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KEEPS HARRIMAN OUT

United States Court Passes Adversely Upon Application to Intervene in C[illegible]

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION SATISFA[illegible]

Not a Violation of the Decree in Nor[illegible] Securities Case.

DECREE WAS WHOLLY PROHIBITORY

Enjoins Certain Acts and No Further Action Necessary.

NEW PROCEEDINGS TO BE INSTITUTED

Nature of Next Step Has Not Been Decided on, Although Fate of Petition Was Not Unexpected.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 19.—In the United States circuit court today Judges Sanborn, Thayer, Van Devanter and Hook unanimously denied the application of Harriman and Pierce and the Oregon Short Line Railroad company for leave to intervene in the case of the United States against the Northern Securities company on the following grounds:

First—The plan of the directors of the Northern Securities company for the distribution of the stock of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railway companies is not violative of the decree in the Northern Securities case.

Second—No one but the United States can successfully appeal to the court to enjoin the execution of that plan on the ground that it is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act and the United States expresses satisfaction with the present decree.

Third—The stock of the two railway companies is not in the custody of the court.

Fourth—An intervention is not necessary to enable the petitioners to protect any pecuniary interest or equity they have.

Judge Thayer delivered the opinion of the court. The formal entry of the court is as follows:

The application of Edward H. Harriman, Winslow S. Pierce and the Oregon Short Line Railroad company for leave to intervene in this case was heard before this court on April 12 and 13, 1904, and after due consideration it hereby ordered that said application be, and the same is hereby, denied.

WALTER H. SANBORN,
WILLIS M. VAN DEVANTER,
AMOS M. THAYER,
WILLIAM C. HOOK,
Circuit Judges.

Court Discusses Case.

The court in discussing the reasons for the decree, after reciting the grounds put forth by Harriman and Pierce for leave to intervene, says:

When the decree was entered it was assumed by the court that when the stock was thus rendered valueless in the hands of the Securities company the stockholders of that company would be able and likewise disposed to make some disposition of the stock which under all the circumstances of the case would be fair and just and would restore it to the markets of the world, where it would have some value instead of being a worthless commodity. It was thought that the duty of thus disposing of it could be safely left to the stockholders of the Securities company and that if any controversy arose in the discharge of this function, in view of the situation that had been created by the decree, it would be a controversy that would properly form the subject matter of an independent suit between the parties immediately interested.

It was said in argument, that one purpose of intervention was to have that clause of the decree which is now merely permissive made mandatory. But this would be to modify the provisions of a decree which has now become final by affirmance and make an order which we expressly and on full consideration declined to make when the decree was entered. This we must decline to do.

Interest in New York.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Colonel W. P. Clough, vice president and general counsel of the Northern Securities company, when informed of the denial by the United States circuit court at St. Paul of the petition by E. H. Harriman and Winslow Pierce regarding the proposed stock distribution, said that the result was just what he had expected, but beyond that statement he refused to express himself. The news aroused interest in financial circles, although few of those more directly interested would express opinions in the matter. President J. J. Hill had not yet arrived at his office when the news was received here.

One of the counsels for the Northern Securities company said the decision at St. Paul would merely throw the petition for an injunction out of court and any appeal would not carry with it a stay of the proceedings because if it did so such a stay would practically grant the injunction. The same is true, he declared, in the decision against the Continental Securities company rendered at Jersey City yesterday, and if either case is appealed the appeal will not prevent the holding of the meeting of the Northern Securities company on Tuesday, April 21.

Northern Securities stock advanced a point and a half on the curb on the news that the petition had been denied. Some 3,500 shares changed hands in the first hour. In the general market Union Pacific declined to a fraction under last night's closing, but recovered and then again declined.

Just What Harriman Expected.

A representative of the Harriman interests said the decision was just what they expected it would be. The suit was brought in the United States circuit court merely as a matter of form so as to give Minnesota opportunity to exercise jurisdiction in the case if it so desired.

We did not expect that Mr. Harriman's petition would be granted and after learning the attitude of the attorney general we were sure that the application would be denied. Our attorneys, however, thought it a matter of legal decency to bring suit there. We shall now institute new proceedings, but just of what nature or when has not yet been fully determined.

MRS. BRATTON ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Council Bluffs Woman Retires and Turns on Gas.

KANSAS CITY, April 19.—(Special.)—The condition of Mrs. Bratton, who attempted suicide by inhaling illuminating gas yesterday, is so much improved today that her recovery is assured. When found by Mrs. M. L. Tabor, her landlady, Mrs. Bratton was unconscious. Her arms were folded across her breast and she was breathing heavily. Before retiring Mrs. Bratton had left a note on the kitchen table, addressed to Mrs. Tabor. The note read: "If you do not hear a noise in my room before 7:30, please awaken me."

Mrs. Tabor and her daughter were awakened at 4:30 o'clock by the gas. Both had inhaled considerable quantities of it and roomers in the house were also affected by it. It was in an effort to discover the source of the escaping gas that Mrs. Tabor discovered Mrs. Bratton's condition.

"Mrs. Bratton and a man whom she said was her husband engaged the room last Thursday," said Mrs. Tabor. "Mr. Bratton left almost immediately and did not return."

Mrs. Bratton was very despondent and spent the greater part of last night reading a novel called "The Deserted Wife."

Mrs. Bratton's husband is in Council Bluffs.

TROUBLE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Reported that Striking Miners Have Captured Town and Fight Is Expected.

SOMERSET, Pa., April 19.—The striking coal miners at Garrett are reported to have taken possession of the town. Armed men are said to be patrolling the streets and a mob, armed with rifles and shotguns, is reported to have surrounded the works of the Garrett Coal company. An outbreak is momentarily expected between the strikers and the miners in the company barricades.

[illegible]ter are nearly all Italians and are [illegible] to be armed and prepared to resist an attack if made.

Sheriff Coleman, as soon as apprised of the state of affairs, organized a posse of twenty-five and has started for the scene of the trouble.

At least 200 shots were exchanged between the mob and men at the mines last night, but so far no fatalities have been reported. During the night the dwelling of Jerry Meyers, a miner who has been out of employment for several months, but who formerly worked for the Garrett Coal company, was burned. Mrs. Meyers, her two daughters, one son and two small children perished in the flames. Mr. Meyers and a border named Jonas Sullivan dashed through the flames to safety. Reports of the origin of the fire are conflicting, but all agree that it was the work of incendiaries.

The Meyers house occupied a site on a bluff in full view of the town and the hundreds of people who rushed to the scene were helpless to rescue the women and children.

Garrett is a mining town and has a population of about 1,000. President Frank B. Black of the Garrett Coal company is here consulting with the sheriff.

Coroner Louther reached Garrett this afternoon and wired the sheriff that the situation is critical. The sheriff's posse reached Garrett about 6 o'clock. All the officers are armed with rifles and will be prepared to enforce the law.

KANSAS EASY ON SUSPECTS

Judge at Kansas City Quashes Indictments Against Men Charged with Bribery.

KANSAS CITY, April 19.—Judge McCabe Moore, in the district court today at Kansas City, Kan., sustained a motion of the defense to quash the indictment recently returned against Chris Kopp, an ex-alderman, accused of accepting a bribe of $800 from an asphalt company.

He discharged the defendant. This was the first of nine cases of persons charged with boodling, and in rendering the decision in the Kopp case, Judge Moore intimated that he would take similar action in all the others. The court, however, gave the state until tomorrow afternoon to look up the law in these cases.

RECEIVER FOR WEARE COMPANY

Chicago Commission House Has No Assets Other Than Books of Account.

CHICAGO, April 19.—On petition of creditors Judge Kohlsaat of the United States district court today appointed the Chicago Title and Trust company receiver for the Weare Commission company. The petition represents that the Weare company has no visible assets, but that the company has a set of books which it will be necessary for a receiver to have to learn where assets are located.

DISCUSS THE NEW DRAINAGE LAW.

County Authorities Have Meeting at Missouri Valley.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The supervisors, county attorneys, county auditors, surveyors and interested land owners of Woodbury, Monona, Harrison and Pottawattamie counties, on call of Supervisors Edgecomb and Kelley of Harrison county, met in Missouri Valley today, 100 in number, to interpret the new drainage laws and from reliable legal talent learn how to proceed with the several drainage schemes under way in the Missouri valley when interrupted by the supreme court last January. Among those present whose advice was sought were: Senator Hogue, Attorney P. A. Sawyer, Attorney Kilpack and County Supervisors Kelley of Harrison, Baker of Pottawattamie and James of Monona.

The new laws were thoroughly canvassed and found to be most complete in their application to all phases of the drainage question. A resolution was adopted asking Governor Cummins to sign these bills at his earliest convenience.

After a full and careful study of the substitute for Senate file No. 15 it was decided to proceed with the $60,000 contracts already let in Harrison county and to proceed as rapidly as possible with two other drainage schemes of like magnitude under house file No. 36. This will enable the boards of supervisors of the four counties represented to begin and complete as rapidly as possible the establishment of eight large drainage canals, relieving some 100,000 acres of the finest alluvial lands from destructive overflows and add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the taxable value and millions to the productive capacity of those lands, besides indirectly providing passable highways, relieving the country of miasma-breeding swamps. It is the one thing needed to put this great valley of the Missouri on the solid rock of industrial activity and sure returns for the capital invested and the labor of the husbandman. It marks the beginning of a new era in this country and insures a speedy return to prosperity among the towns and country alike.

Monona County District Court.

ONAWA, Ia., April 19.—(Special.)—The Monona county district court is in session, Judge Gaynor presiding. Frank Taylor, L. A. Morley, F. G. Dugdale, S. H. Byrd, W. J. Brooks, Peter Baker and C. C. Persinger were sworn in as grand jurors. C. C. Persinger was appointed foreman by the court. The afternoon was spent in calling the calendar and assigning cases for the term. In the two cases of Lucinda Greek against Joe Moore, claiming heavy damages for breach of promise of marriage and slander, C. E. Underhill of Onawa appeared for the defendant and was given until next Monday to plead. There is a large docket and many important cases for trial, including the big ditches, which come up on appeal from the Board of Supervisors.

Accident on Iowa Central.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., April 19.—(Special.)—A freight train was ditched a short distance south of here on the Iowa Central last night and traffic delayed a half day. Two hundred feet of track was torn up and nine cars were wrecked, but no one was injured.

GREAT BRITAIN IN BAD WAY

Chancellor of Exchequer Tells Commons that Hard Times Have Come.

FOREIGN MARKETS ARE THREATENED

Receipts Less Than Estimated, While Expenditures Exceed Estimate by Large Amount and Taxes Must Be Higher.

LONDON, April 19.—The widespread interest in the presentation of the budget today was evidenced by the crowded state of the House of Commons. Long before the chancellor of the exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, rose to make his statement every part of the house was filled. Joseph Chamberlain was present to hear his son, as was Mrs. Chamberlain. The former colonial secretary, whose first public appearance it was since his return from abroad, met with a great reception from the occupants of the ministerial benches, while the nationalists invited him to sing "Rule Britannia," and greeted him with shouts of "Pig tail."

Austen Chamberlain opened his speech by expatiating on the difficulties of his position, the great wave of prosperity which Great Britain had enjoyed so long, having apparently spent its force and given place to a less prosperous cycle. The industries of Great Britain, especially the cotton industry, were depressed and foreign competition was keener than ever. The markets in which Great Britain had heretofore been supreme were increasingly threatened. The commercial depression in the United Kingdom was aggravated by the conditions in South Africa. The revenue for 1903-04 was $13,620,000 below the estimate, while the expenditure exceeded the estimate by $15,035,000. The repeal of the duty on wheat had been more costly than anticipated, without affording the consumer the relief expected. The net total deficit for the financial year was $27,075,000.

Proposes to Increase Income Tax.

Mr. Chamberlain estimated the expenditures of 1904-05 at $714,400,000, and the revenue, on the basis of the existing taxation, at $695,300,000, leaving a deficit of $19,100,000 to be made up. He proposed, therefore, to increase the income tax by 2 cents. He also proposed an additional tax of 4 cents per pound on tea. The chancellor further proposed a readjustment of the tobacco duties, imposing a duty of 1 cent on tobacco stripped before imported; also an additional duty of 12 cents on cigars and an additional 25 cents on foreign cigarettes.

Mr. Chamberlain proposed also to raise the moisture limit to 32 per cent and introduce three or four different rates into the drawbacks which he hoped would increase Great Britain's tobacco export trade, especially to the colonies. The net gain by these tobacco changes was estimated at $2,750,000.

Mr. Chamberlain proposed to realize from unclaimed government stock $5,000,000 towards the deficiency. The chancellor refused to suspend the sinking fund, considering it a bad policy.

The increase in the tea duty will amount to $10,000,000, bringing the total estimated revenue up to $718,050,000, or a surplus of $3,650,000.

Mr. Chamberlain's announcements of the increase in the income tax which would give $10,000,000 additional revenue and in the tea duty were both received with loud protests.

The house after considerable discussion adopted the increased tea and tobacco duties by majorities of 72 and 94 respectively.

House of Lords Pleased.

The House of Lords assembled today. The earl of Spencer, the liberal leader, congratulated the government on carrying out the Anglo-French agreement and asked if further papers would be laid before the House. Foreign Minister Lansdowne expressed his pleasure at the favorable reception of the agreement.

SNOWSLIDE BLOTS OUT PROPERTY

One Life is Also Swept Away in British Mining District.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 19.—Snowslides are reported from almost every point in the interior of British Columbia. The most serious occurred at Silver Cup mine in the Lardue district. A slide of 1,200 feet came down the mountain side, carrying away blacksmith shops, ore sheds, a quantity of ore, 166 feet of tramway and killed a miner. The total damage will amount to $65,000.

Honolulu Republicans for Roosevelt.

HONOLULU, April 19.—The republican territorial convention has instructed for President Roosevelt. Governor Carter and Jonah K. Kalanianaole, delegate to congress, are among the delegates selected. R. W. Breckons, United States district attorney, is an alternate.

HIS SECRETS DIED WITH HIM

Former Subject of England Passes Away at St. Louis Under Pathetic Circumstances.

ST. LOUIS, April 19.—Without kith or kin at his bedside, Thornton Fleetwood, aged 72, claiming to have formerly been a professor at Eton, England, died today in the charity ward of the city hospital. From the brief history he was able to give the authorities before his death, it is believed that Fleetwood was utterly alone in the world, having no relatives in America or in England, from whence he came to this country three years ago.

His apparent education and refinement attracted the attention of the attendants and he was prevailed upon to tell something of himself, but he refused to say much concerning his life. He contracted a severe cold, which resulted in death. Unless the body is claimed, it is stated that interment will be made in the potters' field.

CASES AGAINST LYNCHERS QUASHED

Four of Accused Men, However, Fail to Escape that Way.

BASIN, Wyo., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The second day's proceedings of the district court here proved somewhat of a surprise to many. Three of those accused of being implicated in the work of the mob which terrorized Basin last July were discharged and two of the cases against Damlee Morse were quashed. The latter will be prosecuted for the murder of Carl Price, who was guarding the prisoners. Evidence thought to be condemnatory has been guaranteed through the efforts of an uncle of the deceased. The prosecution will concentrate upon Talock, Sabin McKinzie and Morse, beginning with Monday. These will be arraigned in sequence as named. The first drawing of talesmen has been made. Every inch of the ground will be hotly contested.

Several alleged thieves were arraigned and dates for their trial set. Active criminal prosecutions begin Monday next.

DELEGATES GO UNINSTRUCTED

Pennsylvania Votes Down Amendment Endorsing Parker for President.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 19.—The democratic state convention which was held here today refused to instruct the national delegates from Pennsylvania to vote for the nomination of Judge Parker of New York for president. The delegates will go to St. Louis uninstructed and will be bound by the unit rule.

An attempt was made by the meetings of the resolutions committee to amend the platform by substituting for the unit rule plank a paragraph instructing the delegates for Judge Parker. It failed and the platform as adopted by the committee was unanimously adopted by the convention.

Justice Samuel Gustine Thompson of Philadelphia was nominated by acclamation for supreme court justice to succeed himself for the full term of twenty-one years. He is at present a member of the supreme court by appointment of Governor Pennypacker and his commission expires next January.

The delegates-at-large to the national convention are Colonel James M. Guffy, State Chairman J. K. P. Hall, ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison and Robert E. Wright.

The national delegates and electors chosen by the delegates from the Fifteenth and Twenty-second districts are contested. The contests were referred to a committee to be appointed by State Chairman Hall. Chairman Hall will be re-elected tomorrow by the state committee at its annual session.

When the convention was called to order Frank J. Fitzsimmons was chosen temporary chairman.

Mr. Fitzsimmons intimated that the republican party in Pennsylvania is dead to state pride and individual liberty and is composed of boss worshipers. After caustic reference to the "muzzler bill" and Governor Pennypacker, Mr. Fitzsimmons closed with the statement that "President Roosevelt would like to build up a new nation on his own ideals." After the announcement of the standing committees the convention took a recess until afternoon.

When the convention reconvened at 2:45 o'clock Senator A. G. Dewalt of Lehigh was elected permanent chairman. Mr. Dewalt said unless signs of the times are falsely read the time is ripe for the success of the great democratic party. He also said that the democrats demand for the people of this country an equitable revision of the tariff laws, an increased navy to protect and increase our foreign commerce, liberal and just pension laws, and just laws of taxation. The platform was then presented and unanimously adopted by the convention.

It is of considerable length and dwells upon the alleged political wrongs perpetrated by the republican party in Pennsylvania; attacks the policy of the administration and the acts and motives of President Roosevelt; declares against paternalism and argues for liberty to the individual; upholds the so-called fundamental principles of democracy; favors the completion of the Panama canal and deplores the methods by which the United States secured the right to construct the waterway; declares in favor of labor unions; favors revision of the tariff laws; deplores war and favors legislation leading to a reduction of taxes.

SOUTH DAKOTA CITY ELECTIONS

Contests as a Rule Are Devoid of Interest.

STURGIS, S. D., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—At the city election held today Sturgis went republican by sixty majority. The following ticket was elected: Mayor, Henry Perkins, republican; councilmen, John Wenke, Henry Fruth, Harry Atwater, H. D. Borger, republicans, and Joseph Meyer and W. E. Jones, democrats; treasurer, Matt Flavin, republican; assessor, V. M. Beaver, republican. The republicans elected the entire school board, including member-at-large and treasurer.

MITCHELL, S. D., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—In the city election today the citizens' ticket was successful. George A. Silsby was elected mayor; E. R. Kibbee, treasurer; William M. Smith, school treasurer; Mark Harris, assessor; Charles McIntyre, police justice; Marvin A. Reeves, city justice; aldermen, O. M. Perry, A. J. Curtis, A. J. Kings, A. C. Reeves and J. L. Mannett. The main feature of the election was the voting on the issuance of $40,000 for extension of water mains, and $60,000 for extension of the sewer system. Both issues carried unanimously.

LEAD, S. D., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Election day passed off quietly in Lead, the only fight of importance being on the mayoralty and resulted in the election of Gilroy, one of the principal business men of the city, over Dr. J. W. Freeman by a majority of 121. Partisanism did not enter into the contest. The following aldermen were elected: First ward, M. L. Magnussen; Second ward, Ernest May; Third ward, J. A. Gallagher; Fourth ward, J. H. Ratcliffe. For members of the School board: Member-at-large, J. A. Fell; First ward, Thomas H. Moore and George D. Foglesong; Second ward, Meno Voight; Third ward, B. C. Yates; Fourth ward, Edward Ervaskis. There were a total of 1,559 votes cast for mayor.

DEADWOOD, S. D., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—In only one or two wards was there a contest in today's election. Edward McDonald was re-elected mayor for the second time, he not having an opponent. The following aldermen were elected: First ward, Frank Keller and Charles P. Dingee; Second ward, W. S. Elder; Third ward, P. B. Schlicting; Fourth ward, Bernard Mullen. Members of the school board were elected as follows: First ward, L. P. Shostrum; Second ward, A. D. Wilson; Third ward, Henry McGill; Fourth ward, A. J. Mossman. There was an earnest fight made on city assessor and H. E. Grimshaw was elected by a good majority. The vote polled was light.

BELLE FOURCHE, S. D., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Henry Chamberlain was elected mayor, defeating F. C. King by eight votes. The saloon question entered into the fight, Chamberlain favoring a wide-open town.

SPEARFISH, S. D., April 19.—John Wolzmuth is the new mayor of Spearfish, having defeated William S. Cook by 125 majority after a spirited fight.

RAPID CITY, S. D., April 19.—F. N. Emerick had no opposition today for re-election as mayor, J. S. Gantz having declined to run. A small vote was cast.

PIERRE, S. D., April 19.—(Special.)—Election here today brought out a light vote, only one nonpartisan ticket being in the field.

NIEDERMEIER WILL BE HANGED

County Physician Says Car Barn Bandit Fails to Cheat the Gallows.

CHICAGO, April 19.—County Physician McNamara said today that Niedermeier, the bandit, would live to die on the gallows next Friday. Niedermeier's throat and stomach are in such condition that he can eat no solid foods. Nourishment, however, is given him in every spoonful of medicine.

PUSHING THE KINKAID BILL

Senator Dietrich Urges Action by Senate Public Lands Committee.

ROSEBUD MEASURE GOES TO PRESIDENT

House Concurs in Senate Amendments and Expectation is Lands Will Be Opened to Settlement July 1.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Dietrich will tomorrow bring before the public lands committee, of which he is a member, Judge Kinkaid's bill amending the homestead laws relative to settlers entering upon 640 acres of unappropriated and unreserved lands in the western portion of the Fifth and Sixth congressional districts of Nebraska, which passed the house yesterday. Every effort will be made to pass the bill at this session and the public lands committee, of which Senator Hansbrough is chairman, has invited Judge Kinkaid to appear before the committee and explain the provisions of the bill.

For purposes of locating the land in question to be opened to homestead settlement the boundary lines are as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Boyd county, running south on the east line of Boyd and including Holt, Wheeler and Greeley, down to the northeast corner of Howard; then west on the north line of Howard and Sherman to the east line of Custer; then south on the east line of Custer to the north line of Buffalo; then west on the north line of Buffalo and Dawson to the east line of Lincoln; then south on the east line of Lincoln to the northeast corner of Frontier; then west on the north line of Frontier and the south line of Lincoln to the northeast corner of Hayes; then south on the east line of Hayes and Hitchcock to the boundary line between Nebraska and Kansas. All the territory west and north of such boundary lines are included in Judge Kinkaid's bill, excluding all east and south.

In the territory described there are about 8,000,000 acres of land to be opened to homestead settlement, less land which may be irrigated, which is not subject to the bill. Five counties of the Fifth district are included in the bill, namely: Hayes, Hitchcock, Dundee, Chase and Perkins, all the rest being in the Sixth district.

Rosebud Bill Passes House.

Just previous to adjournment this evening the house, on motion of Congressman Burke, concurred in the senate amendments to the Rosebud reservation bill and the bill will go to the president tomorrow. It is thought probable that the South Dakota delegation will wait upon the president in a body with the bill and request his signature to the same. Every indication now points to the president signing the measure. This morning Representatives Martin and Burke had a conference with the president outlining to him the amendments offered to the bill in the senate, which raises the price of the land to $4 per acre for the first three months and a sliding scale thereafterwards. The president was informed that it was confidently believed a large majority of the land would be taken at $4 per acre, thereby giving the Indians a larger amount than was contemplated in former treaties made with them for opening of the lands in Gregory county, South Dakota.

The issuance of the proclamation opening the Rosebud to settlement will be expected and it now seems safe to say that the reservation will be thrown open to the public on July 1 next.

Minor Matters.

Judge Kinkaid, previous to the cabinet meeting this morning presented to the president Judge H. M. Grimes and Hon. Wesley Wilcox of North Platte.

Senator Dolliver will tomorrow deliver what is expected to be his most ambitious speech since he entered public life, the subject being "Trusts," for which he has been preparing material during the whole of the winter.

Rural carriers appointed for Nebraska routes: Arborville, regular, Ames W. Shafer; substitute, Hirman Mellot. McCool Junction, regular, Edwin Wilcox; substitute, Frank B. Hays. Valparaiso, regular, Stephen M. Newby; substitute, David O. White.

Rural routes ordered established May 16: Nebraska—Columbus, Platte county, one additional; area covered, 30 square miles; population, 400. Platte Center, Platte county, one route; area, 26 square miles; population, 400. Iowa—Sioux Center, Sioux county, one route; area, 25 square miles; population, 535.

Fairfax is Celebrating.

FAIRFAX, S. D., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Yesterday the news came to Fairfax that the senate had passed the Rosebud bill with the amendment that the price for the first three months should be $4 per acre, the second three months at $3 per acre and after that at $2.50 per acre. Today comes the news that the bill had passed the house again unanimously and that it is now only up to the president to add his signature to the bill to make it a law.

Tonight there is a grand jubilee being held in Fairfax, the band is playing and all are in a good humor, as this good news is added to by the known fact that Fairfax is to be the site of the temporary land office and seat of the registration, which is expected will begin about June 1.

Already the rush has begun and people with their eye on a piece of land in Gregory county are beginning to arrive daily.

FIGHT AT STATE ELECTION

"Lily White" Republican Killed While Posting Picture Showing Negro Democratic Office Holders.

NEW ORLEANS, April 19.—The state election resulted in a tragedy at Gonzales, in Ascension parish, where the Lily Whites and democrats are divided. Captain Sam Moore, former sheriff under the democrats, who was leading the Lily White faction, became involved in a dispute at the polls and was instantly killed by Deputy Sheriff Ed Smith. Moore was attempting to post pictures of negro office holders under the democratic administration.

OFFICIALS MEET HARRIMAN

Kruttschnitt, Stubbs and McCormick Will Have Conference with Railroad Magnate.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—Traffic Manager Stubbs of the Harriman system of railroads and E. O. McCormick, assistant traffic director of the Harriman lines, left this city today for Los Angeles in response to a telegram from E. H. Harriman, who is making a tour of the Southern Pacific, proceeding westward from New Orleans, accompanied by Julius Kruttschnitt, transportation director.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Showers Wednesday; Thursday Fair and Colder in West Portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	35	1 p. m.	44
6 a. m.	34	2 p. m.	45
7 a. m.	34	3 p. m.	45
8 a. m.	36	4 p. m.	43
9 a. m.	38	5 p. m.	41
10 a. m.	40	6 p. m.	41
11 a. m.	42	7 p. m.	40
12 m.	43	8 p. m.	38
		9 p. m.	37

ALEXIEFF WANTS TO BE RELIEVED

Telegraphs Emperor for Release as Viceroy in Far East.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—Viceroy Alexieff has applied by telegraph to the emperor to be relieved of his position of viceroy in the far east. It is expected that the request will be immediately granted. While no official announcement has yet been made, there is reason to believe that the above statement is correct.

The immediate cause of the viceroy's application is reported to be the appointment of Vice Admiral Skrydloff, one of Admiral Alexieff's strongest enemies and sharpest critics, as successor to Vice Admiral Makaroff as commander of the navy in the far east.

The relieving from command of Viceroy Alexieff does not occasion surprise. It was to him and his supporters that the Anglo-Japanese entente first lost its terrors. They believed that Great Britain would not go to war and that Japan could not do so. It is claimed that they misjudged the temper and purpose of the Japanese and left the emperor in ignorance of the preparations for war which Japan was making.

The lack of preparedness of the Port Arthur fleet, as shown in the cases of the battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch, called the attention of the emperor to the slackness of the naval administration in the far east. The emperor selected Makaroff to command the fleet and at the same time issued a special ukase making him absolutely independent.

This was the first blow publicly given to Alexieff, the second was the appointment of General Kouropatkin as commander-in-chief of the army in Manchuria. The emperor issued another ukase and gave the former minister of war complete control of military operations in the far east. These appointments were made without consulting Alexieff.

Officials in St. Petersburg say it must then have been evident to Alexieff that his star had waned. He had neither the army nor the navy under his control, being charged merely with the civil administration, but in time of war there is no civil administration or very little.

By his withdrawal from the far east the viceroy will not only lose the dignified position of direct representative of the emperor, but the salary of $56,000 and an allowance of $25,000 per annum.

When Alexieff severs his connection with the far eastern question none of the men responsible for the policy pursued before the war will be in power. M. Bezobrazoff having already lost the confidence of his majesty and the advisory committee's duties being purely perfunctory.

NO MORE TROOPS TO GO EAST

Russia Believes it Has Strong Enough Force at Present.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—It was claimed by the general staff today that General Kouropatkin now has 300,000 men at the theater of war, sufficient for present requirements. A prominent officer of the staff informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the dispatch of troops to the far east has been suspended for the present. Keneral Baron Stakelberg has been given the command of the First East Siberian corps, to which belong the advance forces, General Kashtalinsky being in command of the Third division at the Yalu river.

It is positively asserted that the circum-Baikal railroad was connected a few days ago. Constructions trains can now pass around the lake, but the line will not be opened to troop trains or passenger traffic for two months.

VLADIVOSTOK PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY

Many Have Left the Town and Food is Scarce.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—The population of Vladivostok is in want of the most necessary kinds of provisions, and in consequence of flooded rivers which interrupt communications, it is impossible to furnish them with supplies. There is also a scarcity of money.

Many inhabitants, particularly the women and children, are leaving the city, abandoning their property, which they are unable to sell. Half of the houses in Vladivostok are empty and the civilian population is already reduced to 5,000.

BELIEVES IN AGGRESSIVENESS

Admiral Skrydloff Believes in Taking the Initiative.

PARIS, April 19.—The Figaro today published an interview with Vice Admiral Skrydloff, who is now in St. Petersburg. The admiral is quoted as saying:

I believe in offensive tactics. It is necessary to push ahead and take the initiative instead of letting the enemy keep us in a state of unrest. It is essential to keep him in a state of unrest. It is necessary to invite a combat and take chances. Any combatant who awaits his enemy is practically at his enemy's mercy. But aggressiveness does not preclude prudence. Wisdom must go with boldness.

Chinese Would Fight Russians.

SHANGHAI, April 19.—General Ma Yu Kun, commander of the Chinese army on the Manchurian border, reports that the Russian troops are moving west of the Liao river. He says it is difficult to control his troops, as they are anxious to attack the Russians.

BRYAN GIVES OUT STATEMENT

Thinks Platform Adopted at New York Convention Should Prevent Parker's Nomination.

LINCOLN, April 19.—W. J. Bryan tonight gave to the press the following statement concerning the action of the New York democratic state convention:

I do not think the instructions will give Judge Parker any additional strength, but the platform adopted by the convention ought to prevent his nomination, unless the democrats, when they assemble at St. Louis decided to attempt a confidence game on the public.

Woman Takes Carbolic Acid.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Otis Heffelinger attempted to commit suicide here by taking two ounces of carbolic acid. Two doctors are working over her and hope to save her life, but the result is doubtful. Her husband, who has just completed a term in the Missouri penitentiary, returned to Beatrice and the two had trouble and the woman became despondent. She is about 27 years old and has one child, aged about 3 years.

ARTILLERY IS BUSY

Reports from Yin Kow Say a Fresh Battle is Raging at Port Arthur.

ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF ASKS TO BE RELIEVED

Telegraphs Emperor for His Release as Viceroy in the Far East.

SKRYDLOFF RECEIVES AN OVATION

Populace Turns Out to Greet New Commander of Russian Fleet.

NUMEROUS SKIRMISHES ALONG THE YALU

Six Japanese Reported Killed in One Engagement and Firing at Outposts is Almost Continuous.

PARIS, April 20.—The Journal prints a dispatch from its correspondent at Yin Kow, dated yesterday at 5 p. m., which says it is affirmed that a fresh battle is raging at Port Arthur.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien says that when it was asserted that one of the two Japanese caught in an attempt to blow up the railway near the Mongolian frontier was a member of the imperial family, instructions were asked from St. Petersburg. The reply was "Hang," and the order was promptly carried out.

Skirmishes in Yalu.

LIAO TUNG, April 19.—A number of unimportant skirmishes are reported along the Yalu river. Six Japanese soldiers were killed by Russian scouts on April 16. Firing was heard on April 18, but the result of the engagement is unknown.

The outposts on the island of Yalu, between Anju and Wiju, have been engaged in continual skirmishes for several days. Some Japanese are reported to have been killed. At night, when the Japanese retire, they disguise themselves in the straw cloaks of Coreans. They are making bags with bark matting which they fill with earth and use in building their defensive works.

Ovation for Skrydloff.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—Vice Admiral Skrydloff arrived here today on his way to the far east, where he will take command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. He was accorded an enthusiastic reception by the people who thronged the streets.

The vast Znaminskaia square, opposite the Nicholas railroad station, was black with people and the police guarding the platform were quite unable to cope with the crowds which broke through the cordon and rushed toward the train. There were repeated outbreaks of enthusiastic cheers as the admiral left the car and from the bareheaded throng a peasant stepped out and presented Skrydloff with a copy of a picture entitled "The Holy Virgin of Joy to the Afflicted," which is reputed to have miraculous power. The peasant also presented the admiral with consecrated bread, telling Skrydloff that he saluted him in the name of the masses of the Russian people, all of whose hopes depended on him as the hero of the Russo-Turkish war.

"The people are convinced," added the spokesman, "that Admiral Skrydloff will justify the hopes of the emperor and the fatherland, and like the virgin whose picture has just been given him, will bring joy, and that soon, to a people now afflicted."

Admiral Visibly Affected.

The admiral, who was visibly affected, took the picture, declaring he accepted it as a happy omen and adding that he would not part with the picture throughout the campaign and that he would put all his faith in God.

A representative of the middle classes presented the admiral with a picture of St. Theodosius, the miracle worker of Czernigkoff.

The admiral then entered a carriage and drove off, amid cheers of "Long live Skrydloff."

On arrival at his hotel a little girl presented the admiral with a bouquet, hailing Skrydloff as the "supreme commander of my brothers who are serving in the navy in the far east."

"God help you," said the child, "in all your paths and may heaven grant that good fortune attend you always during the war, for the glory of our dear country."

The admiral embraced the girl and the action brought out salvos of cheers.

Tomorrow Skrydloff will be received in audience by the emperor and empress. Probably he will return to Sebastapol Saturday to formally hand over the Black sea fleet to his successor.

Admiral Skrydloff received a popular demonstration, the scenes rivaling those witnessed at the time of General Kouropatkin's departure for the far east. The Nevsky Prospect was crowded from end to end and the depot was almost taken by assault.

The admiral was accompanied by Lieutenant Shishlo, whose brother was lost on board the Petropavlovsk, and who begged for the privilege of taking his brother's place.

Admiral Skrydloff married a Jewess and the number of prominent Hebrews among the crowd at the station was especially noticeable.

Some of Admiral's Plans.

The admiral informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that he would remain in St. Petersburg for four days, return to Sebastopol and thence proceed to Port Arthur.

Admiral Skrydloff, addressing a deputation which called at his hotel, said:

It is well understood what Russia expects at this difficult hour. The emperor has confided to me a trying post. I am going to summon all my strength and knowledge to serve the emperor and my country. The enemy is redoubtable, but Russia is irresistable. I trust in God and Russia's might.

To his friends Skrydloff has declared that his aim will be to conserve the fleet at Port Arthur as a menace to the enemy until it is reinforced.

The admiralty says the damages to the battleship Pobieda are slight and soon will be repaired.

It is now asserted that the Pobieda did not strike a mine, but was accidentally rammed during the confusion following the Petropavlovsk disaster.

JAPAN HAS THE RUSSIANS GUESSING

Czar's Forces Do Not Know What Enemy Is Doing.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—No confirmation has been received here up to this hour of the reported arrival of a big fleet of Japanese transports in the gulf of Chi Li. Reports differ widely as to the destination of the fleet, Kin Chou, situated on the narrowest part of the Liao Tung peninsula, above Port Arthur; Kai Chou, south of New Chwang and New Chwang it-