

OPPOSE CLEMENCY TO RHEA

Delegation from Dodge County Calls on Governor to State Their Side.

GOVERNOR STARTS POLITICAL TALK

Publication of Indebtedness and Assessment Figures a Revelation to Many Banking Corporations Chartered.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 17.—(Special.)—William Rhea, the condemned murderer who is awaiting execution at the penitentiary, was identified this afternoon as the man who under the name of Hamilton, was convicted in Saunders county of burglary and who escaped from jail a few days after being sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor. The governor has promised that this identification will have weight with him in determining whether or not Rhea's sentence should be commuted. He will likely announce his decision tomorrow or next day.

The men who identified the prisoner came with a delegation from Dodge county this morning. Among the members of this delegation were Emil Zahn, brother of the murdered man; Former Representative Barnes and his son, who fired the shot that wounded Rhea as he was attempting to escape after the murder; Judge Barry, the examining magistrate who bound Rhea over to the district court for trial; Sheriff McElroy of Cass county, who has special knowledge of Rhea's career; Judge Siam, Conrad Schneider, George Scott and several others. They arrived at 11 o'clock and went directly to the state house, where they had an interview with the governor.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the delegation, accompanied by R. J. Glancy, private secretary to the governor, went to the penitentiary, and there after a few minutes delay, Rhea was positively identified. First the delegation was shown a convict under sentence for some other crime and were told that he was the man they were looking for. Immediately every man of them gave a negative nod, and a few minutes later another convict was brought forth, but still the men were unsatisfied. Finally Rhea was brought before them and they all recognized him at once.

The delegation then had an interview with the governor after returning from the penitentiary, at which the details of the murder were gone over with exactness. The governor promised to give respectful consideration to everything he had heard and intimated that a decision might be expected soon.

Governor Starts Talk.

In political circles the one theme for discussion since last night has been the planned coup of Governor Savage, by calling a special session of the legislature to consider the revenue laws of the state.

Publication of the figures showing the state's indebtedness for years past, together with railroad assessments, was a revelation. The public has been going on in ignorance, as a general thing, of the true situation. The truth was an unwilling fact hard to realize, but the figures did not lie, and proved beyond a doubt, the seriousness of the situation, demanding immediate attention.

Charters for New Banks.

Secretary Royce of the State Banking Board has issued charters to these two new institutions:

The Center State Bank, Center, Knox county, capital stock, \$4,000; incorporators, E. E. Gilman, S. E. Gilman, R. F. Stetson, E. W. Nelson and Calvin Keller.

The Peoples' bank, Napier, Boyd county, capital stock, \$5,000; incorporators, Wilford Standiford, Emma B. Standiford and J. A. Standiford.

The Beaver Valley Telephone company, Danbury, Red Willow county, has incorporated under the laws of the state. It is capitalized for \$5,000 and its incorporators are Philip Gledin, S. W. Stigeborg, William Sandoz and Clifford Naden.

The Aurora Electric Light, Heat and Power company, Aurora, has also incorporated. Its stock amounts to \$15,000 and its incorporators are Jacob Ewalt, William H. Carr and John E. Pense.

A report of Auditor Weston shows that the amount of risks of fraternal beneficiary associations in Nebraska increased during the year ending December 31, 1901, from \$218,856.07 to \$235,667.85. Losses paid in that period were: For deaths, \$1,330,140; for disability, \$5,851.13; amount received from members was \$1,584,222.63.

Supreme Court Decisions.

The supreme court adjourned the week's sitting tonight, delivering opinions in forty cases. Among the decisions in Omaha and important state cases were: Omaha National bank against Sanders, affirmed; Thurman against Omaha, affirmed; state ex rel Cobb against Paveet, former judgment vacated and writ denied; state ex rel Fleming against Davis, demurrer overruled; Orr against Omaha, affirmed; Omaha Loan and Trust company against Lynch, affirmed; Omaha Loan and Trust company against Wolens, affirmed.

Thomas Re-Elected at Kearney.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 17.—(Special Telegram.)—A. O. Thomas, superintendent of the Kearney public schools, was re-elected by the Board of Education at their recent meeting for the coming year at an increase in salary of \$100 per year. No teachers were elected at this time, which was adjourned subject to the call of the president of the board.

Liquor Salesman Pays Fine.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 17.—(Special.)—Carl Schumacher, on payment of the fine assessed against him in police court here yesterday, was given his liberty. Schumacher, who is a traveling representative of S. Lieberman & Co., wholesale liquor dealers of Kansas City, was found guilty of

MORGAN IN FULL CONTROL

Secures Absolute Authority Over Louisville & Nashville Upon Amicable Terms.

GATES AND BELMONT ARE SATISFIED

Neither Will Oppose Nor Contest Power of Morgan Interests, and Road Will Be Operated Same as Before.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The following authoritative statement respecting the Louisville & Nashville situation was made today by a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.:

The public, as well as the speculative community, should understand these three things:

1. There will be no corner.
2. There will be no contest for control.
3. J. P. Morgan absolutely controls Louisville & Nashville.

The first is assured by Mr. Gates and the manner in which he has disposed of his stock. Belmont's statements are assurances as to the second, and J. P. Morgan & Company are sponsors for the third. Further, Louisville & Nashville will be operated in the future as it has been in the past, and there will be no change.

J. P. Morgan & Company say positively that the present status of the road is the same as it has been heretofore, except that J. P. Morgan controls and directs absolutely and without qualification.

Those who intimate that Mr. Gates might possibly make trouble in the future, or that there is any point to do so, are much mistaken. The only one to be reckoned with in the management of Louisville & Nashville is Mr. Morgan. If that fact is borne in mind there will be no misunderstanding and no need of guessing.

Charles W. Gates, son of John W. Gates, made several trips to the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. during the morning and conferred with Mr. Perkins, Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Morgan's attorney, was closeted with other representatives of the firm and it was reported that all the essential details between Belmont and Gates had been completed. Mr. Belmont had nothing to say for publication. As foretold yesterday, the regular monthly meeting of the Louisville & Nashville scheduled for today was definitely postponed for lack of a quorum.

Suits Against Belmont.

"The statement of J. P. Morgan & Co. seems to be a very thorough summing up of the situation," said August Belmont. "It covers the ground and I have nothing to add to it."

John W. Gates saw Mr. Perkins at noon, but he had nothing to say for publication, except to deny a rumor that a hitch had occurred in the agreement negotiations.

Mr. Gates, when shown the Morgan statement bearing Mr. Belmont's endorsement, said:

"I fully concur with the sentiments expressed in the statement and am glad that they meet with Belmont's approval."

The legal representatives of the former contending interests in Louisville & Nashville met in the afternoon and according to trustworthy reports settled the terms of the agreement. It is not likely that the exact details will be made public as all concerned say the matter is of a private and confidential character.

SHORTEN SOUTHERN PACIFIC

E. H. Harriman Says Object is to Straighten Out Eastern End of Road.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific Railway company, in company with D. O. Mills and W. H. Perry, arrived in the city from Del Monte today. For nearly two hours the railroad president was closeted with several of the Southern Pacific officials.

"I am looking over the property of the road," he said, "and am carefully considering all plans for improvements of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific systems. We have now many improvements under way, the greatest of which is the shortening and straightening of the line of the Southern Pacific along its eastern end. When that work is completed it will mean a great improvement in our transcontinental service. We fully realize the growing commercial importance of the west and every project for the development of California will meet with our hearty support."

Progress of Antilles Sale.

NEW YORK, April 17.—According to the latest rumors concerning the progress of the Antilles sale to the United States, Mr. Koch, who was entrusted with the work of selling the islands, has been successful in securing a sale of a stake along the coast, and ultimately was to be taken, completed his task after six days and got it into print, but the sale of the islands has not yet been found time to show it to his colleagues and the two heads of the other parties.

PROMISE OF THE WEATHER MAN

Fair Weather Friday and Saturday, with Lower Temperature and Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Forecast: For Nebraska and Kansas: Fair Friday and Saturday; cooler Friday; variable winds.

For Illinois—Showers Friday; Saturday fair; variable winds.

For Missouri and Iowa—Showers Friday; Saturday fair; variable winds.

For North and South Dakota—Fair Friday and Saturday; cooler Friday; variable winds.

For Montana, Wyoming and Colorado—Fair Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, April 17.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Maximum temperature..... 71 41 54 70

Minimum temperature..... 44 34 41 52

Mean temperature..... 57 38 50 62

Precipitation..... .00 .00 .00 .00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1902.

Normal temperature..... 55

Excess for the day..... 2

Total excess since March 1..... 11

Normal precipitation..... 11

Deficiency for the day..... 11

Total rainfall since March 1..... 11

Deficiency since March 1..... 11

Deficiency for cor. period, 1901..... 11

Deficiency for cor. period, 1900..... 11

Reports from stations at 7 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

Omaha, clear..... 60 70 20

Valentine, clear..... 61 71 20

North Platte, partly cloudy..... 62 72 20

Cheyenne, clear..... 63 73 20

Salt Lake City, clear..... 64 74 20

Rapid City, clear..... 65 75 20

Huron, cloudy..... 66 76 20

Williston, cloudy..... 67 77 20

Chicago, clear..... 68 78 20

St. Louis, clear..... 69 79 20

St. Paul, cloudy..... 70 80 20

Davenport, clear..... 71 81 20

Kansas City, partly cloudy..... 72 82 20

Harve, partly cloudy..... 73 83 20

Helena, partly cloudy..... 74 84 20

Bismarck, clear..... 75 85 20

Galveston, clear..... 76 86 20

T indicates trace of precipitation.

Local Forecast Official.

The Bargain Circle

Keep your eye on the BARGAIN CIRCLE—a truly built arrangement opposite the silk counter on the main floor. Just fixed in position. On it you'll find clean-cut, indispensable Bennett bargains in Dry Goods, Haberdashery, Parasols and Sunshades, etc., etc. Watch the Bargain Circle. It's as good as a bank book to you.

WHERE QUALITY AND PRICE COUNT WE WIN

R. BENNETT CO.

16th & HARNEY STS. OMAHA.

Miss Brown's Reception

Or the Ball Room Scene on the third floor. The choicest pieces of mechanical dollwork ever shown will be withdrawn Saturday. See it.

On Exhibition

500 Vase by Depot of Dresden, on exhibition on second floor. It is a superb piece of porcelain art. See it, too.

Household economy becomes a real household mint when your trading is done at BENNETT'S.

Subjoined are POSITIVE MONEY-SAVING, QUALITY-RULING SPECIALS never excelled in the history of western merchandising. There's nothing shoddy in any item in any of our departments. There are no job lots, no bankrupt gaspings. Our purchasing is entirely confined to first hand legitimate channels. Our clothing bargains are a stun to competition—are realistic as greenbacks to the buyer, and every garment a bonanza to the wearer. Bargains in clothing, bargains in silk and dress goods, bargains in every department for Friday and Saturday.

Clothing for Boys

3 TO 9 YEARS—9 TO 10 YEARS.

Bennett's Good Clothing.

BARGAIN SPECIAL—Ladies, in our new clothing department we have some extra good values. You be the judge. New suits from the factory—the rest you know.

\$3.00 values at 1.45
\$3.50 values at 1.95
\$4.00 values at 2.45

Still better ones in the same proportion. All the newest and latest styles. EVERY SUIT GUARANTEED.

In the Dry Goods Dept.

Continual introduction of new goods. This entire department undergoes daily transformation. Come tomorrow. Money saving opportunities for securing everything desirable and dependable in the whole line of dry goods all here in speaking quantities.

Cotton Towels, each 1c
200 dozen 5c cotton Towels, each 1c
Children's fine quality of tan cotton, Hose for boys and girls, A good 10c Stocking at, per pair 10c
Ladies' fancy Hose in cotton and list thread, Hose in this lot worth 25c per pair; in our bargain sale, per pair 25c
Dress Lawns, all pretty colorings and styles, 3c values; in our great bargain sale, per yard 4c
100 pieces of new Batiste wash goods, nobby patterns, a line 3c wash goods; in our great bargain sale, per yard 6c
Remnants of 15c Chambray, in our great bargain sale, per yard 10c
Remnants of Apron Gingham, 5c quality for, per yard 5c
Remnants of Dress Gingham, worth 10c; in our great bargain sale, per yard 7c

Among the Millinery

Feminine charms find unflinching stimulus in Bennett's dainty millinery. Every desirable millinery expression is here. Have a saunter through this fascinating salon and see the pretty headgear Friday.

SPECIAL NO. 1. Very attractive Hat, prettily trimmed, all colors, lace and flowers 2.25

SPECIAL NO. 2. Hand-made Hats, trimmed with lace, metallic and silk and velvet flowers, 2.98

SPECIAL NO. 3. Straw rim, Jet crown, trimmed with chiffon, a dream indeed; an irresistible bargain 4.98

A Watch Special

In the Jewelry Dept

Ore Silver Watch,

\$2.75

A genuine 7 jeweled American Century movement, in 18 size ore silver screw case.

Guaranteed time keeper.

Food Demonstration.

Main Floor—Center.

There's always something of special interest to the housekeeper here: specialties as shown in their properly prepared form. Watch out for these tid-bits. They're always nice.

Furniture Department.

The "Home Beautiful" is only possible with present day furniture art. Our standard qualities fascinate and allure, and our extremely low prices smooth out the problem. Big bargains:

COMBINATION BOOK CASE AND DESK (like cut) beautiful one-quarter golden oak, nicely carved, French beveled plate mirror, piano polish finish, at only—

9.98

SIDEBOARD—(exactly like cut) golden oak finish, 48 inch base, beveled plate mirror, lined silver drawer, two swell front top drawers, handsomely carved. Worth \$20.50, at—

14.18

BENNETT'S SPECIAL BOX COUCH—Full set best tempered steel springs, coverings extra heavy denim, beautiful colors and design, nicely lined, all the Bennett's substantial quality on sale at—

9.75

At the Mammoth Grocery.

There's sustained appetite here. Your table providing is incomplete without those aids to health and comfort of which our What-to-Eat Exposition is positively the highest type.

Full Weight Milk—per can 10c

Lemon Extract—per can 5c

Canned Corn—per can 8c

Standard Tomatoes—per can 11c

Sliced Peaches—per can 10c

Assorted Pickles—American pints—per bottle 10c

Prepared Mustard—per bottle 5c

Early June Peas—per can 10c

Marron Fat Peas—soaked—per can 7c

String Beans—per can 8c

Good Bread—large loaf 4c

Remnants of plaid Dress Goods, worth 25c; in our bargain sale, at each 12c

200 remnants of Shirting Calicos, the 5c quality; in our bargain sale, at each 1c

Remnants of pretty Lawns, Swisses and Madras, the 2c goods; in our bargain sale, per yard 10c

Remnants of Percales, the 10c quality; in our bargain sale, at 9c

Oriental Pillow Tops, very pretty and cheap at 10c each; in our bargain sale, at each 6c

Ladies' white Jersey Ribbed Vests, in all sizes; in our bargain sale, at each 5c

Marguerite Corset Covers, tucked yoke and hemstitched ruffle, a great bargain at 40c each; in our great bargain sale, each 25c

Fine quality of Corded Wash Silks, the kind you have to pay 40c for; in our great bargain sale, per yard 25c

In the Shoe Dept.

Pretty shoes at prices that talk.

Misses' fine kid lace, patent tip, heavy sole, extra fine \$1.75

Misses' patent leather, cloth top, button, very dressy \$1.50

A fine line of child's and misses' Strap Sandals—from 6c to \$1.25

Also a fine line of child's and misses' Oxfords—from 8c to \$1.25

A fine line of infants' Soft Sole Shoes—all colors—6c and 25c

Children's 7c Dong. Button Shoes—good value 50c

Children's 8c Patent Leather, fixed kid shoes 85c

Children's 10c Dong. Button Baby Shoes 85c

Children's Dong. lace S. H. patent tip—\$1.25 and \$1.50

Children's kid welt lace patent tip shoes—worth \$2.00 \$1.75

Misses' fine kid patent tip Lace Shoes—worth \$2.00 \$1.75

Cigars! Cigars!

Clear Havana.

Normal 10c Cigar 5c

50 for \$2.40

Portion 5c Cigar 4c

50 for \$1.90

Beauty Bouquet 50c

25 Cigars for 1.25

Pro Bonn 17c

Smoking Tobacco—Old Style—eight-ounce packages 9c

Drummond's Natural Leaf—10c cut for 5c

Per pound 7c

All the leading brands carried in our Cigar Department. Clear Havana and domestic.

Cob Pipes—2c Pipe 1c

Cob Pipes—2c Pipe 21c

Fine assortment of French Briar Pipes—up from 15c

In the Carpet Department

Third Floor.

All wool Rug fringe, any color, 4 inches wide, special, per yard 8c

Heavy Pillow Cord, all colors, per yard 9c

Carpet covered Hammocks, good size, special for Friday 15c

SPECIAL! SPECIAL! Odd Lace Curtains, full size, each 49c

Crockery Specials

Special Bargains.

Fancy decorated Crystal Water Sets 1.15

Old Blue Teacups and Saucers—set of six 55c

Old Blue Bowls 7c

Old Blue Plates 7c

Gold Spray Plates 10c

English enamel green and gold Teacups and Saucers—set of 6 75c

Dinner Plates to match 8c

Handled Crystal Olive Dishes 8c

Open Crystal Pickle Dishes 5c

Extra large Crystal Fruit Bowls—imitation cut 14c

Medium Crystal Fruit Bowls—imitation cut 9c

Twenty-inch Blue and Floral Vases 38c

Teas and Coffees

Teas, only the best values offered, per lb 38c

Coffee, fresh roasted daily, splendid cut, per lb 12c

Bennett's Capital Coffee, very delicious, 1-lb. pkg. 28c

At the Candy Counter