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# BRIDAL GIFTS A TAX

Oppressive fro al Expense Moves Many Loudoners to Rebellion.

DNE BRIDE'S GIFTS WORTH NIGH A MILLIEN

Protective Movement to fot Fashions for ner of the Isle of Wight. She is the gov-Less Extravagance.

TELEPHONE BURDEN FORCED ON PEOPLE

Secretary Chamberlain Stirs Up Fresh Trouble in Malta.

YOUNG IRISHMAN HAS DECREE REVOKED

Balfour's Reform of Parliamentary Procedure is Designed to Give Members More Time for Dinner, Golf and Yacht.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Feb. 1.—(New York World fashion to withdraw invitations to a ball Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The oppressive social tax of wedding presents has been brought prominently under notice by Lady Stewart's phenomenal record. She received 728 gifts, the catimated aggregate value of which is \$750,000. About half the presents are given by friends, the other half by people either anxious to advertise their acquaintance with the Londonderry family or to secure a place on the visiting list of the Londonderry house. In more than a hundred instances in which

tive in giving it is said the gifts were returned with a polite intimation that the bride-elect did not feel fustified in trespassing on the donor's good nature. The rapidly growing estentation of wedding gifts amounts to a serious annual has "a most attractive way of talking, her ger, wife of the United States minister, charge upon the resources of even the

pushing snobbishness was clearly the mo-

wealthy aristocratic families. Offering of sweet gentleness and her moods lending a simple memento is now ascribed to stinginess. A self-protective movement is being

started in the highest circles to set the fashion for less extravagant gifts.

#### Te'ephone Scandal Consummated,

successfully accomplished by the government. Only one of London's sixty-one unionist members had the courage to vote against it, most of the others abstaining lifesize nor anything approaching it. They from voting. Lord Mayor Dimsdale, who are always decorative and somewhat unconwas deputed by the unanimous mandate of ventional in treatment. all the London local bodies to lead an attack against it, actually voted against his own amendment. No concession was made set, is 40 years old and unmarried. Rudbeyond a vague promise to grant an in- Philip's country place adjoins Kipling's. into the working arrangement after it has been in operation some years.

It is estimated this deal will transfer \$12,000,000 present and prospective from the Good Story Goes the Rounds of Lonpockets of London business men to the pockets of the telephone company, without any prospect of improved service. There is great public indignation at this betrayal. This the government, secure for six years, ignores.

Among the troubles Colonial Secretary Great Britain is one in Malta. Last yea he decreed that after the lapse of fifteen years English should be the sole official language of the island. The Maltese protested against the suppression of their national tongue, a species of Italo-Arabic dialect. Mr. Chamberlain retorted by a further decree superseding the elective section of the Maltese legislative council by providing in the future for a majority of official members. An agitation has both started in the Island, which, being virtually a fortress, is under military law. and the conditions have assumed troublesome proportions.

## Irishman Rescues Maltese.

The English liberals, whose fear of Chamberlain is ludicrous, have turned a deaf ear to the appeals and petitions from the Maltese, so J. H. Boland, a young Irish nationalist member, supported by the Irish party, took up the Maltese cause. Boland has forced Chamberlain to withdraw the language decree and has earned the warm thanks of the Maltese, especially as Chamberlain deprived the concession of all grace by pretending it was a tribute to Italian sentiment, not to Maltese protests. Mr. Balfour's reform of parliamentary

procedure is devised not to facilitate legisation, but to make the membership of the House of Commons exact less from a large body of casual and dilletante legislators, of whom Balfour himself is the model. The cardinal feature of his scheme is a rearrangement of the hours of the session, so as to give the members two hours to attend dinner parties and two clear days at the week's end for golf, motor or yacht. Nothing substantial is planned to enhance the efficiency of the legislative machine, as the tories fear all new legislation and

important account. The Irish party naturally is pleased that Its predictions are verified and that all

Redmond Speaks of Contingencies. Speaking to this correspondent, John

the subject of increased punishment to be meted out to members coming into coilision with the speaker, which is directed solely against the Irishmen, said: deter us from doing our duty as we see it. The government may be brought face to face with a contingency in which the whole street crowds. Iriah representation may withdraw from see it attempt to govern Ireland arbitrarily

as a crown colony than by the fraudulent pretext of constitutional rule now existing. After a few months of that experiment England would be glad enough to offer home rule to Ireland."

## EMPLOYS MORE FEMALE LABOR

Germany Takes a Long Step Forward in Giving Women Government Places.

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BERLIN, Feb. 1.—(New York World Cabled Freedom)—Berlining with a new year, Germany has taken a long step forward in employing woman labor in all government departments, especially so in two. Between January 1, 1902, and December 31, 1905, that is, in four years, 5,000 women and girls are to be employed in the post, telegraph and telephone services the number of grial and the station and the station of the same of the words. The happy pair are staying at the Ed II hold, Cape Dath, since they left Parls. After a complete reconcilitation with his work. The empress desires to have it understood that her memoirs are not a collection of ilde gessip and personal anecdote, the marchioness of Hastings, they are especially so in two. Between January 1, 1902, and December 31, 1905, that is, in four years, 5,000 women and girls are to be employed in the station without the fellow where you bought they of all station of the soften where you bought they of the work. The empress desires to have it understood that her memoirs are not a collection of ilde gessip and personal anecdote, the marchioness of the station without the fellow where you bought they of all station of the soften where you bought they of all station of the corner to have the work. The empress desires to have it understood that her memoirs are not a collection of ilde gessip and personal anecdote, the discovered trains and the proposed in the control of the gessip and personal anecdote, the station without the fellow where you bought and the stuffen in the could not fixed and the stuffen where you bought and the stuffen in the could not fixed and the stuffen in the could not fixed and the station without the fellow where you bought and the proposed in the work in the could not fixed and the station without the fellow where you bought and the proposed in the work in the could not fixed and the station without the fellow where you bought on the work in the could not fixed and the proposed in the could not fixed and t

## QUEEN'S DAUGHTER A CORONER

Princess Henry of Battenberg Holds that Distinguished Office in

Isle of Wight. (Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Feb. 1 .- (New York World Cablegram — Special Telegram.) — Princess MEMORABLE DAY IN THE OLD PALACE the late Quren Victoria, is at present coro-

ernor of the Island, and, in default of her appointment of a coroner, must also fulfill the duties of that grim office. The coroner died suddenly this week. The next day a Cower. The princess was duly notified of the drowning and of her duty to hold on inquest. Of course she appointed a Promises that Chinece Shall Never Again deputy to do the disagreeable work, but she had to countersign the verdict of the jury

before it was forwarded to the home office The English beauty and court favorite showe name appears more frequently than that of any other in London society is Mrs. George Keppel. By favor of the king Mrs. Keppel has been made the leader of the smart set of London. Holding no position at court, she nevertheless has a recognized power which the boldest dare not dispute. Not long ago she was deputed by

she had announced would be given. Mrs. Keppel was on Shamrock II when the yacht was wrecked in a trial race last year, and the king was there with her. She was invited by Queen Alexandra to an especially prominent seat in St. George's chapel at Windsor, to attend the services at the funeral of Queen Victoria, and she was the only person invited to this exclusive service save royalty, cabinet ministers, diplomats and knights of the garter.

She is described by one of her admirers as "of fair complexion, with large, blue, deep, darkly beautiful eyes and silky, golden brown hair, which she always wears in some picturesque style of coiffure." Her figure is "alim, svelte and supple, with a graceful, undulating carriage." She

charming vivacity being varied by a grave. themselves in a most sympathetic way to her companion of the moment." Sir Philip Burne Jones, son of the famous

pre-Raphaelite artist, and himself a painter unfortunate circumstances forcing you to of high repute, will leave here soon for the United States on an art mission. Philip, who exhibits, as his father did, The London telephone scandal has been principally at the new gallery, paints portraits that are much in request. His subjects have included many of England's distinguished men. His portraits are never

He is a well known figure in smart soclety, as well as in the upper bohemian by the government to the popular protest yard Kipling is his first cousin and Sir

## PROUD OF TITLED CHILDREN

don Concerning Mrs. Cornwallis-West.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) Chamberlain has succeeded in creating for 13 going around about Mrs. William Corn- press, who took the hand of each of them. been printed throug out the world. It the streets today has been whether the Butson married Lady Randolph Churchill. Mrs. West was going a short time ago to stay with her daughter the duchess of Westminster, at Eaton Hall. Being rather proud of her position as the mother of the duchess of Westminster and of Princess Henry of Pless, she always travels with considerable ceremony. On arrival at the railway station she was ushered inter her special coach, but just as the train was starting an American young man rushed up and jumped into the car, not noticing that it was a reserved On doing so he apologized profusely to Mrs. West, who, being a charming Irish woman fell into an animated controversy, which lasted until the train reached Choster, Mrs. West's destination. There the young man asked the pleasure of knowing with whom he had enjoyed the ourney. With a sweet smile Mrs. West said: "I'm a cousin of Rosie Boote and the grandmother of Winston Churchill so I

> vanished. Rosle Boote married the marquis of Hedfort, the head of Mrs. West's family, while Mrs. West's son is the stepfather of Win-

leave you to guess who I am." Then she

#### KING EDWARD'S ARM IS SORE He and All the Rest of the Royal

Family Submit to Need of Vaccination.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) BONDON, Feb. 1 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-All the mem- send many students abroad. Afterward, bers of the royal family, from the king the dowager and the emperor mingled with down to the prince of Wales' eldest son, the guests, and her majesty conversed have been re-vaccinated. The queen's slight indisposition this week, which prevented have no wish to provide weapons which a her returning from Windsor on the day arpossible radical Parliament might turn to ranged, is attributed to the malaise following vaccination. Lord Rosebery was vaccinated a fortnight ago and it took well. London's smallpox epidemic has been threats of procedure reform to cripple fluctuating, but on the whole it shows an solitaire pearl ring, besides other southeir parliamentary policy have ended in upward tendency. The record of 1,017 cases venirs. smoke. However, they expect to keep the under treatment having been reported this house discussing this scheme for five or week, vaccination is becoming general. Both in the House of Commons and the with an arm in a sling.

Some cases of serious illness in adults Redmond, chairman of the Irish party, on from vaccination are reported. This week a fashionable wedding was postponed be cause the bride fell ill from this cause. It is a remarkable coincidence that in 1838, the year of Queen Victoria's coronation, No penalty this house can impose will London also had a heavy smallpox epidemic, which much interfered with the number of visitors and the size of the

# this parliament. We would far prefer to CHETWYND PLEASES HIMSELF or's death, by testamentary orders. At any

He und His Bride Declare They Are Happy and Were Justified in Their Conduct.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Feb. 1.—(New York World Cablogram-Special Telegram.) - The Chetwynd-Secor marriage has not lost interest for society. The fact that it was diselesed at a dinner party by Sir George Arthur without the permission of either the woman

# IOW AND DOWAGER

ager First of Foreigners to Win China's Buler.

Eccentrio Empress Weeps and Wai's at

Her Reception.

sailor belonging to a yacht was drowned at TELLS THE IOWA WOMAN SHE LAMENTS

Be Hestile.

FUNCTION SACRIFICES ALL TRADITION

Women and Children Freely Greeted

Where None Could Ever Have Entered Before in Such Attitude.

PEKIN. Feb. 1.-The downger empress. the emperor and the empress this afternoon received the ladies and children of the members of the diplomatic corps in the private apartments of the palace. The private audience was the most revolutionary

since the return of the court to Pekin. The exclusiveness of Chinese royalty and the prejudices against the meeting of the sexes was waived and the function was less formal than is usual in European courts. The downger empress occupied the throne with a brilliant assemblage of princesses and court ladies about her. The emperor center of the room. The visitors upon enbowed to the empress dowager. Mrs. Conas doyenness of the party, made a speech, as did Mrs. Williams.

#### Mrs. Conger's Priendly Speech.

Mrs. Conger said: "We heartily congrat-ulate you and the imperial court that the abandon your capitol have been solved. The events of the past two years must have been as painful to you as to the rest of the world; but the sting of the experience may be eliminated by the establishment of franker, more trustful and friendlier relations between the Chinese and other people of the earth. The world is moving forward, the tide of progress cannot be stayed, and it is hoped that China will join with the great sisterhood of nations in the grand march. The recent imperial edicts give promise of great good to your people and

to your vast empire." The dowager empress' reply was exceedfollows: "Last year the dissensions in the palace caused a revolution, which compelled abroad."

who elso shook hands with them. The guests then retired to an antercom.

lows Woman in Trying Place. The dowager empress, entering the room, grasped Mrs. Conger's hand, which she held for some minutes, trembling, weeping and sobbing loudly and exclaiming in broken sentences that the attack upon the legations was a terrible mistake and that she repented it bitterly. In reply Mrs. Conger assured her that the past would be forgotten. Bracelets and rings of great value were then placed on Mrs. Conger's wrists and fingers.

The dowager empress made inquiries regarding the other women who were in Pekin during the siege of the legation, and Mesdames Bainbridge and Morisse, the wives of Secretaries Bainbridge and Morisse of the American and French legations respectively, were presented and warmly greeted. Following the reception a banquet was given. This was spread upon three tables, the dowager empress sitting at the head of the principal table, and Mrs. Conger and Mme. Uchida on either side. The emperor was the only man present, except Chang Tsi, prospective minister from China to Great Britain, who knelt beside the dowager empress and interpreted what she said. The emperor sat at the head of the second table. He and the dowager empress touched glasses with the guests. The dowager empress talked animatedly. She said that China would abandon its policy of isolation and adopt

the best features of western life and would with everyone and particularly noticed the children.

The emperor was addressed through an interpreter and bowed without speaking. The interpreters composed his replies. Every woman of the visiting party was given a pair of jeweled bracelets and a

#### EMPRESS EUGENIE'S MEMOIRS House of Lords one may see members each | She Declares They Are to Include ;

Serious History of Louis Napoleon's Reign.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Feb. 1 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Empress Eugenie's private secretary writes to the World's Paris correspondent from Villa Cyrnos, Cape Martin, on the Riviera: "The empress' memoirs probably will not be published until ten years after the august authrate, they never will be while she lives. The announcement made some time ago

that they would appear soon was a gratuitious supposition of the French newspapers. caused by the empress' request to the government to be allowed to consult documents. in the national archives. "Three octavo volumes have been completed, bringing the work down to 1870 and

the real cause of the Franco-Prussian war. Three experts are kept sorting papers and making extracts from secret official documents in Paris. Two secretaries, besides.

## MANY INSANE IN SIBERIA

camb to Wounds.

JACK IS THE FIRST TO GIVE UP

Ed, Though Worse Injured, Clings to

Life the Longer.

MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST MRS. SOFFEL

Letter of Instructions is Found by the

Officers.

SHE HAS PNEUMONIA AND IS WORSE

New Complications Set in After

Operation is Performed and She

Will Be Left Where

She Is.

flicting stories concerning the chances for

Mrs. Soffel, the unexpected has happened

John Biddle, who until late this afternoon

was considered the more likely of the

an operation this afternoon for the ex-

traction of the bullet. She is the only one

The death of Jack Biddle was caused b

bladder. Earlier the physicians thought

peritonitis was his principal danger, but

arly tonight internal hemorrhage set in

As long as he was able, Jack was extremely

talkative and was at times boastful. But

as soon as the shadow of death began to

The principal subject of conversation on

ous shooting, they could not be removed.

Will Be Given Up.

an understanding was reached with ref-

Women Befriend Him.

Attorney Haymaker said there would be

no division made of the prize money until

the claims of the Butler people had been

man Kahney and Detective Fitzgerald.

had been making preparations to escape.

It appears that Mrs. Soffel fell in love

with Ed Biddle in November. The burglar

soon realized his power over her, and early

in December he proposed to her a plan of

escape. She consented to lend him her aid.

Between December 14 and 16 they had

completed all arrangements to escape from

Soffel was to leave the city for Canada on

Biddle Writes Passionately.

the eye of the news of the escape.

his injuries.

gangrene to set in.

and the man bled to death in a short while

the bullet wounds in his abdomen and

of the trio who has any chance of living.

parent suffering at the close,

Specialist in Brain Affections Pub lishes Startling Details of the High Proportion. Both of Butler's Desperate Prisoners Suc-

(Copyright, 1992, by Press Publishing Co. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Dr. Briantsoff, an eminent specialist in brain affections, publishes startling details regarding the high proportion of insane per sons in Siberia. On this side of the Ural mountains one person in every 500 is weak in mind, in Siberia one in 224.

"To Siberia," he says, "are sent th criminal element of Russian society, the deprayed, the abnormal. Besides, drunken ness is fearfully prevalent. In the prov ince of Tomsk, with an area of 400,000 square miles and a population of 1,500,000, there is accommodation for only eighty insane persons. And such accommodations In other districts it is no better."

Dr. Briantsoff has visited such establishments as exist and says they remind him of some terrible passages in Dante's "Inferno." There is no proper sanitation and the patients often suffer from hunger and extreme cold. Medical attendance there is none, and when the patients are unruly the wardens "employ their own methods.

A new sect baving remarkable tenets is making striking progress among the ignorant Russian peasantry in the valley of the life of the wounded Biddle brothers and middle Volga. They call themselves Pedpolniki, or Dwellers Under the Earth. They bind themselves to care for all fugitives from justice, vagabonds, deserters from the army and other miserable beings, whom they hide away in clefts or holes in rocks. Those among their own people who fall sick are treated in the same way, but are left without food or drink or any care. Every two or three days they visit the sick. was seated upon a small platform in the Should any be dead they are buried secretly, but not before the corpses are baptering bowed twice to the emperor and tized and have received a new name in several of them ascended the throne and order that the soul may appear spotless before the throne of heaven.

## DE BLOWITZ STILL IN HARNESS

World-Famous Bohemian an Activ Newspaper Correspondent at Seventy-Siz.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Feb. 1 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-De Blowitz, long famous as a political writer in Paris and correspondent of the London Times, was not christened De Blowitz, nor is he either Frenchman or an Englishman. His father's name was Opper and he was born Bohemia, at Chateau Blowitz, Pilsen. When he was 35 years old, which was 41 have taken part in many wrong deeds, but years ago, he was given the name of Henri I never killed any man and was never im-France and Germany.

He married Anne Amelie Arrand d'Aquel band. This life has been pretty tough to ingly friendly in tone. It was in part as thirty-six years ago and has two adult me and the end cannot come too quick, daughters. A story was started a short and I don't care how." time ago that he had retired from the servour hasty departure, but it is a great grat- ice of the London Times, for which he ification to us that our return to the capi- had been Paris correspondent thirty years, morrhage of the lungs kept him almost in that state. Details are meager, no tol has caused such rejoicing in China and and that he was to be succeeded by an American from Boston named Fullerton, dies arrived in town this evening and was Baron Czikann, the Austrian minister who had been assisting him. But the LONDON, Feb. 1.—(New York World Ca-blegram—Special Telegram.)—A good story sented all the ladies to the dowager em-report telegraphed v herever the story had The principal s would seem, at any rate, that he is ontitled to rest, for he has just entered his

It has been said of De Blowitz that he knew more powers behind thrones and more of the inside of European politics Biddles were under arrest here for felonithan any monarch or cabinet minister. It certain that men like Bismarck, Leo XIII, the sultan of Turkey, Lobanoff, Thiers, Gambetta and others of that stamp have used him as a mouthplece for highly important utterances affecting all nations. was in giving explanation to such utterpeculiarly an American institution.

#### FEAR OF TOTAL BLINDNESS Hungarian Woman and Austrian

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) woman and an Austrian judge committed suicide because they were appalled by the

Judge Driven to Death by

fear of total blindness. Frau Michaelyung, who lived alone but in Mrs. Soffel is suffering considerably from Louis to bring Ostrum here for trial. comfort in Grosa Wardein, had been told her wound, and the attending physicians avoidable fate. She straightway had a large carving knife sharpened, lay down on her bed and cut her throat so savagely that her head was detached from the body, rolled off the bed and was found on sac floor by those who entered the room in the

morning. Court Councillor VonHolzinger, the most learned, most feared, yet upright judge of the high court of Vienna, blew out his brains. He met all of his friends in the last week of his life, visited all his favorite spots, seemed quite himself all the time, passed his last day precisely as usual and at 12:30 that night went to his office in the courts, locked himself in, wrote a few lines to say that fear of blindness made him wish to end his life and he hoped that his friends would forgive him the brutality of his exit from life, then shot himself.

#### WILL ENTHRALL ROMAN EYES Beautiful Miss Gladys Deacon Takes Trunk Full of Latest Parisian fatuated woman to secure the escape of Fashtons.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Feb. 1 .- (New York World Cadegram Special Telegram ) - The beautiful Miss Gladys Deacon has left Paris for Rome, where she will be the guest of the British ambassador and Lady Currie for he big ball in the embassy next Wednes-Miss Deacon takes with her several trunks full of the latest Parisian fashions wherewith to enthral the eyes of the Ro mans. It is safe to predict that there as everywhere else, she will be the reigning

Lian De Pougy announces that she is be trothed to a wealthy English stockbroker and intends to retire from the stage to devote herself to literature.

The letter in part is as follows: We were seached pretty close today and these fellows would swear on a stack of bibles ten feet high that we could not have had this stuff on us since Saturday. So that you nearly clear yourself of all suspicion without the fellow where you bought the saws would come to the surface. They never could convict you, but some people might suspect you. That would cut no figure. They never could prove it to save their lives. Movement, of Ocean Vessels Feb. 1.

#### THE BEE BULLETIN.

orecast for Nebraska-Fair Sunday and Monday; Warmer Monday; Variable Winds.

- 1 Wedding Gifts Tax the British.
- Downger Weeps Over Mrs. Conger Both of the Biddle Convicts Dead Facts About the Meserve Case.
- 2 School Ma'am Potsoned and Prozen Secretary Shaw Takes the Oath. Depositors May Get Pive Per Cent Sebrasica Abandons Starch Fight
- Woodward Safe in Wyoming Jail Mrs. Potter and Lady Meny's Curse Farmer Burns Wins Exciting Bout
- Reception at the New High School Year of Progress at Public Library 6 Last Week in Omaha Society. Woman's Club and Charity Work.
- 7 South Omaha and Its Affairs. Carnival of Ice and Snow. S Suit for Frand in Council Bluffs
- Effort to Improve fown Quaranting Condition of Business in Omnha. 9 Base Ball Battle Cools Down. to Omaha a Big Implement Market.
- Jali Work of Indian Iron Wing. Douglas County Officers Named. Expense of City Engineer's Office Asks Mandamus in Assessment Sult Union Pacific Reinstates Men.
- 2 Woman; Her Ways and Whims. 13 Amnsements and Musical Notes. BUTLER, Pa., Feb. 1.-At the close of a 14 Editorful and Comment. day of intense excitement and many con-
  - 15 Paise Pire Alarms Prove Costly. Our Coming Guest, Prince Henry, Evolution of the Wonderful West. Biggest Locomotive Ever Achieved ts Commercial and Financial Matters 19 "No Other Way," by Watter Besaut
- brothers to escape present death, succumbed 20 Tax Rate Compares Favorably. at 7:35 p. m. His brother, Ed, who has been unconscious practically all day and who was considered a dying man last night. Hour, Deg. 5 n. m..... 9 Hour. I p. m.,... 10 survived until 11 o'clock, when he, too, m . . . . . . expired. Both men died without any ap-7 m. m. . . . . . 7 3 p. m . . . . . . . A. m..... Mrs. Soffel has developed symptoms of 9 n. m..... 5 p. m ..... pneumonia, after having come safely through

11 n. m. . . . . .

12 m....... 11

# EIGHTY-FIVE ON DEATH LIST

with Corpses-Dust Explosion Cutches 160 Men.

Globe-Democrat from San Antoino, Tex., John B. Meserve.

George Stephane Adolph. Opper de Blowitz. plicated with anyone who did. I wish I explosion. Just how many are deal at this the two last words implies noble rank in could see Mrs. Kahney. I would tell her time is not definitely known, but there are

#### admitted to the jail, but Ed was unable CUDAHY AUDITOR ARRESTED Russell Ostrum Charged with Emhezzlement While Relieving

movel of the Biddles to Allegheny county in the event of either of them surviving egram.)-Russell Ostrum, former traveling The contention was raised that since the auditor of the Cudahy Packing company, under arrest in St. Louis on a charge of embezzling the company's funds, came here on his regular trip last Christmas and Fe-District Attorney John R. Henninger dislieved Cashier Riley in the local office duing a two weeks' vacation. When Riley pelled any doubts on that point this evening, by stating that it was the intention checked up on his return he claimed to Mr. Meserve is alleged to have appropriated discover a cash shortage of \$600. Ostrum consists in interest payments of \$150 per to turn the men over to the Allegheny ances that he became one of the originators authorities, as soon as they were in condi- had disappeared. Manager F. E. Champion of the interview, which is supposed to be tion to be moved with safety and that the of the local branch swore out a warrant for same action would be taken with reference Ostrum's arrest before Justice Edmondson. to Mrs. Soffel. District Attorney John C. and Chief of Police Fuller, under instruct by which this money was drawn is shown Haymaker, Assistant District Attorney tions from Mr. Cudahy at Omaha, began by the fact that the South Omaha Union John S. Robb, and Detective Robert G. search for the missing auditor. Friday he Stock Yards National bank was never Robinson of Allegheny county arrived here learned of Ostrum's presence in St. Louis a state depository during Mr. Meserve's

ference with the county authorities, when out here. erence to the disposition of the prisoners, known only to the few he met while in in the bank, as would be done in natural After a consultation at the hospital in the city as auditor. His antecedents are course of business, Treasurer Meserve seems VIENNA, Feb. 1 .- (New York World Ca- the case of Mrs. Soffel this evening, Dis- unknown here. His home is said to be to have exchanged \$60,000 of the state blegram-Special Telegram.)-A Hungarian trict Attorney Haymaker decided to allow in Omaha. Prior to his trouble he was a school funds for a cashier's check, and the woman to remain here, as her condi- valued and trusted employe. Manager simply to have held the check as one of the tion is such that the trip to Pittsburg to- Champion refuses to discuss the case. Offi- assets of the treasury. There being no night might be attended with fatal results. cers will be sent from Fort Smith to St. account of record, the interest, of course,

#### by the doctor that blindness was her un- fear that her removal now, would cause THEY GET THEIR MONEY BACK Cleveland Franchise Corporations

Benefit by Being Off the Fated List. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 1.-The State Board

heard. The excitement was unabated today and a dense crowd of people hung about the of Tax Remission, consisting of the govjail doors all day trying to get in to see ernor, auditor of state and the attorney the two criminals. The most persistent of general, today remitted the tax placed the crowd were women, many of whom ex- against the Cleveland franchised corporapressed the deepest concern and sympathy tions by the Cleveland Board of Equalizafor Ed Biddle and declared their belief in tion on property aggregating \$17,170,000. his innocence. This belief seemed to deepen They do this because the Board of Equaliwhen it became known that Ed Biddle made zation, in adding this amount to the vala deathbed confession to Rev. Father Walsh pation of the corporations' property apof this place last night, declaring his in- piled the principles of the Nichol law, nocence of the crime of shooting Grocery- which specifically applies to all telephone, telegraph and express companies. The cor-A lost love letter from Biddle to Mrs. porations that get this reduction are the Kate Soffel, found in the snow near the Cleveland Electric Railway company, Clevebloody scene of their capture, reveals the land City Railway company, the Cleveland careful plot for their escape from the Al- Gas Light and Coke company, the Peoples' gathered in by Mr. Meserve every month the legheny county jall. The letter clearly Gas Light company and the Cleveland Elecshows the hazardous undertakings of the in- tric Illuminating company.

#### the Biddles. Since December 2, 1901, they SALARIES GO UP IN LINCOLN Council Increases Pay of Elective Of-

fices and Shears Mayor of Some

of His Power. LINCOLN, Feb. 1 .- (Special Telegram.) The city council tonight passed an ordi- Lancaster county, which is the official seat the jail. Then they learned of the gov- nance raising the salaries of the elective of state government. After the law in the ernor's respite. After this Ed Biddle al. city officials \$300 a year. This brings the case relating to jurisdiction was cleared up. most persuaded Mrs. Biddle to fly with him maximum salary up to \$1,800. Appointive the bill was voted by the full number of and his brother. The contents of the let- officers, exclusive of those in police de- jurors. ter shows it was originally agreed that Mrs. part nept, whose salaries are unchanged,

were given a slight increase, averaging

\$5 a mouth. Fire Chief Clement was raised

from \$1,200 to \$1,500. The council passed over the mayor's veto an ordinance taking away from that official the power to appoint councilmanic committees and placing it in a special committee to be chosen by the council,

#### SENTENCES HOWARD FOR LIFE Judge Cantrill at Frankfort Overrules

Motion for New Trial and Imposes Pennity.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 1 .- Judge Cantrial in the Jim Howard case and sentenced him to imprisonment for life. An Georgetown for safekeeping pending an west would be sufficient for all govern-

## METHOD OF MESERVE

His Deal with South Omaha Stock Yards National Bank.

FACTS BROUGHT OUT SINCE GRAND JURY

Indietment Based on Explanation of Manipulation of School Funds.

INTEREST PAID IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS

Cashier's Checks Used to Cover Up Deposit and Payments.

SOME DETAILS CONCERNING THIS CASE

Exact Language of Charge Filed with True Bill Returned and Oath of County Attorney in Support Thereof.

Notwithstanding the intense interest croused by the indictment by the recent grand jury of J. B. Meserve, former populist state treasurer, for the embezzlement of interest paid on deposits of state school ands, only very meager facts about the ease have so far been in possession of the public. When the indictment was returned Mr. Meserve tried to explain the Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: charge away by saying that it was the result of politics, and that he had accounted for and turned into the treasury all of the funds that were charged up to him on the books. He intimated also that if any part of the school funds had been placed by him in a bank he had done so solely for the purpose of safety and en-

#### tirely without criminal design. Formal Charge Against Him.

While the testimony brought out in the grand jury room has been more than usually well guarded, enough of the story has Mexican Mine Horror Litters a Shaft now come to light to permit a more detailed account of the transactions on which the charge against Mr. Meserve is based. As embodied in the true bill presented to ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1 .- A special to the the grand jury, the effense charged is that

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—A special to the fail upon him and he recognized it he became repentant.

Declares Himself a Christian.

"I know," said he, "that my time here is short, and you can say for me that I am a Christian and was received here tonight.

Hondo mines in Mexico, the news of which have taken part in many wrong deeds, but I never killed any man and was never implicated with anyone who did. I wish I could see Mrs. Kahney. I would tell her the truth about the killing of her husband. This life has been pretty tough to me and the end cannot come too quick, and I don't care how."

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This is sworn to by County Attorney Shields under the following oath: The State of Nebraska, County of Doug-las, ss: I. George W. Shields, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say that I FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 1.—(Special Tel-gram.)—Russell Ostrum, former traveling

County Attorney The witnesses whose names are inscribed on the bill are T. B. McPherson, C. N. Forbes and John C. French, all being connected with the South Omaha Union Stock Yards National bank. The \$3,000 which month, covering a period of twenty months.

How He Worked the Trick. The true character of the transaction at noon today and at 2 o'clock were in con- and ordered his arrest on the warrant sworn | term, nor does its books show any deposit of state money even in this instance. On Ostrum is a stranger in Fort Smith, being the contrary, instead of opening an account was not credited on any deposit fund. Instead, at the end of each month, another cashier's check for \$150, representing the interest at 3 per cent, was drawn by the bank's officers in the name of Mr. Meserve in his individual capacity, and so far as can be ascertained, never passed beyond Mr. Meserve's private resources. It is said that the \$60,000 after first being turned into the bank was, by stipulation, kept there an agreed period of a few months without drawing any interest whatever, and that the payments of \$150 began at the expiration of that period, and continued until the close of Mr. Meserve's term of office. So far as the safety of the fund was concerned, it was, of course, as safe while it was drawing no interest as it was after it

#### began to draw interest. Evidence of Deliberation.

Another point that has been brought out indicating the deliberate plan with which the transaction was executed is that while the interest on this school money was interest paid on the state funds regularly placed in state depositories, is credited up to the state only once every three months It is learned also that while it required seweral votes in the grand jury room to get the number necessary to find a true bill, the questions in dispute were not as to the facts brought out by the evidence, but whether the offender was properly in dictible from Douglas county and should be prosecuted in this county, instead of in

### BRANCH MINT FOR TACOMA House Committee on Coinage Smiles

Encouragingly at Clamorous

Washington City.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 .- The house committee on coinage today acted favorably on the bill appropriating \$200,000 for ertablishing a branch mint at Tacoma, Wash. The general purpose of this new branch is to give added mint facilities for the gold and silver coming from Alaska. Although votes were not taken on bills for other branch mints, the prospects that the establishment of the one at Tacoma will opertrill today overruled the motion for a new late against the establishment of other branches in that section of the country. Director of the Mint Roberts was present order was entered transferring Howard to and stated that one branch in the north-

ment needs.