HOLDS AGAINST SETTLERS

Assistant Attorney General Decides Case generally reported in the Mississippi and Involving Residents of Nebraska.

TERMINAL BRIDGE BILL FINALLY PASSES

Request Made to Postoffice Depart. ment to Establish a Branch Office at Live Stock Exchange in South Omaha.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, May 13 .- (Special Telegram.)-It is stated at the Interior department that Assistant Attorney General Van Devanter is about to decide against the settlers on indemnity school lands in Nebraska on account of the failures of the Board of Educational Lands and Butidings refusing to accept the act recently passed by the legislature quieting the title of settlers. Senator Millard, who has been interested in the case of A. H. Blair against the State of Nebraska, involving rights of settlers to take in lieu lands in settlement of their claims against the government, has asked the secretary of the interior to postpone his decision until he can make another trial to bring the members of the Board of Educational Lands and the settiers together upon some basis satisfactory to both parties in interest.

Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger has informed Senator Millard that proposed star route from O'Neill to Prancis, Neb., and ending at Bartlett has been deemed impracticable on the part of the department, but proposals have been sent out inviting bids for carrying mails on a separate route from Bartlett to Francis three times a week and by a schedule to rain is needed to germinate the late make proper connection with the mail from O'Neill to Francis. Proposals were also sent out today inviting bids for carrying the mail from Almeria by Moulton and Perguson to Brewster six times a week, including depositing mail in boxes along the route.

Terminal Bridge Bill Passes.

The bill extending the time which the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company shall have to complete its bridge across the Missouri river between Council Bluffs and Millard moving to concur in the house. Ohio valley and middle Atlantic states. amendments, which provide that the bridge must be kept open to foot passengers and vehicle travel. Senator Millard stated that the Illinois Central railroad desired that the bridge should be built for railway usage only, but as it was impossible to secure this concession from those interested in the development of East Omaha, the officlais of the terminal company were compelled to accept the compromise and, realtring nothing better could be had, the senator stated he had nothing else to do but to accept the house amendment.

Senator Gamble's bill providing for the payment of 5 per cent of the net proceeds of the sale of public lands within the public land states to the respective states was under consideration today by the senate committee on public lands. In view of the wide diversity of interest which the discussion brought out the bill was laid over un-

Branch Postoffice for South Omaha. Representative Mercer has requested the Postoffice department to establish in the mission of mercy it had to pass through exchange building at South Omaha a clouds of burning cinders at the risk of branch station to be known as station A. catching fire in order to reach the terror-This is the first branch station which South stricken people ashore. But, as already an-Omaha has asked, and mail will be distrib- nounced, she succeeded in bringing to this uted from that station to the occupants of the Exchange building the same as is now

Representative Hedge of the First Iowa mously renominated.

The nomination of Benjamin Johnson to be consul at Celba, Honduras, was sent to milk, wine and cheese. the senate today. Mr. Johnson is a former resident of Vanburen county, Iowa, and has been consul at Utilia, Honduras, for a amounted to 2,000,000 france, has been the properties of years, but as Utilia is in the interior and Mr. Johnson has desired a transpublic treasury at St. Pierre is still buried sufferers from the recent catastrophes in been given him.

Postal Matters.

Rural free delivery service will be established on July 1 as follows: In Iowa-Lake City, Calhoun county, two routes, area covereed forty-eight square miles. population served 925, carriers S. Gonding and James R. Jones; Maynard, Fayette dounty, two routes, area thirty-eight square miles, population 1,050, carriers J. Blethem and M. E. Bing; Murray, Clarke county, two routes, area fifty-two square miles, population \$83, no carriers named; Newburg, Jasper county one route, area thirty-four square miles, population 450, no carriers named; Rockwell City, Calboun county, six routes, area 129 square miles, population 2,435, no carriers named. J. P. Janda has been appointed postmas

ter at Vodassay, Bonhomme county, S. D., vice Frank Sediacek, resigned.
The comptroller of the currency has authorized the Redfield National bank of Redfield, S. D., to begin business with

The Iowa National bank of Dea Moine has been approved as reserve agent for the First National bank of Charles City, Ia. Dr. J. B. Mansheld has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Sac City,

Civil service examinations will be held at Webster City, In.; Mitchell, Yankton Watertown, S. D., on May 28 for positions of clerk and letter carriers in postoffices in

CROP AND WEATHER REPORT Vegetation Held Back in Many Sec

tions by Unfavorable Citmatic Conditions.

WASHINGTON, May 13.-The weather passed resolutions expressing sympathy bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

From the upper Mississippi eastward to propriation yesterday of the United States the New England and Middle Atlantic coast congress for the sufferers by the Marti- sort are extremely particular as to what the combustion would become complete. states the week was decidedly cold and nique disaster; President Roosevelt's mesunfavorable to growth, with light to heavy sage recommending a vote of half a milfrosts, causing much damage to fruit in lion deliars for that purpose; the action the northern portion of the middle Atlan- of the United States government in distic states and in New England. The patching war vessels and food supplies to temperature conditions in the southern states, Missouri valley and throughout the Rocky Mountain districts were favorable. Drouth continues in Florida and over por- government leader. A. J. Balfour, whether, tions of the east gulf and south Atlantic states and rain is noted in the Ohio and the fact that a British colony suf-

Rains have effected relief locally in the sure that a vote in this connection would middle and southern Rocky Mountain districts, but more is needed in those sec-The greater part of upper lake regions and portions of the upper Mississippi, upper Missouri and Red river of the the cabinet, but he had no statement North valleys are suffering from excessive

make. Mr. Balfour had never heard of moisture. Owing to excessive rains little or no in the parliament. Of course, everybody corn has yet been planted in Minneacta felt the extraordinary gravity of the situ and Wisconsin and planting has been deation and the tremendous suffering caused

Headache Billioneness, sour stomach, constipa-Hood's Pills The non-irritating catharite. Price 25 cents of all druggists or by mail of C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

layed in South Dakota and northern Iowa. HALF MILLION FOR CHARITY but generally throughout the central valleys and middle Atlantic states this work has made rapid progress. Good stands are

past week has not been unfavorable to

winter wheat and generally the crop has

made satisfactory progress, the least

favorable reports being received from the

Ohio valley and middle Atlantic states,

while a decided improvement is reported from Nebraska. The crop has made slow

growth in the Ohio valley and middle At-

lantic states, but has advanced rapidly in

the lower Missouri vafley, in the southern

portion of which it is now heading. Lodg-

ing is threatened in portions of Missouri.

The North Pacific coast region has ex-

perienced a week highly favorable to the

wheat crop, which is much improved in

that section. The crop continues in mod-

Oats harvest has begun in South Caro-

lina and the crop is ripening in Texas.

while eeeding continues in the northern

central valleys, but has deteriorated in the

Very encouraging reports respecting cot-

ton are received from all parts of the

destructive in New York, where peaches

Further improvement in the condition of

meadows is indicated in the states of the

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disaster she heard a loud report and there-

upon fainted. When she regained her

senses a few hours later ahe was horribly

burned and, glancing around, saw two mem-

bers of the Dabriel family still alive, but

The work of succoring the refugees con-

When the cable repair ship, Bouler-

Queertier, Captain Thieron, started on its

The specie found in the vanits of the

consumed everything beneath it

Cargo of Supplies on Diste.

to his department for food supplies. There

will be over 400 tons, consisting of tea,

rice, coffee, codfish, hard bread, chicken

soup, evaporated milk, bacon, salt, sugar,

vinegar, ham and pepper. Ahout \$5,000

worth of medicines from the medical de-

The French Chamber of Commerce

Dutch Warship to Lend Aid

THE HAGUB, May 12 .- The governmen

of the Netherlands has ordered the Dutch

warship Koningia Regentes to proceed

from the island of Curacoa, Dutch West

Indies, to the island of Mastinique at full

speed in order to assist the sufferers from

Both chambers of the states general have

LONDON, May 12 .- The munificent ap-

Martinique, etc., were drawn altention to

in the house of commons today by John

Dillon, Irish nationalist, who asked the

in view of the action of the United States

fered so greatly, Great Britain intended

to adopt similar relief measures. He was

Mr. Balfour's reply was not calculated to

satisfy public opinion. He said the mat-

ter had been under the consideration of

vote of such a character being suggested

by the appalling calamity. Every assist-

ance that could be given locally by the

Mr. Dillon gave notice that he would

recur to the subject tomorrow. His sug-

restions were warmly approved by the

ROME, May 13.-King Victor Emmanuel

raised for the relief of the sufferers from the Martinique disaster.

this city has raised \$3,000, which will be

partment also will be taken.

sent direct to Martinique.

the Mount Pelee outbreak.

be carried unanimously.

government will be given.

with France.

the catastrophe.

tinues incessantly.

metres thick.

South Dakota.

planted.

killed.

and not forming well.

Senate Adds Three Hundred Thousand Dol-Missouri valleys, but cutworms are imlars to Martinique Fund. pairing the stands in the Ohio valley and

Tennessee. In Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas the crop has made rapid growth and much has been laid by in Texas. The WILL HASTEN SUPPLIES TO THE NEEDY

President Issues Appeal and Appoints a Committee to Receive and Forward Contributions from the Public.

WASHINGTON, May 13.-An additional appropriation of \$300,000 was made by the senate today for the stricken people of the French West Indies, in accordance with the recommendation of the president that \$500,-000 be appropriated.

The agricultural appropriation bill was passed and Mr. Stewart of Nevada, in supporting the Philippine bill, warned the mierate condition in central and northern pority that no political gain would accrue California, but is in poor shape in the to them from their attack on the army. southern part of the state: Spring wheat The American people, he said, had always in the south is making good progress, supported the army and always would. He owing to continued rains much of the crop declared that for us now to take down the is yet to be sown, not more than half the American flag from the Philippines would intended acreage having been sown in be a national disgrace.

White discussing the proposed coinage of the silver dollar for the Philippines Mr. Stewart declared that the sliver question in this country was dead, at least for the district. This crop has made generally present, on account of the large output of satisfactory progress in the states of the gold.

Plans Are Comprehensive.

east gulf states, where it is heading low So comprehensively laid were the plans fore the passage of the joint resolution providing for the relief of the volcano sufcotton belt, with the exception of Plorida ferers, that there was really very little reand portions of the central districts, where maining for the officials to do today. The plans of the commissary department,

made after careful consideration of the The frosts of the 10th were damaging to news dispatches from the Antilles, contemfruit in the upper Ohio valley, over the plate the supply of 40,000 rations for fournorthern portion of the middle Atlantic teen days. states and in New England, being most The quartermaster's department is pur-

chasing clothing supplies for 40,000 people and apples probably were extensively and the medical department is working in proportion in its purchases. In the Navy department the carefully planned relief measures were being carried forward systematically and rapidly

Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, the lake regions and New England, but less Buffalo has been ordered to be put in readi-Omaha passed the senate today. Senator favorable reports are received from the ness for immediate use as a food and supply transport, in case it should be decided to send more supplies than Dixle will carry. Action has not yet been taken GRAPHIC STORY OF TRACEDY upon Admiral Bradford's suggestion that water tenders be sent to Martinique to relieve the pressing need for fresh water. The admiral is anticipating the acceptance

of the plan and has accordingly telegraphed to Pensacola and Norfolk to have the tenders at those places made ready for immediate use

Excellent Fleet of Colliers.

The equipment bufeau, of which he is they died before assistance could reach the head, has a small but excellent fleet of large colliers, and the admiral has suggested to Secretary Moody that these Mme. Laurent, although she lived for some time after being taken to the hospital and ships are, by virtue of their great carrying was conscious while under the care of the capacity, excellently adapted to relief physicians, died without being able to im- work. Each of the ships carries from 2,000 to 3,000 tons of supplies. part any additional information concerning

There is no lack of indications of spontaneous offerings from all parts of the lie of Cuba \$12,000 a year, but that they country. Today a telegram was received from the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce asking the State department if private contributions would be received and how they ahould be addressed. Similar messages came from other points.

The department has as yet made no response. A meeting of the executive comport 456 people, mainly former residents mittee of the Red Cross has been called at of the village of Le Precheur. This was on Saturday last. Since then the steamer, as the suggestion will be made that private distributed from the main office.

Effective July 1 clerk hire for the Blair postoffice will be increased from \$160 to postoffice will be increased from \$160 to \$420 per year.

Saturday last. Since then the steamer, as contributions be turned over to this agency. An original suggestion came from a New York commission house in the shape of a Cullom. persons and piloted the French cruiser letter proffering 1,000,000 pounds of rice district returned from his congressional Suchet and the Danish steamer Valkyrien, at cost price and duty free to the govern-convention today, where he was unant- which took on board 1,500 persons. The Pouyer-Queertier has distributed to able to make this offer by reason of the the sufferers large quantities of biscuits, fact that the rice is still in bond.

President Issues Appeal to Public. The following was issued from the White bank of Martinique, at St. Pierre, House this afternoon:

under a layer of lava about six to eight Martinique and St. Vincent. The gentlemen appointed from each city will be asked The path of the voicanic torrent which to collect and receive the funds from their swept over St. Pierre is marked out in a localities and neighborhoods as expedistrange manner. The vicinity of the tiously as possible and forward them to shore where vessels anchored was swept Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of New by a whirlwind of volcanic gas, which York committee, which committee will act tore and shattered everything in its as a central distributing point for the passage, but left few traces of cinders be- country. The president directs all the postbind. On the other hand the fort center masters throughout the country and reand adjoining parts of St. Pierco are bur- quests the presidents of all the national ied under a thick layer of cinders, which banks to act as agents for the collection of contributions and to forward the same at once to Mr. Bliss at New York.

The postmasters are also directed to re-NEW YORK, May, 18 .- The work of port to the postmister general within ten loading the United States steamer Dixie days any funds collected on this account. with stores for the Martinique sufferers is proceeding as rapidly as possible. Most of the \$20,000 allotted to the quartermas-The president appeals to the public to contribute generously for the relief of whose names have not appeared, and while those upon whom this appalling calamity has fallen and asks that the contributions ter's department was spent for women's and children's clothing and for tents, be sent in as speedily as possible. Major D. L. Brainard of the subalstence gentlemen designated on the several comdepartment has expended the \$75,000 given mittees are requested to act at once.

List of Committees.

The following are the committees New York-Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, reasurer; Morris K. Jessup, John Claffin, acob H. Schiff, William R. Corwins. Boston-Mogus Hemenway, Dr. Henry Pritchards.

1 Pritchards.

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2 Provost Charles C. Harrison, Joseph G. Darlington, Clement A. Griscom, John H.

Baltimore—James A. Gary. Washington—Charles C. Glover. Pittsburg—A. G. Logan, H. C. Frick. Buffalo—John G. Milburn, Car

INSIDE THE GROCERY. Some Facts Made Known,

It is often thought that grocers really high above where the naphtha flowed. Inhave very little care regarding the food stead of burning upward the ignited fumes value of the articles they sell, but the real facts are that grocery keepers of the right of supply of the running naphtha and then they recommend.

One of the fraternity relates a tale. the matter thoroughly and would announce "The highest priced coffee on the market his finding and decision in a few days. I introduced to my customers and used The officials of the Panhandle road fear myself. I began to have billous attacks a worse explosion than the one which and after a little observation attributed wrought so much damage yesterday. A them directly to coffee. Every time I left danger line has been established 500 yards off drinking it I got better, but I felt the on all sides of the burning wreckage and

the railroad police are keeping the curious need of a warm drink for breakfast. Along in '96 a wholesale grocer urged crowd back. me to put in some Postum Food Coffee! A few feet below the burning wreckage in my store, which I did with considerable the big thirty-six-inch main of the Philamisgiving, for, at that time, the now fa- delphia company, which comes from the gas fields in the southwestern portion of the Postum was not so well known. He urged me to try it myself, which i did state, and which supplies the McKees Rocks

and was disgusted with the flat, tasteless and lower Allegheny districts with natural beverage, so was my wife. I remembered gas, lies. the wholesale grocer said something about following directions carefully, so I took the great yesterday that some of the joints, or package and studied it. I at once discover- even the pipe itself, might have been damed that we had not boiled it long enough, aged, and if such is the case the gas which only three or four minutes, but it must be is under pressure will soon force its way polled 15 minutes at least, so we tried it through and another terrific explosion wil again, with the result that we got a perfect cup of coffee, a delightful and healthful beverage. I have continued the use of the Sheraden station and Cork's run in the Postum in my home ever since. We use Sheraden yards. This is still a mass of

it for breakfast, dinner and supper. My billious attacks quickly left and I chandise. Little headway is being made to am free from them altogether. I began extinguish the fire, owing to the fact that ROME. May 13.—King Victor Emmanuel to explain to my custemers something of the entire wreekage is saturated with has contributed 25,000 lire to the fund being the value of Postum Coffee and now have naphtha and serosene and then fresh vola very large trade on \$." Name given by umes of flame continue to shoot out from various portions of the smouldaring roins Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Livingood of Elverson, Pa., who have been married 65 years, say Duffe's Pure Malt Whiskey has prolonged their happy union many years beyond the three score and ten.



MR. ADAM LIVINGGOD, 95 years old.

Mr. Livingood is 91 years and his wife is 84. They are both hale and hearty and feel vigorous as a couple 50 years of age. Reading, Pa., Feb. 15th, 1902. DUFFY MALT WHISKEY CO.,

Rochester, N. Y.: Gentlemen-I take great pleasure in writing to you telling the benefit I am deriving from the use of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. I have been taking it in small quantities every morning and evening for a number of years. I am 91 years old and in excel-lent health, good appetite and am doing my own farm work. I know your whiskey is giving me renewed strength and prolonging my life. I feel as well todays as ten years ago and I feel as if I will yet pass the century mark. I would earnestly recommend it to all old people. It was recommended to me and has proven a blessing. My wife is 84 years old and never falls to take a dose of this Whiskey on retiring. She is also in perfect health. ADAM LIVINGOOD. Elverson, Chester County, Pa.



DUFFY'S PURE MALT WHISKEY

IS THE TRUE ELIXIR OF LIFE.

It has prolonged many thousand lives as it has Mr. and Mrs. Lavingood, and there is no other medicine in the world which will of the War department yesterday, even be- keep the system in normal condition, prevent the decay of the tissues, strengthen the heart action and enrich the blood like Duffy's Pur. Mait Whiskey. It cures grip, ensumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, malaria, dyspepsia and invigorates the brain. It makes the old young; keeps the young strong. Do not fill your body full of drugs and medicines which poison the system. Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is the only

whiskey recognized by the government as a medicine. This is a guarantee. It is absolutely pure and contains no fusel oil. It is prescribed by over 7,000 doctors and used exclusively in over 2,000 hospitals. It is the only reliable and absolutely pure stimulant and tonic. It has saved the lives

Mather. Cincinnati-Jacob M. Schmidt, Briggs S

Cunningham.
Chicago—J. J. Mitchell, Marvin Hughitt,
Marshall Field, Graeme Stewart.
Milwaukce—F. G. Bigelow, Charles F.
Plister, Fred Pabst.
Minneapolis—Thomas Lowry, J. J.

Shevelin. St. Paul-Kenneth Clark, Theodore Schur.

neir.

Detroit—Don M. Dickinson.

St. Louis—Charles Parsons, Adolphus
Busch, Robert S. Bookings.

Louisville—Thomas Bullitt.

Atlanta—Robert J. Lowry.

Kansas City—W. B. Clark, Charles Camp-

ell. Omaha—John C. Wharton, Victor B. laldwell. Denver—D. H. Moffatt.

Conference Report Adopted.

Mr. Cullom presented the conference re-

port on the Cuban diplomatic and consular

forces had agreed to the amendment mak-

ing the salary of the minister to the repub-

would not agree to the amendment provid-

Mr. Hoar inquired what title was given to

"I thought we had been told," facetiously

remarked the Massachusetts senator, that

when the American flag once had been

raised over territory it always would 'stay

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Despite the fact that the rain came pour

Sheraden today, the scene of the disaster.

The Sheraden yards lie between two hills.

Lined upon these hills were thousands

It is a common sight in Sheraden this

morning to see people with heads and hands

bandaged on the porches, in the streets

and at the wreck. Many were burned

they are not seriously hurt they are suffer-

Regarding the big main beneath the burn-

ing wreckage it is feared that the intense

heat from the fire will get down to the

pipes if the fire is not soon extinguished.

breaks it is feared that the intense heat

might, and this is the reason that the

officials are zealous in their efforts to get

the flames subdued. The freight in the

Opinions as to Cause.

Superintendent McCarthy of the Pan-

handle Raliroad company was asked this

norning regarding his theory for the cause

of the explosion. He replied that as yet

he had not decided what caused the ex-

plosion. The people about the place seem

to think that the leaking naphtha caught

fire from a switch lamp or the fire box of

one of the engines. They hold that the

naphtha need not come in direct contact

with a light, but that fumes rising from it

would catch from a light even if it was

would follow the column down to the base

Mr. McCarthy said he would investigate

It is feared that the concussion was so

About twenty cars are piled up between

flame. In this there are all kinds of mer-

follow.

Two

caused any

gas main became known in the city.

majority of this is charred rags.

ing more or less pain.

If the concussion has not

debris is a complete loss.

ried to them.

the Cuban government in the bill.



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Boware of imitations and so-called make

whiskeys. These imitations and substi-

tutes are cheap preparations which are

FREE-Two game counters suitable for suchre, whist, etc., which are a novelty, sent free to anyone on receipt of four cents to cover postage. DUFFY MALT WHISKEY CO., Rochester, N. Y.

Cleveland-Myron T. Herrick, Samuel BANKERS DISCUSS BUSINESS

Noted Financiers Attend the Convention and Talk on Important Topics.

BRANCH BANKING IS CONSIDERED

Horace White Advocates the System, While Henry W. Yates of Omaha Speaks in Opposition

to It.

KANSAS CITY, May 13 .- Bankers associations of Kansas and Missouri and Oklahoma and Indian Territory met in joint bill. He explained that the house conconvention here today and with many eastern financiers of note present, listened to addresses on various topics. Five hundred delegates attended the different sessions, ing \$2,000 a year for the minister's house which will be continued tomorrow. The different associations held separate meetrent or for that making provision for an ings in the forenoon, gathering in joint additional consul. The senate conferees session in the afternoon and closing the therefore had yielded as to those two day with a reception at Convention hall. amendments. The report was agreed to.

At the morning meeting of the Missouri association Gordon Jones of St. Joseph, "The republic of Cuba," replied Mr. Cul- president of the state association, delivered his annual address, during which he said to remove the last vestige of doubt further legislative measures were contemplated. He was glad that coupled with this purpose an effort was being made to give the country an entirely new system of banking.

Expansion Idea Popular.

"The expansion idea," said President Jones, "has found favor in the minds of many able financiers, and the promoters of progressive banking are urging the passage of laws giving the banking business more extended privileges." road, and the unfortunate ones were car-

Mr. Jones spoke in favor of an elastic currency and also dwelt on the advantages ing down all morning, thousands went to that would be gained by this part of the country, financially and otherwise, through treigation of the arid lands of the west.

Thomas B. Paton of New York, editor o watching the crews of the wreck trains at the Banking Law Journal, delivered an work. Passenger trains are gliding by address before the Missourians on "The the wreck quickly since the news of the Evolution of Banking Law."

Mr. Paton spoke on the laws which govflatcars lie on the siding covered with ern the business dealings of bankers. He clothing picked up during the night. The showed that the formation of the law governing bills, notes, checks and the dealings of bankers is the result of a peculiar process. It consists of a body of rules which have been built up piecemeal judicial decisions founded on custom. It has grown out of the disputes of men. The process originated in England and has coninued in the various states since the American revolution.

Conflict of State Laws.

Mr. Paton pointed out many instances of conflict of state laws and showed, as the result of the present condition of the law made up so largely of independent and antagonistic state rules, that great losses are caused to the mercantile and banking community and that commercial transactions between the states are hampered.

Of late years the condition of the law governing bills, notes and checks when used in interstate deals has been improved by the enactment of the uniform negotiable Instruments law, which, up to date has been enacted in seventeen of the states and territories, besides the District of Colum-

The improvement and unification of the laws upon other matters, not covered by the national instrument, which enter into the interstate dealings of bankers and merchants must be hoped for in the course of time, when all the state legislators act in uniform accord, and when all the judges come to think alike. In the afternoon all the sessions met in

oint session in the Grand opera house. This session was taken up with a discussion of the topic, "Branch Banking." White, editor of the New York Evening Post, who was the first speaker, took stand in favor of branch banks. He said in part: Advantages of Branch Banking.

There is a wide diversity of opinion in There is a wide diversity of opinion in this country as to the advisability of branch banking and this diversity exists largely among bankers themselves. The doctrinaires, the college professors, the economists, are generally in favor of branch banking. They are not, however, so far as I know, in favor of forcing that system upon the national bankers against their will. Patriotism is not concerned in

promoting it. Some people think that patriothem is concerned in epposing it and that branch banks, if permitted to exist, will destroy American liberty. Such persons do right to oppose it. Those who think that it would be, on the whole, a wise policy for the country agree that they have no special claim upon the public attention, and I, for one, do not believe that branch banking will ever be adopted by congress until the majority of bankers acquiesce in it. acquiesce in it.

Any plan for obtaining a real credit our-

Any plan for obtaining a real credit currency, credit based upon the assets of the banks, must be referred to the traditions, habits and experience of the American people. The smallest change vonsistent with the end to be accomplished will be the one most likely to succeed.

The advantages of branch banking are briefly these: Other things being equal, two banks joined together are stronger than one, and three are stronger than one, and three are stronger than one, and three are stronger than two.

For this reason the public has more confidence in the union of banks than the same number of banks taken separately. Branch banking would, therefore, improve the credit of the banks so allied and increase their deposits.

the credit of the banks so alled and increase their deposits.

Branch banking would reduce the expense of banks and accrue to the customers in the form of lower rates of interests it would tend to uniform interest rates; it has the advantage of extending to small places the security assured by the strength of the parent institution; it affords facilities for communicating knowledge of the relative needs of business in the different localities. Branch banking is bound to come; you can't stop it.

Yates Opposes Branch Banks, Henry W. Yates of Omaha, president of the Nebraska National bank, spoke in op-

position to branch banks, saying in part: position to branch banks, saying in part:

We are all conscious of the weaknesses which prevail in our banking system, and we are desirious of having them removed and the system strengthened and improved in any manner that good judgment and wise experience will dictate. But it does not follow from this that we should conclude that our banking system is so utterly bad that the only remedy for the situation is its entire extinguishment and the creation in its place of another system. This is what I believe would result from the passaga of a law which would establish among us the monarchical British and continental systems of large central banks with numerous branches.

tinental systems of large central banks with numerous branches.

Two features of the bill reported by the banking and currency committee of the house-freedom from capital and from taxation-would seem to settle the question against the independent banks. The system as proposed would destroy them.

Judged by the actual work performed and service rendered, the conclusion was inevitable that the American system of banking, notwithstanding its admitted imperfections, its short comings and its weaknesses, which in time may all be remedied, is superior to any system of banking in the world.

This sw-called reform in banking is pro-

This se-called reform in banking is proposed and urged by well-meaning men, but men who in almost every case will be found to be guided solely by their environments and not by any expertence obtained along the lines of this strenuous life to which a due the existence of our American bank-ng system.

ing system.

The passage of the pending bill, by destroying the barmonlous relations which now exist in our banking world and by threatening the existence of our present organized banks, would not only be distrous to the banks concerned, but ould be a national calamity,

GRAND LODGES IN SESSION United Workmen and Degree Honor Mass Forces at Mitchell

South Dakota

16 AND THE PLAN THE A DE MITCHELL, S. D., May 13 .- (Special Telegram.)-This morning the grand lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Degree of Honor were opened in this city. About 300 delegates and visitors arrived here yesterday and today and were

met at the trains by the State band and reception committees. Last night a reception was held for the visitors and the address of welcome was made by Mayor Silsby. Responses were made by the supreme and superior officers. Refreshments were served at the close. The election of officers will take place to morrow and there is little rivalry for places. The indications are that Fred B Smith, the present grand master Workman,

Reports of grand officers were made in both lodges this morning and the secsions are in full awing. This evening students of Dakota university will entertain the delegates with a drama.

will be re-elected, as will also Grand

Recorder Lavin.

Lafe Young to Talk in Dakota. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 13.—(Special Telegram.)-Hon. Lafe Young, editor of the Des Moines (Iowa) Capital, today notified W. G. Porter of this city, president of the South Dakota League of Republican clube, that he had accepted the invitation of the league to address the republican state convention and the convention of Republican League clubs to be held in Sloux Falls

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