

## PACKING FIRMS UNITE

Omaha Company Has Combined With Six Other Lesser Concerns.

## BIG MEN HEAD NEW CORPORATION

Swifts and Armour Figure With Others as the Original Directors.

## HOPE TO DO \$150,000,000 BUSINESS

J. P. Lyman is Named as President of National Company.

## CAPITAL IS PLACED AT \$15,000,000

New Jersey Grants Papers Authorizing Houses to Amalgamate and Trade Under Larger Competitors' Direction and Control.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Several of the smaller packing plants of Omaha, Chicago and elsewhere have united under the name of the National Packing company, with \$15,000,000 capital. J. P. Lyman is president of the company.

The company has been incorporated in New Jersey and it is announced that the following are the companies purchased:

1. Omaha Packing company.
2. Hammond Packing company.
3. The G. H. Hammond company.
4. Hutchinson Packing company.
5. Anglo-American Provision company.
6. United States Beef company.
7. Fowler Packing company.

The purchase, it is stated, is made for investment, with the idea of doing a business of between \$140,000,000 and \$150,000,000 a year.

The directors, whose names follow, are all interested in the big packing companies of Chicago: J. P. Lyman, J. Ogden Armour, G. F. Swift, Edward Morris, P. A. Valentine, Arthur Meeker, L. F. Swift, E. F. Swift, Ira Morris, James D. Stanshish, Kenneth E. McLaughlin, J. D. Stanshish is secretary and treasurer.

## CONSUL WARNS THE JAPANESE

Contrary to Law of Japan for Them to Go from Hawaii to Continent.

HONOLULU, March 24.—(Via San Francisco, March 24.)—Acting Japanese Consul Okada has issued a proclamation warning his countrymen against going to the United States from here, declaring that the trip is contrary to the law of Japan and also that immigration and labor agents who have been securing recruits are misrepresenting the conditions.

The governor has signed the act to make the old Hawaiian flag the official territorial flag. A concurrent resolution instructing the secretary of the territory to fly the flag over the capitol building was adopted by the house of representatives yesterday.

H. Scullin, son of a capitalist of St. Louis, accidentally shot himself on the steamer Siberia between San Francisco and this city. He was found with a .38-caliber revolver in his hand and a bullet wound in his right thigh. Scullin was a through passenger, but was put ashore here and the X-ray will be used to locate the bullet. The wound is not believed to be serious.

W. R. Castle, Jr., will leave in the near future to take a position as instructor in English literature at Harvard. He is a descendant of one of Hawaii's earliest missionaries and an alumnus of Harvard.

## WOMEN NAME NEW OFFICERS

Susan B. Anthony Selected as Honorary President by Suffrage Convention.

NEW ORLEANS, March 24.—The principal business of the women's suffrage convention today was the election of officers. Three companies of United States infantry will reach Surigao tomorrow and then probably will start in pursuit of the Japanese. The government forces operating in Albay province, island of Luzon, have established a concentration zone in the center of that province, twenty-seven miles long and ten miles wide, and have a series of detachments of troops following the Japanese.

## DIVIDE CAPITAL BY THIRTY

Chain and Steel Company Reduce Stock from Sixty Millions to Two Millions.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Stockholders of the United Chain and Steel company today approved the directors' recommendation to reduce the capital from \$60,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The reduction follows a recent decision not to acquire a new firm for which the company was negotiating.

It also was decided to change the name to the Union Iron and Steel company.

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Former British Minister to Caracas Says Unpleasant Things, but Matter is Dropped.

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## WILL PUSH THE CHARGES

Kansas City Police Department is Accused of Many Serious Irregularities.

KANSAS CITY, March 24.—The investigation of the police department, started by charges of crooked work, filed last week by City Jailer Todhunter before the Board of Police Commissioners, has already developed sensational disclosures and will be pushed.

Todhunter, in his testimony, declared that the jailers have made a practice of taking money from prisoners who have any service rendered them and also have regularly taken money from a lawyer for throwing cases his way. Other charges made during the investigation are to the effect that a sergeant and other officers at the Central station have stolen from drunken prisoners.

Another case testified to was that of a prisoner who was released without trial upon payment of \$125 to a lawyer, who was, it was testified, escorted to the man's cell by city detectives.

These disclosures later, it was stated, went with the prisoner to a pawnbroker's shop that he might pawn his diamonds to secure the money.

Something of a sensation was caused when Sergeant Snow, who had been directed to produce the police record of arrests in the Westport district to show the entry of the arrest of a man from whom Todhunter was accused of having received some money was called. The record had been mutilated, four sheets having been removed.

Later Chief of Police Hays, who was on the stand, said Jailer Todhunter had lied when he said the police commissioners had ordered him removed.

## ABBOTT STARTLES HEARERS

Propounds Theories Elaborated in His Book, "The Theology of an Evolutionist."

NEW YORK, March 24.—Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, somewhat startled his hearers at the Methodist minister's meeting by propounding some of these religious theories that he has elaborated in his book, "The Theology of an Evolutionist."

The bible, according to Dr. Abbott, is merely a record of human religious experiences. "I have a respect for the old theology," he said, "and today I cannot doubt that the change from the old to the new thinking in religion is important, radical and revolutionary."

The typical doctrine is the recognition of what was once called the "Carpenter Theory of God's Creation of the World."

"The bible is not a book in which fifty or sixty writers tell what is religion, but it is a record of their religious experiences, a record of their consciousness of God. They were human, they were imperfect men, those who wrote the bible. They stumbled as we stumble."

## BAD BLIZZARD IN MICHIGAN

Temperature is Below Freezing and Much Fear is Felt for Safety of Travel.

DETROIT, March 24.—Dispatches from western Michigan report that one of the worst blizzards of the winter is raging in that section of the state, with the temperature below freezing.

Much fear is felt for small fruits and peaches. At Benton Harbor and St. Joseph much damage has been done by the wind.

The big store of H. L. Bird & Co., at the principal corner of Benton Harbor, is wrecked by the wind and its stock and fixtures ruined.

## BLACKLISTS ARE PRIVILEGED

Judge Nonsuits Libel Claimant Seeking Damages from Armour & Company.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 24.—Judge Halsey in the circuit court today decided that so-called blacklists are privileged communications. Valentine Gerhardt was accordingly nonsuited in his libel action against Armour & Co. and William G. Lloyd, the Milwaukee representative of the packers.

Gerhardt claimed damages after he had been refused a supply of meat because a previous bill had not been paid.

## FAIR CASE IS POSTPONED

Judge Delays Hearing Alleged Witnesses of Millionaires' Deaths Till April.

NEW YORK, March 24.—In the supreme court today Justice Greenbaum postponed until April 7 the examination of two persons alleged to have been eye-witnesses of the automobile accident by which Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Fair were killed.

Mrs. Fair's relatives opposed the postponement, while Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, Mr. Fair's sisters, asked to have the hearing delayed until June.

## MOVES HOUSE TO ESCAPE LAW

Claimant to Dakota Property Dodges Injunction and Takes It to Minnesota.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., March 24.—A hurry call went up for an injunction last night to restrain Mrs. John Jacobson from moving a house into Minnesota.

Ownership was claimed by both the woman and Paul Smith, who were in proceedings pending in the trial courts.

## STROLLER CONFESSES THEFT

Missing Opera Singer Caught with Company's Cash in His Pocket.

MILWAUKEE, March 24.—Gilbert Ward, the missing member of the Sylva Opera company, was arrested at Eagle, Wis., and confessed to robbing Treasurer Nordlinger of \$2,700.

He had nearly the full amount of the stolen property in his possession.

## CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

Mother Locks Them in House While She Goes to a Store.

KANSAS CITY, March 24.—At Kansas City, Kan., today two children, an 8-year-old boy and a 3-year-old girl, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home, the mother having locked them in while she went to the store.

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Order of Court Prevents Passage of the Rosewater Franchise Ordinance.

NEW BILL COVERING SUBJECT INTRODUCED

Ordinance Practically Identical with the One Covered by Restraining Order is Read Twice and Referred.

An injunction issued by Judge Guy R. C. Read of the district court prevented the city council from passing the Andrew Rosewater electric franchise ordinance pending on its third reading last night. But the injunction did not prevent the council from ordering the first and second readings and the necessary publication of the ordinance.

The restraining order was signed by Judge Read and directed against the mayor and the members of the city council, individually and as a city governing body. The order was not given until five minutes of 3 o'clock last evening and was served at once on the members of the council, reaching them before the council was called to order.

Stephen Rice, a laborer in the employ of the New Omaha Thomson-Houston Electric company, is made the relator in the order, which directs the council to be enjoined until a hearing before Judge Read on March 30.

Attempting to pass the pretended ordinance, being document No. 1241, without the amendments thereto made by the city council and city council, and from substituting the diamond tray as four diamonds, the council voted to pass the ordinance.

The petition cites that the council's action of December 23, in passing the amendments to make the franchise privilege general never has been reconsidered and is still in binding force; that the ordinance was passed in violation of the city charter and the city council is without authority, under chapter xlii of the Compiled Statutes of 1901, to grant the franchise; that in the same chapter of the statutes it is made unlawful for any officer of the city to be or become in any manner interested in or in any way partake of the advantages and projects of any contract or work or letting to be made under the authority of and by the city council; that any contract, franchise or special privilege, and any such contract