**OUR LINCOLN LETTER** 

## from the State Capital, Legislative and Otherwise

in making changes in the Aldrich | The proposed dairy commission bill railroad bill, referred to elsewhere, designates the governor dairy com-the joint committee has a number of missioner with power to appoint a matters under consideration. For in- deputy who shall be a practical dairyschedule-when it shall be done and what shall be the nature of the im-mediate work expected of the commis-dian-is one of the most important questions. The Aldrich bill compels of \$70 a month and one chemist at the commission to prepare a classifi-\$1,500 a year are provided for in the cation of rates as soon as practicable. bill. It also provides for four dairy This classification is expected by inspectors to be appointed by the depmany at an early date, while others uty, with the approval of the goverbelieve the wording of the bill should nor and on recommendation of the give the commission fullest oppor- president and directors of the Ne-tunity for investigation and study and brasks. Dairymen's association and should not fix the time when it is ex-pected, though of course so providing the state university, each inspector to that immediate relief might be given receive \$3 a day and traveling exmany lines. The task of compiling penses.

a new schedule will be a monumental one and should the commission be

best results would not follow.

The following preamble and resolution adopted in the house is its own to oust from office any officer, includ explanation:

Whereas In the consideration of to the powers of the railroad commisgion and freight and passenger rates, It is imperative that the joint railroad all the data and facts available per- directed by the governor. taining to these subjects; therefore

bo It Resolved. That the state bureau of lature with the tariff schedules of the cermane to the subject.

that the university 1-mill levy should tion made for its maintenance. A bill is pending providing that the government funds given to the university and all other funds except the levy shall to said out by the state treasurer on

warrants issued by the auditor upon certificates filed y the Board of Recents. This includes the cash fund, tion bills that do not specify the mounted to almost \$120,000. It has

If the bill introduced by Senator expected to promulgate a complete Sackett of Gage becomes an enactrate sheet at an early date, some who ment the responsibility of enforcing have studied the matter believe the all laws will devolve directly upon the governor. The act makes it the duty of the attorney general of the

state, when directed by the governor, ing mayors, who wilfully neglects to

enforce a law and it makes such negthe various bills now pending relative lect punishable by ouster from office. The bill is intended to remove local officers who refuse to enforce a law. and it is made stronger by making committee of the house and senate it the duty of the attorney general have for its guidance and inormation to proceed against such officers, when

The senate refused to concur with the house in an appropriation for poststatistics be instructed to furnish the age stamps to be furnished daily to joint railroad committee of this legis- members of the house. The bill appropriating money for the expenses of railroads operating in Nebraska and the session was amended by striking all obtainable statistics and data con- out the word "postage." The vote corning railroad rates, shipments and was 15 to 10 in favor of the motion such other information as may be by McKesson to concur in a report of the appropriation committee that the

word "postage" be stricken from the Some legislators are of the opinion bill. The house early in the session, after three attempts, voted that membe abolished and a direct appropria- bers of the body be allowed five 2cent stamps daily. The senate's action will prevent carrying out the resolution and house members will have to buy their own stamps.

This resolution directed against introduction and passage of appropria which during the last bi-ennium amounts asked passed the house after HARRY KENDALL THAW,



Slayer of Architect Stanford White, Now on Trial for His Life.

## FIELD'S SECURITY MOLDINGS. JUSTIFIED SECRETARY METCALF PRAISES

HIS COURSE AT KINGSTON.

Archbishop Nuttall Cables Thanks to President Receivelt-Swettenham Says 500 Bodies Buried

"We all appreciate deeply American

Par Value About \$40,000,000, Real Worth Much More.

Chicago. - Details of the late Marshall Field have been made public. In the executors' extremely conservative estimate of \$75,000,000

Washington. - The receipt in sate the personal property is placed was a gentle, kindly man with great this state as the Minnesota & Pacific Arthur and Gillespie. This sugges-

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SENATOR ALGER DIES

President Sends Condelences to the Family-War Department's Tribute is looued by Secretary Taft

Washington .--- United States Senator Russell A. Alger of Michigan, died suddenly at his residence in this city at 8:45 o'clock Thursday morning ful-lowing an acute attack of oedema of the lungs with which he was stricken shortly after eight o'clock. Although Senator Alger had not been in good health for some time his death was its approval thereof, as provided by most unexpected. The senator Wednes- section 2,872 of the revised laws of day night was apparently in his usual 1905 of Minnesota." health. During the day he transacted considerable business and was at the state in the action brought last month Oliver had met all the requirements war department up to a late hour by Attorney General Young and his as- of the government, it would be unjust



eir son. Capt. F. M. Alger, and ney general's department that the next

Gen. Alger had suffered for a good court to determine the constitutionmany years with chronic valvular dis- ality of the law and the correctness cases of the heart, but of late he seem- of Judge Hallam's ruling. Assistant ed to be a good deal better.

When thep resident was informed of ion was one of the utmost importance said of his predecessor: "Gen. Alger was patriotic, carnest the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba

and most devoted to the interests of Railroad company to show cause why the army, and especially considerate its charter should not be forfeited. as the total value of the Field es of the welfare of enlisted men. He This company, formerly known in contract be awarded to Oliver, Mc-

PROPOSED HILL STOCK ISSUE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE FROM WHITE HOUSE ENJOINED.

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Northern Must Not Increa

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St. Paul, Minn.-In the Ramony

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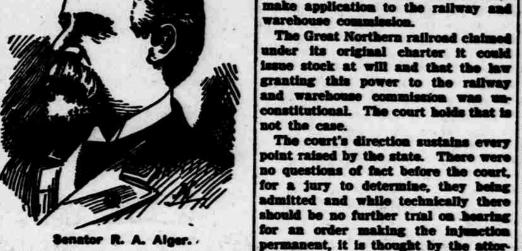
Bussessial Diddie Express With All Conditions.

Washington-Following a cos ence at the white house it was offcially assessed that the contract for building the Phaness canal would be awarded to William D. Oliver, who, with Annes M. Bangs, was the lowest Judge Oscar Hallam signed an order enjoining James J. Hill and other off-Adder in the recent comm increase of \$60,000,000 worth of addvided that within the next ten days he tional stock of that company "or inassociates himself with at least two

The official announcement confirms the Associated Press statement of last Friday night. President Roosevelt. then took the position that since Mr. Wednesday afternoon. At the bedside sistant, R. A. Stone, to compel the rail-when he passed away were Mrs. Alger road to recognize the state railroad the construction of the canal or even and warehouse commission before is- to require him to submit a new bid suing the stock. The laws provide for the contract.

that before a railroad can issue an Mr. Oliver had informed the presiincrease of its capital stock it must dent that it was his desire to submit make application to the railway and an independent bid for the work and that when the canal commission offcials informed him that it would be necessary to form a partnership with some other financially responsible granting this power to the railway contractor they even went so far as and warehouse commission was us to suggest that he enter into an agreement with Anson M. Bangs of New York City. Mr. Oliver said that after receiving this suggestion from Chairman Shoats he visited the war department and was informed that Mr. Bangs would be entirely satisfactory to the government. Mr. Oliver told the president that with this assurance as to the reliability of Mr. Bangs, he immediately entered into an agreement with the New York contractor.

move will be an appeal to the supreme Powerful influences were brought to bear on the president and Secretary Taft to reject all bids and advertise Attorney General Stone said the decis. for new proposals, but the president insisted that Mr. Oliver should be Senator Alger's death, he addressed a and that practically the issues of given a reasonable time in which to note of condolence to Mrs. Alger and stock above \$30,000,000 as warranted make a satisfactory arrangement to accompanied it with a floral offering. by the original charter of the Great substitute some other contractor or The formal announcement of Sena- Northern were without legal effect. group of contractors to take the place tor Alger's death was made to the St. Paul, Minn.-Attorney General of Mr. Bangs. At the white house army by Secretary Taft in which he Young began quo warranto proceedings conference on Saturday night the friends of the McArthur-Gliespie synin the supreme court Friday to comme dicate argued that the contract figure should be increased to 9 per cent of the total cost of construction and the cent of the total cost, the figure menwhen war came, although for this he' Attorney General Young's complaint tioned in their original bid. The preswas in no wise responsible. His rec- covers 18 typewritten pages and goes ident, Secretary Taft and the canal ord as a soldier in the civil war was into the transactions of the Great commission officials then decided to "As a mark of respect to his mem- constituent companies forming the vided he could make satisfactory arory it is ordered that the flags at all "merger" known as the Great North rangement with at least two other military posts be displayed at half. ern Railway company.



been pointed out that should this bill sass it will not be necessary for sucmoney as has been the custom in the need not take this money into consideration. As the law stands, the suprome court has ruled that it is not necessary for the government funds to be appropriated, but it has said nothing about the cash fund.

At this writing members of the joint committee, two senators and two representatives, appointed to draft railroad bills, are busy with their work. It will be their duty to frame a ed for passage. It is designed to give measure that will empower the rall- all railroad employes the power to arroad commission to act and define its rest persons found stealing rides on powers and mode of procedure. Senator Aldrich, one of the committee, has made an extended study of the sailroad situation in those states ority on the ground that the bill, gave where railway commissions have been too much authority to the railroad in effect for many years and where the laws have been tested in the courts. He, in drawing his bill. sought to follow those provisions which have stood the brunt of much ditigation. It is quite well understood that in the main the style and form of his bill, known as S. F. 45, will be tory by them. It makes them liable followed.

A bill that Senator Lalla of Burt \$1,000 or imprisonment not more has introduced provides that any rail- than six months. Provision is also road company operating a train of made for inspection of contractors' more than one car, who shall make up books in court. It looks like a good but not one is of such a character that or operate a train carrying passen. move in the direction of removing the authorities are prepared to give gers on any car who shall make up or some of the abuses suffered by coun- it to the public. operate a train with a car carrying ties in building their bridges. passengers in front of a car carrying express, freight or baggage, shall be more than \$1,000.

The anti-sporting element will probably be disturbed over the bill inmendation. treduced in the house allowing base ball to be played on Sunday if the city council or the county commissioners give permission, in any town or county in the state. Back of the bill are lined up the base ball fans of Lincoln and state.

There will be no house daily printed, the committee on printing having

favoring an income tax.

The east wing of the state house The senate has passed a measure has been officially declared unsafe that its author calls the "cat wagon" and dangerous. Architect Berlinghof, bill. It places wagons used for imwho recently made an examination of moral purposes in the same category the building, reported to Land Com- with houses, tents and boats, gives known among railroad officials and Rubens and Van Der Werff, are in- He was formerly premier of New by swallowing carbolic acid. Despond missioner Enton that the east wing had justices of the peace jurisdiction over actiled six or eight inches within the such cases and reduces the penalty. last month and there is grave danger It is designed, the introducer says, to of a collapse of that section of the get quick action. building.

House roli 64, appropriating \$80,000 The senate, by a close vote, in com-House roli 64, appropriating \$80,000 The senate, by a close vote, in com-mittee of the whole, recommended for set off the car of powder and caused intre of the whole, recommended for of corporations, has begun an inves-cause buildings to tremble and startle

ceeding legislatures to appropriate this able, educational institution or for the Swettenham, of Jamaica, caused Sec property. intere for appropriations the regents of Nebraska, be made in definite and on the assessed valuation of the property, listed for taxation by the state of Nebraska."

> Railroad operators are working for Swettenham. enactment of a measure that will control hoboes. It has been recommend trains or climbing upon the cars when they have no right so to do. Some warships under Rear Admiral Davis. opposition was manifested by the min-The measage is as follows: sympathy in our distress and the men, that it was the principle of the prompt visit of your men of war for dollar against the man and was unour succor. Happily the supply of democratic and a wrong bill. food available for relief committee is

> sufficient. After meeting the cost of Senator Sackett has introduced a this, our next great want will be the bill to prohibit the pooling of bridge means for making small houses habitcontractors or the division of terriable. All our people are behaving splendidly." for damages due to pooling and fixes London. - The colonial office a penalty in the way of a fine of has received several telegrams from

Sir Alexander Swettenham, the governor of Jamaica, explaining the incident with Rear Admiral Davis. Thursday evening the colonial office

The resolution by Weems to have the governor on conditions in Jamaica. deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and the speaker appoint a committee to Sir Alexander says that up to date 500 soon conviction shall be punished by find out why farmers do not get as bodies have been buried, in addition a fine of not less than \$100 and not much for their grain in Nebraska as to a number of remains that could not in other state was laid on the table. be distinguished or identified. The The resolution had been referred to governor estimates that 200 bodies are the railroad committee, which reported still buried in the ruins, and that it it back to the house with no recom- probably will take 12 months to re-

In the case of the State of Nebraska against the Nebraska Lumber Dealers association, an alleged trust, Referee Post ruled in favor of the state's attorslaughter house of a relative at Stowe. neys by deciding that the courts have near here, Friday. The act is attribsome of the smaller towns of the jurisdiction and can proceed against, uted to a playful remark made by a the lumber dealers for violation of the girl who said she did not like him. state's anti-trust laws.

Governor Sheldon has appointed Edso recommended after the reception of ward G. Maggi of Lincoln chief clerk bids that were not at all satisfactory. In the executive office, a position for- ator from this state by a vote, in the merly held by E. S. Mickey. Mr. two branches of the state legislature.

bank examiner. win.

priations for the support and main- full text of the correspondence be- estate fied in the probate court late ates, and was much beloved by his Great Northern Railway company, and approval of the New York firm, who tenance of any charitable, correction- tween Rear Admiral Davis and Gov. in the afternoon their inventory of the erection or equipment of any new retary Metcalf again to study the situ- The par value of the stocks and

past, and therefore in asking the legis- buildings for any purpose by the state ation to see if Admiral Davis had in bonds is given, but no statement is of Nebraska, be made in definite and any way transgressed the bounds of made showing the present cash value specific sums of dollars and cents and propriety on his visit to Kingstin. of these securities. For this reason so expressed in the bill, making the He not only found a precedent for it becomes difficult to give an accurate appropriations and not in mills levy his landing men from his ships to pre- estimate of the present worth of the serve order, strangely enough in the property. The investments are gencase of another British island in the erally among those classed as "gilt West Indies, Trinidad, but also saw edged," and the securities generally nothing in the whole affair to warrant have to-day a far higher market value the letter addressed to him by Gov. than the par figures would indicate.

The listed value of these personal President Roosevelt Thursday night holdings-at par-amounts to a figure received a cablegram from Dr. Encs in the neighborhood of \$40,000,000, but Nuttall, lord archbiahop of the West in some cases the market value of Indies and chairman of the Kingston stocks is five times as great as the relief committee, tendeting his thanks par value: Actual cash in Chicago for the prompt visit of the American banks is over \$4,000,000.

METEOR CAUSED EXPLOSION.

Novel Explanation of the Terrible Disaster at Sandford, Ind.

Terre Haute, Ind. - That a meteor set off the car of powder and caused the disaster to Big Four accommodation train No. 3 at Sandford, Ind., on last Saturday night, is the thousands of dollars.

assertion of R. E. Brown, of Edgar county, Illinois. He stated Friday It appeared like a great ball of fire moving in the direction of Sandford gave out two reports received from explosion of the car of powder oc- ing under water. curred. Other people living in the vicinity of Vermillion, Ill., and Sandford. Ind., stated that they saw the

Socialists Lose in Germany.

meteor.

Berlin. - The government won Pottstown, Pa.-John L. Hart, aged 13 years, was found hanging in the the smashing defeat administered to concerned. the socialists, who will lose 17 or 18 While no official statement was seats.

Pure Food I aw for Kansas.

Kansas senate Friday.

Famous Paintings "Indecent." Omaha, Neb .- The Omaha courts tree, for many years purchasing agent have decided that works of art by one of the best known public men in of the Southern railway and widely famous painters, including Van Dyke, Canada, died suddenly here Friday. county, committed suicide Thursday contractors, died at his residence in decent and that reproductions of them Brunswick, and was minister of rail- ency following ill health is said to this city Friday from blood poisoning, cannot be sold in Omaha stores.

> More Earth Tremors in New York. Middletown, N. Y .- Four earth tre- Terre Haute, Ind .- That a meteor

subordinates. He was the subject of the Great Northern is joined in this insisted that they could not underunjust criticism because of the coun- issue, as it is the owner of the Mani- take the work for less than 12.50 per try's lack of preparedness for war toba company's stock.

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To Abolish Pension Agencies.

Iowa Doctor Kills Himself.

Indiana Would Tax Bachelors.

military posts be displayed at half- ern Railway company. mast on the day of the funeral."

ENTIRE TOWNSHIP FLOODED.

**Canal Chief Elected President of Go** Wabash River Levee Breaks-Ice tham Traction Company. Gorge at Grand Rapide.

Washington-The resignation of Terre Haute, Ind.-Telephone ad Theodore P. Shonts, as chairman of dered his resignation to Lora Elgin, vices from Metom, south of this city, the canal commission was announced secretary for the solonies, a few days state that the Wahash river levee, at the White House Wednesday, hay. ago in consequence of the Admiral protecting an entire township, broke ing been tendered to the president and Davis incident and his inability to late Thursday afternoon and the 300 accepted by him Tuesday, according solve the problem created by the people of the valley had to flee for

their lives. The Illinois Central railroad tracks at Riverton are being washed out. One farmer with 1,000 head of cat-

tle and 500 head of hogs is trying to save his stock with a ferry boat. This loss to the township will aggregate

Grand Rapids, Mich .-- The ise gorge which began forming here Wednes that on the night of the disaster a day in Grand river now practically large meteor passed over his place. extends from a half mile north of this city nearly to Grand Haven, 40 miles and made a noise like a strong wind. away. While the water is slowly fall-The meteor, said Mr. Brown, was ing below this city, it is rising hourly above. An ice gorge is now forming and left a trail of sparks. Almost im- above which threatens to flood nearly mediately after its appearance the all the west side, the river streets be-

BANGS CAN'T BUILD CANAL.

to correspondence made public. It **Government Rejects His Bid But May** will take effect not later than March 4, **Give Contract to Oliver.** Mr. Shonts having been elected Wednesday as president of the Inter-

Washington .- As a result of an exdefinite victory in the general tended conference at the White House election held Friday for a new reich- Friday night it was decided to reject surface lines in New York. stag. The liberal, radical and con- the bid of Oliver & Bangs, who proservative parties, supporting Prince posed to complete the construction of von Buelow's colonial policy, have the Panama canal for 6.75 per cent. of won at least 20 seats, but more im- the total estimated cost, in so far as portant for the government is Anson M. Bangs of New York city is

given out at the White House, it can of pensions in the city of Washington. dially, This action was taken on the pension be authoritatively stated that if Wilappropriation bill after spirited oppoliam J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn., Topeka, Kan .-- A pure food law, sim- can enter into a satisfactory arrangesition on the part of those having ilar in its provisions to the national ment with some other contractor who pension agencies in their states. The pension appropriation bill carpure food law which was enacted by is financially responsible, he will be The house has gone on record as Mickey was recently appointed state of 198 to 45. He needed 83 votes to the last congress, was passed by the given the contract for the construcwas passed. tion of the canal.

## Noted Canadian Is Dead.

Bloomfield, Iowa.-Dr. W. W. Davia Fredericton, N. B.-Andrew G. Blair. one of the oldest physicians in Davis have been the cause. ways in Laurier's cabinet.

Blames Meteor for Disaster.

Indianapolis, Ind.-A bill was intro-

SWETTENHAM HAS RESIGNED. CHAIRMAN SHONTS RESIGNS.

> Tendered to Lord Elgin, Secretary for the Cel

Kingston, Jamacia.-It is understood that Governor Swettenham tenearthquake.

On Saturday the governor visited the temporary offices of the municipal council and informed the vice chairman, who is acting in the absence of Mayor Tait, who is injured, that the government had decided to relieve the people of Kingston from all rates and taxes for a period of fifteen months, beginning January 1.

Clark Succeeds Walcott. Baltimore-It is understood that the appointment of Prof. William Bul-

lock Clark of the Johns Hopkins university to the directorship of the United States geological survey has been practically decided upon. His appointment will be as successor to Charles D. Walcott, who has resigned to become head of the Smithsonian institution.

Dakota Not Short on Cash.

Washington - Representative Marshall of North Dakota in an interview borough-Metropolitan company, which declared that while there is a abortage controls the rapid transit and many of fuel at some points in North Dakota is in no need of financial assist-

King Receives American,

Washington .- The house Thursday Rome-King Victor Emmanuel gave voted to abolish all the pension agen- a private audience to Comman cies throughout the country, 18 in John B. Bernadou, the American naval number, and centralize the payment attache. The king greeted him cor-

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Cuban Bandit Cantured

Havana-Enrique Mosa, the bandit of the province of Santiago who for than two years had terrorized Hastern solice.

Tribute to Dead Senator.

Detroit-Nearly 30,000 people paid tribute Sunday here to the memory of Senator R. A. Alger as his body lay in state in the city hall. For three hours and a half a continuous line of people passed through the corridor for a last look at the dead senator. Pathetic and moving incidents abounded as the throng passed before the open cashet Old soldiers who had served in the civil war with him saluted as then

Tuesday reelected United States sen-

Well-Known Railroad Man Dies. Washington,-Col. Joseph P. Mine-

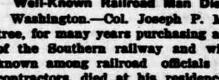
Young Boy Hange Himself.

Senator Bailey Reelected.

Austin, Tex.-Joseph W. Bailey was

move all the debris.

Probing Harvester Company. Washington.-The department of



by the senate without change as it deci	laring void judgments of execution	ter company, called for by senate res- olution adopted December 17, 1906.	the occupants, were feit in this vi- cinity Friday. The tremors were per- ceptible at many other points.	assertion of R. E. Brown, of Edgar	\$7.50 between 30 and 40 years, and \$10 over 40 years of age.	slowly marched by the body of their old commander with tear dimmed eyes.
	The consideration of measures de- ned to do away with the present it on the liability of employers in ion for damages for personal injury death will take up a great share of time of both houses of the legisla- o this session. Already a number bills bearing on this subject have a introduced in both houses and v are in the hands of regular stand- committees. Owing to the extreme portance of the subject matter, from standpoint of the employe, the bills atually are to be referred to proper	London Merchant Siain. London.—William Whitely, founder of the first big department store in London, was shot and killed Thursday afternoon, by a young man who after- wards, attempted to commit suicide. He said he was Whitely's son. Missouri Hits Cigarettes. Jefferson City, Mo.—The house Thursday afternoon passed the anti- cigarette bill by a vote of 100 to 22. The bill prohibits the sale, manufac-	Fire in Wisconsin Town. Viroqua, Wis.—Fire early Wednes- day did great damage in the business section of this city. The Vernon county bank ad the buildings occupied by the Bell and the La Crosse and In- terurban Telephone companies were the principal buildings destroyed. Trial of Harry Thaw Begins. New York.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White baran Wednesday and when	He was horn in Allegheny county, New York, in 1835. He was in the lumber business at Muskegon, Mich., and was a marine contractor. Indicted for Woodville Wreck. Valparaiso, Ind.—Four indictments were returned against employes of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Thursday on account of the wreck at Woodville, Ind., on November 12, in which over 60	ceived here that Henry Ball, a negro, was lynched at Greenwood, the home of Gov. Vardaman, Tuesday night, by unknown parties. The negro assault- ed Mrs. Graves. Twenty Miners Killed. Trinidad, Colo.—Twenty miners lost their lives as a result of an explosion which occurred Wednesday in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's coal mine near Primero, 20 miles west	Bread Riets in Spain. Madrid—Owing to the high price of provisions serious riots are going on in all parts of Spain, in the majority of instances arising from the efforts of the municipal councils to appoint new farmers of the taxes—men not popu- lar in the different communities. Pope Sends Instructions. Rome — Well informed persons in Vatican circles declare new instruc- tions from the Pope relative to the organization of Catholic churches in
	and the second sec	cigarette papers to any person.	seconted by both sides and smore to	persons lost their lives.	of this city.	France have been forwarded to Paris.