiously by the captain's wife in Brooklyn.

Mr. Mooney stated that a representative of the company would sail on the steamer Bermudian for Bermuda Saturday, furnish bonds for the indemnity of the Elizabeth Rickmers and immediately after arrange for a tow to bring the Ponce to New York. The passengers will be offered the option of coming to New York on the Ponce or taking passage on the next Quebec Steamship company's steamer leaving the islands for New York.

The Ponce, it appears, was but two days' sail from New York when her machinery was disabled. She sailed from Ponce, Porto Rico, December 25, and on December 29 broke the shaft in the stern tube. Roughly estimated, the vessel was then 350 miles from this port which ordinarily she would have made on New Year's day. Helpless, the Ponce drifted for ten days, her signals of distress being picked up by the German steamer on January 8. The Rickmers, Capt. Walsen, had sailed two days earlier from Philadelphia for Nagasaki and Shimonoseki.

"HANGMAN" PAVLOFF SLAIN.
Czar's Advocate General is Shot Down by Assassin.

St. Petersburg.—Leut. Gen. Vladimir Pavloff, the military procurator or advocate general, generally known since the days of the late parliament as "Hangman Pavloff," from the epithet constantly applied to him by the radical deputies, was shot and killed at ten o'clock Wednesday morning while walking in the garden of the chief military court building, near the Moika canal.

The assassin, who was disguised as a military clerk, was captured after a long chase through the crowded city streets, during which he fired about 40 shots from two revolvers which he carried, killing a policeman and wounding a small boy.

Vice Admiral Doubassoff, ex-governor general of Moscow and at present a member of the council of empire, has received notification that another attempt upon his life will be made. Lodz, Russian Poland.—Col. Patko Andrieff, chief of the gendarmes of the Lodz district, was shot and killed Thursday on Poldnalska street. An infantry patrol fired a volley at the assassin, but he escaped.

CONFESSES TO THE COX MURDER
Prisoner in Kentucky Case Implicates Hargis and Callahan.

Jackson, Ky.—John Smith, one of the men under indictment for the murder of Dr. B. D. Cox, has made a confession, which is now in the hands of Commonwealth Attorney Joubert Smith names ex-Judge Hargis and ex-Sheriff Edward Callahan as moving spirits in the crime. He says that Hargis and Callahan induced him to enter the conspiracy against Cox, making promises to see that he was acquitted and to give him a job. He declares Callahan gave him \$100 after the killing, saying "Jim" Hargis sent it to him.

Governor Demands Back Taxes.
Springfield, Ill.—Governor Denen sent a special message to the legislature Thursday recommending an emergency appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose of preparation and trial of the suit against the Illinois Central Railway company to collect back taxes claimed to be due the state under its charter providing for the payment of 1 per cent. of its gross earnings yearly to the state.

To Probe Senator Bailey.
Austin, Tex.—A resolution was introduced Friday in the senate of the Texas legislature, signed by 14 members out of 39 composing that body, demanding an investigation of Senator Bailey and Attorney General Davidson and their connection with the resignation of the Waters-Pierce Oil company into Texas after its ejection under the anti-trust laws.

Decapitates His Mother-in-Law.
Milwaukee.—George C. Wapp, supposed to be insane, Thursday killed Mrs. Frederica Freund, his mother-in-law, by cutting off her head with a razor. He confessed the crime, saying his mother-in-law talked too much.

Archbishop Montgomery Dies.
San Francisco.—Archbishop Montgomery died Thursday afternoon. He was operated on for appendicitis a few days ago. He called after the operation and was believed to be recovering when a relapse occurred.

Aged Woman Found Dead in Woods.
St. Cloud, Minn.—Mrs. Maria Novack, aged 70 years, wife of Thomas Novack, living near Holding, was found dead in the woods about two miles from her home Tuesday evening. She had, it is thought, become lost.

Bank Robbers Get \$800.
Bonfield, Ill.—Severing communication with the outside world by cutting all telegraph and telephone wires, robbers blew open the vault in the First bank of Bonfield early Wednesday and made off with over \$800.

THIS IN NEBRASKA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1907.

THE SHOE PINCHER.

Opposition to Calling Pinches in Being Felt.

"The catalog houses," says the Abbe (Neb.) News, "are beginning to feel the organized opposition to them. Montgomery Ward & Co. have begun suit against a dealers' association and several individuals and newspapers in South Dakota, charging them with organizing boycott and influencing jobbers and manufacturers in refusing to sell to them. The suit will fall. They cannot prevent the showing up of the catalog house methods, which are deceptive in character. They have built up their immense business by deceiving the public through their 'smooch' advertising methods. The merchants are adopting some of their methods of advertising, and the people are finding out that the same class of goods can be bought just as cheap at home. The long suit of the cat house has been in describing an inferior article so as to make it appear like a superior article. They have employed literary experts that have exhausted the vocabulary of superlative adjectives, and have printed engravings deceptive in character. They have catered to the depraved sentiment that exists among the people of getting something for nothing. As a rule under the existing competition in all lines of business, you get about what you pay for. The man who figures on getting any article for less than its actual value, is going to get left. Remember this when reading the flowery description in the catalog of mail order houses."

NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

A new bank is to be opened at Odell. Union revival meetings are on in Exeter.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Colon postoffice. Coal has been found on the farm of J. L. Gandy in Gage county.

A case of diphtheria has appeared at Oxford, but it is of mild form. Schuyler people are talking up a regular county fair to be held at that place.

The people of Tecumseh are interesting themselves in securing a county hospital. A religious revival at Lexington is inducing many to turn their way unto righteousness.

T. H. Tibbles, of Omaha, who was vice presidential candidate on the populist ticket, is soon to take a wife. He is 64.