NO MONEY TO PAY CAR FARE

State Officials Must Foot the Bills and Wait for Legislative Appropriation.

GOVERNOR SAYS THAT IS THE WAY HE DOES

Appeal for Aid for Sufferers in Japan Soon to Be Issued from the Executive Office—Grain Case Coming Up.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The refusal of Secretary of State Galusha to sign vouchers for mileage books filed by state officers has received the endorsement of Governor Mickey, though it is setting hard on some state officers and on the heads of some departments.

"I don't see any way that the state can pay for these mileage books at this time," said the governor. "The officer riding on business for the state should take a receipt for the money he paid for the ticket and then when the legislature meets present his claim. That is the way I am doing and shall do. I believe the legislature will reimburse me, but if it doesn't, then all right. However, there is no fund out of which railroad fare can be paid. I think the secretary of state is right when he refuses to sign the vouchers."

This morning Secretary Galusha again announced that he would not sign the vouchers, and if the auditor issued the warrant on vouchers not signed by the secretary he would be acting contrary to law.

Guard Duty the Subject.

This morning's session of the school for the officers of the National Guard was devoted to a discussion of the manual of guard duty by Captain Cronin, instructor. The total enrollment this morning was sixty-five and the closest attention was paid to the lecture by the instructor.

Guard duty, General Culver holds, is one of the most important subjects to be discussed, inasmuch as the members of the National Guard have experience in this line only when attending encampments. Captain Cronin told what a guard is, its object and what is required of the guard in camp and in the post. He divided his subject into various topics and gave each topic a serious discussion. He gave the guard instruction regarding conduct toward prisoners and conduct in emergencies and during trying experiences. In the afternoon Captain Cronin discussed target practice and small firearms.

Tonight Lieutenant Whelan of the regular army delivered an address on small arm firing, in line with the talk of Captain Cronin this afternoon. Besides the officers of the guard, a number of citizens were present at the lecture.

NEB NOTES

Appeal for Aid for Japanese.

Governor Mickey has prepared a proclamation asking the people to aid the starving Japanese and he will issue the same just as soon as he can find some representative of the Red Cross society who will act as treasurer and accept the contribution. During the last few days the governor has received several letters from parties out in the state asking to whom to send the contributions, and this has led the executive to believe his appeal will be responded to liberally.

Pierce Goes to Kentucky.

Insurance Deputy Pierce went to Louisville, Ky., yesterday to sign the report to be made by the insurance commissioners of the several states who investigated the New York insurance companies. The report has been ready for some weeks, but because of some slight changes to be made in the wording of it it had not yet been given to the public.

New Grain Company.

John E. Von Dorn and John A. Cavern of Omaha have organized the Cavern-Von Dorn Elevator company with a capital stock of $50,000. The articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state this morning. The company will have its headquarters in Omaha and will do business in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota.

The Farmers' Telephone company, with a capital stock of $7,000 and headquarters at School district No. 2, Wayne county, filed its articles of incorporation with the secretary of state this morning. The company will operate telephones in Wayne and Thurston counties.

Glandered Horses Killed.

Reports received from Dr. Kimm, state veterinarian, state he is out in the neighborhood of Bassett and that he has run across and killed many horses which were afflicted with glanders. Dr. Kimm is expected to return to Lincoln about March 1 after visiting in the neighborhood of Meadow Grove and Atkinson.

State Buildings Insured.

The Board of Public Lands and Buildings this afternoon let the contract for insuring state buildings at Hastings, amounting to $15,000, at 2½ per cent to Higginbotham & Pickens of Hastings.

State Fair Concessions Sold.

Secretary Mellor of the State Fair board has let the grandstand privileges at the state fair to W. W. Turner of Lincoln and he is now advertising concessions. The concessions this year will bring a much larger price than ever before, according to the contracts already closed. One concession was sold this year for $5 less than twice the amount it brought last year. Space is also being reserved by exhibitors.

Miles for Commencement Orator.

General Nelson A. Miles will be the orator at the annual commencement of the Nebraska State university on Thursday, June 14 next. The announcement was made today at the university office upon the receipt of a telegram announcing the acceptance by the general of the invitation to speak.

Grain Case Coming Up.

The suit against the alleged Grain trust will be called for hearing at the next session of the supreme court, the court this morning having given the attorneys that time in which to decide whether to stand upon their demurrer or to file an answer to the petition of Attorney General Brown for an injunction to restrain them from combining to control the grain markets of the state. To the petition the grain dealers filed a demurrer and at the last session of the court the demurrer was overruled, and in the opinion handed down the anti-trust laws of the state were all declared constitutional.

William Livinghouse of Wayne county, sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, secured a stay of execution and gave a bond for $1,200. Following are the proceedings of the court:

Johnson against Hayward; Herpolsheimer against Christopher; McCreary against Creighton; Bush against Griffin; Bush against Brown; Mayland Casualty company against Bank of Murdock; Hicks against Union Pacific Railroad company; Vogt against Binder; Rogers against City of Omaha; Kannow against Farmers' Co-operative Shipping association; Nelson against Sneed; Modern Woodmen of America against Wilson; Morrison against Gosnell; Lutjeharms against Smith; S. D. Mercer Co. against City of Omaha; O'Neill against State; Martin against Martin; Wiese against Union Pacific Railway company; Wrich against Union Pacific Railway company; Fitzgerald against Kimball Bros.; Staats against Wilson; Lawrie against Lininger & Metcalf; Middlekauff against Adams; State ex rel. Ure against Drexel; State ex rel. Solomon against Drexel; in reapplication of E. A. Butler for writ of habeas corpus.

Cases submitted on briefs:

Union Pacific Railroad company against Fosberg; Judkins against Judkins; Hefner against Roberts; Ramold against Clayton.

Cases continued:

Union Pacific Railroad company against Connolly; Pullman Palace Car company against Woods; Haddix against State.

HAS FAITH IN THE SANDHILLS

C. S. Harrison Gives His Impressions of the Country.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—In an interview with C. S. Harrison, president of the Nebraska Park and Forest association, who has just returned from western and northwestern Nebraska from an investigation in the sand hills of northwestern Nebraska, and says "cattlemen have been throwing sand in the people's eyes by saying that the land is so poor that a family would starve on a section of it." He makes the statement that an average family can make a good living on nearly every section in the sand hills. Most of the lands are not as bad as painted by the ranchmen. Settlers in the sand hills are doing well. In the valleys between the hills corn, oats, wheat, potatoes, beets and vegetables do well.

After an investigation of conditions Mr. Harrison believes that the Kinkaid law is all right. The poorest parts will raise pine, which do well. From tests made the bare hills can be made to be worth $100 per acre. Government tests are showing more and more the value of these lands and if the people had a chance at them thousands of Nebraskans would receive support from the soil of that region.

Tragard Held for Bigamy.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Frank Tragard waived preliminary examination in justice court today and in default of bail was committed to the county jail in answer to the charge of bigamy. The complaint was filed against him by Mrs. Mabel Tragard, who, according to the records here, was married to him on August 16, 1905. Mrs. Kate Tragard of Oskaloosa, Ia., asserts that she married the same man at Lovillia, Ia., on January 2, 1901, and that they have never been divorced. Tragard denies that he was ever married to the Iowa woman, though admitting that he lived with her for several years and took out life insurance payable to her as his wife. The Fremont wife became suspicious of her husband's record in the matrimonial line on account of some papers she found in his possession a month or so ago and began an investigation on her own account, and becoming alarmed at the situation he skipped to Iowa. The Iowa wife will be here at his trial, which promises to be hotly contested.

Baptist Young People's Rally.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The Baptist Young People's union of the Omaha association held a rally here February 18. It was a great success both in numbers and interest. Eighty-five delegates were in attendance, also all the association officers. Seventeen Baptist Young People's societies compose the Omaha association. The services were composed of prayer and praise, reports of societies and two addresses, one by Rev. Bump of Tekamah, the second by Rev. George McDougall of Omaha. An invitation was accepted to meet in a rally at Fremont May 12.

More Charges Against Lynch.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—James J. Lynch, who is in the county jail awaiting trial on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses from Mrs. Wilhelmina Schoenfelt of Scribner, will probably have to answer to some other charges should he be acquitted at the next term of the district court. Sheriff Bauman has been notified that he is wanted at Salt Lake City and also at Osawatomie, Kan., on charges of larceny.

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CHANGE IN CATTLE COUNTRY

Big Cattleman Soon to Give Way to the Small Herd Owner.

MERCHANTS BEGINNING TO SEE LIGHT

Cattle Barons Have Been Misleading the Public on Amount of Land Required to Pasture Each Head of Cattle.

CODY, Neb., Feb. 20.—That there is going to be a great change in this part of the state in the near future is apparent to the most casual observer. The day of the big cattle interests, the fencing of government lands, the hiring of persons to make fraudulent homestead filings to cover up the best lands, must now give way to the hand cream separator, milch cow and the honest enforcement of the Kinkaid 640 acre homestead law. The general practice of lawlessness heretofore in vogue will not be tolerated further by the government. The efforts of the large cattle interests who have been gobbling up the best lands in a fraudulent manner, to try to create the impression that it requires forty acres to support one steer, is being disproved by the special agents of the land department, who are figuring up the acreage of each enclosure and examining the returns of live stock given in to the assessors. It is not generally believed that these people gave in more cattle than they owned and if they did not, the figures show a much less acreage per head and in every part the waste of grass is enormous.

The business men of the small towns are beginning to learn that a number of small ranchmen will be of much more value to the country than a few big concerns. For example, one large concern that runs 5,000 cattle, buys most of its supplies in Chicago, while if fifty small ranchmen owned 100 cattle each, there would be fifty families to buy goods from the merchants. Fifty such families could produce enough cream for the market to bring into the community from $2,500 to $4,000 per month. It is clear that 5,000 cattle owned by fifty persons would require no more grass for support than would the same number of cattle owned by one person.

Some Sample Appeals.

A fair sample of the way those who have been making use of these lands, which they claim are of no value, but which they are trying to get by any means, lawful or unlawful, look upon the efforts of the governbent to stop the prevalent lawlessness, is demonstrated by the letter of Mr. Woodruff Ball, who owns a ranch near this place. The letter of Mr. Ball has been widely published in Nebraska. Among other things he says:

The attitude of the administration has made the "square deal" a by-word in western Nebraska.

In other words, the enforcement of the law is sneered at. Again he says:

They received the "Big Stick." If ever in the history of this country there was a bold-faced attempt on the part of the executive to intimidate the federal judiciary, this was the case.

Because the president wants officials who will enforce the law, Mr. Ball criticises his action. Again:

What we ask is relief from obsolete and antiquated laws, remedial legislation that we may go ahead building up this country that is ours by conquest, captured from a wilderness and made to support, not law breakers, but a type of citizens that go to make the backbone of this nation. If Secretary Hitchcock will turn his hand to that, we will stand ready to cooperate with him. We are willing to acquire this land legally, either by purchase or lease.

Notice the words "ours by conquest." The above paragraph is comical, in view of the fact that Mr. Ball is charged by the special agents with having fenced in about 22,000 acres of government lands with cedar posts and barb-wires, and with being guilty of subornation of perjury in hiring persons to file homesteads on the best lands in his pasture.

End Not Yet.

If Secretary Hitchcock will turn his hand toward leaving Mr. Ball alone, he will "co-operate with him." Again:

The end is not yet. There are more of these cattle kings that must be driven to cover that conditions may be made more chaotic, titles upset, land values depreciated and foreign capital stampeded. The land is filled to overflowing with special agents and secret service men directly contrary to law for, by whose authority are treasury department men detailed to service with the interior department? Intimidation is practiced wholesale and immunity promised if only one will make an affidavit or go to court and testify against these ruthless cattle barons. This is, indeed, a noble example of a free and paternal government.

No, "the end is not yet." That is what is making trouble for those who are being investigated. None but guilty men are being "driven to cover." The only "titles" being "upset" are "titles" that were obtained in a fraudulent manner. Those who "will make an affidavit or go to court and testify" are making lots of trouble just now for guilty persons, and it is good for the state that this is true. Lawlessness must give way, and Nebraska will not be injured by such a charge.

News of Nebraska.

PLATTSMOUTH—The Plattsmouth glove factory company has rented and is occupying rooms in the Waterman block.

MADISON—H. M. Palmer arrived here from Allen today and entered on his duties as manager of the John Lenon store.

BEATRICE—J. B. Mitchell of Greenfield, Kan., has purchased the hardware store of J. T. Baughan & Co. on North Fifth street.

TABLE ROCK—Cyprus lodge No. 44 celebrated the forty-second anniversary of Pythianism last night, and had a "gala night" of it.

BEATRICE—It is understood that ten acres of Arbor State park at Wymore is to be planted to trees this spring. Carl Sondereger of this city has the contract.

BEATRICE—Joseph Capelski while operating a drill machine at the Dempster factory yesterday had his left hand so badly mangled that part of it may have to be amputated.

BEATRICE—Yesterday County Treasurer Barnard issued a call for all outstanding warrants excepting those issued to Contractor Sparks for the Barneston bridge. The total with those called February 1 will aggregate $30,000.

MADISON—Mayor Fred Gegner, commander of the Third battalion, and Captain Charles Frazer and Lieutenants Hobbs and Esh, officers of Company F, Nebraska National guard, started today for Lincoln to attend the officers' school held there this week.

BEATRICE—H. H. Brown, for the past two years day clerk at the Paddock hotel, yesterday resigned his position and at once assumed the proprietorship of the Markle hotel. Oscar Wattenberger of this city was appointed Mr. Brown's successor at the Paddock.

BEATRICE—A thunderstorm visited this section last night, an unusual occurrence for this time of the year. Following a light rainfall, accompanied by vivid lightning and heavy thunder, the temperature took a sudden drop and this morning it is much colder.

PLATTSMOUTH—A new organization, known as the Laclede club, has been organized in this city. The purpose is to have a good time. The officers elected are: President, B. C. McElroy; vice president, John Kinzer; secretary, Harry Likewise; treasurer, Charles Truman.

PAPILLION—District court is in session since yesterday. No jury trials have been called yet. The case of Rynor against Jacobs over the ownership of a large tract of land near Gilmore is on trial. Tomorrow the jury will be called. There are sixty-two equity cases to be tried and three criminal.

LOUISVILLE—Arthur Parmer, who with his brother Oscar have been attending the Nebraska Wealeyan university, left a note on the table in their room yesterday for Oscar, stating that he had joined the United States navy and bidding him and his parents goodby. Oscar came home last evening to inform his parents.

PLATTSMOUTH—Eugene Sawyer, a Burlington freight brakeman, had his right arm crushed while coupling cars in Pacific Junction last night. He was brought to this city and Dr. Livingston amputated the injured member between the elbow and shoulder. The unfortunate man has worked for the Burlington for fifteen years, and has a wife and two children residing in Creston, Ia. His mother from Creston, Ia., and his brother from Kansas City are here caring for him.

MADISON—Anthony Scannell and Miss Edith Baisch were married here at the Catholic church today. Only immediate relatives and friends attended the wedding. The bride is a teacher, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baisch of this place. The groom is in the banking business at Petersburg, at which place they will make their home.

BEATRICE—Yesterday John Scheve sold the old fair grounds located northeast of the city to George W. Walker for $2,200. The tract comprises fifty acres, and the old place was once the scene of the liveliest racing that ever occurred in Gage county. It was once the home of Counselor, Idavan, Guelph and many of the best bred horses that ever started in Nebraska.

OSCEOLA—A number of old settlers and among the most prominent citizens are making arrangements to go where pastures are greener. Among them are Keene Ludden, who goes to Gregory, S. D.; Oscar Coglizer, to Valley county; Judge Saunders, to Columbus, and Rev. Knox Boude, to California. They will leave about March 1.

SCHUYLER—The continued warm weather, together with the bad roads, makes it nearly impossible for the ice man to get his crop. He has teams hauling ice a mile and a half, but owing to the condition of the roads it is hard to get anybody to keep a team hauling. Unless the weather cools there will be a shortage of ice here next year, as only two-thirds of the usual crop is in the houses.

BEATRICE—Exercises at which exemption papers will be issued to a number of firemen who have served the city five years will be held in fire department headquarters next Thursday evening. At the close of the exercises a smoker will be held and addresses will be delivered by Mayor Shultz, City Attorney Davis and others. There will be no banquet this year of the department, owing to a shortage of funds.

NORFOLK—Finding babes on the doorstep has become almost a habit in Norfolk. Last night Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Miller of this city answered a knock at the door and found a little 4-months-old baby boy, with blue eyes, and with a note pinned to his clothing which said: "He is four months old February 21. Take him, give him a good home, and buy him some clothes." There is no clue to the person who left the baby.

SUTTON—Robert M. Thompson died late last evening from heart disease after an illness of but a few days. Deceased was born in Scotland. He came to Sutton in 1872, engaging in the machine business and later took up the real estate and loan business, which he followed successfully and accumulated a competence, most of which he leaves to his brother William, now on the Pacific coast. In the war of 1861 he was a Wisconsin soldier.

PLATTSMOUTH—Among the superintendents who will attend the National Educational association that will convene in Louisville, Ky., February 27, are E. L. Rouse, Plattsmouth; C. M. Barr, Wahoo; E. E. McGee, Ashland; C. Fullmer, Beatrice; George Burgert, Kearney; W. L. Stephens, Lincoln, and State Superintendent J. L. McBrien. They expect to visit the public schools in Kansas City, St. Louis and Indianapolis while away.

OAKLAND—F. M. Hulbert held a successful sale of Poland-China bred sows at his sale pavillion here Monday. Fifty head were sold at an average of $56.85. The highest price paid was $300 for Highland Queen, J. W. Pfander, Gravity, Ia., being the purchaser. J. W. Knowles & Son of Craig, Neb., bought Lady Louise for $108. Buyers were present from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Illinois. T. C. Callahan of Omaha was auctioneer.

SCHUYLER—The feed barn belonging to John Bingham still occupies a prominent place in the street. The first injunction against it was dissolved and Bingham would have moved the barn in then, but the weather prevented. Before anything could be done Godenschwager got out another injunction under the new fire ordinance, taking the block where Bingham intended moving his barn into the fire limit. The last injunction has not been tried yet.

FAIRMONT—C. B. Thompson died at his residence in this city yesterday, after an illness of about three months. The deceased was 58 years of age and was an old soldier, having enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-second regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers in 1862. He served through the war and then settled in Iowa in 1866, and removed from there to Nebraska in 1871, since which time he has been a resident of this county. Awife, three sons and one daughter survive him.

FREMONT—Owners of dogs, valuable and otherwise, in this city are much troubled over the poisoning of a number of their pets this week. Thus far fourteen dogs, some of them valuable hunting dogs, have turned up dead from the effects of poison, one of them a hunter valued at $50 and another President Clemmons' pug Felix, well known to hundreds of former Normal students. There is no clue as to who is doing the business. The vicious and worthless curs have fared better than the valuable ones.

BLAIR—Mrs. Kelly, aged 50 years, wife of Thomas F. Kelly, city engineer, died at 9:35 last night at the Blair Emergency hospital, where she has been for about two weeks. Mrs. Kelly was born in Somerset, Kentucky, and came to Blair in 1876, and five years later was married to the husband who survives her. She leaves, also of her immediate family, three sons and one daughter, John, Thomas and Mrs. May Bloomquist of this city, and McDonald, who is serving in the navy on board the United States ship Wisconsin now at Manila.

Five Thousand Damage Asked.

Five thousand dollars is the amount of damages asked by A. G. Katelman in a suit filed in the district court yesterday against Dore & Bloom, owners of a building at Eighteenth and Leavenworth streets. Katelman says he rented a store room from the defendants at 1819 Leavenworth and started a grocery business with the understanding they were not to rent any other room for use as a grocery store. After he had put in his stock he says they violated the agreement and allowed another grocery store to come in. The damages he asks is figured on the loss on the stock and probable profits he would have made had the defendants kept the alleged agreement.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair Today and Tomorrow in Nebraska and Iowa—Rain in Western Nebraska Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Forecast of the weather for Wednesday and Thursday:

For Nebraska—Fair Wednesday; Thursday, fair in east; rain in west portion.

For Iowa—Fair Wednesday; Thursday, fair; warmer in eastern portion.

For Kansas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

For Missouri—Fair Wednesday; colder in east portion; Thursday, fair and warmer.

For South Dakota—Fair Wednesday; warmer in extreme western portion; Thursday, cloudy, probably rain.

For Montana—Rain Wednesday, except fair in southeast portion; Thursday, rain or snow; colder in north and west portions.

For Colorado—Fair Wednesday; Thursday, rain or snow and colder.

For Wyoming—Fair in east, rain or snow in western portion Wednesday; Thursday, rain or snow and colder.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 20.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1906.	1905.	1904.	1903.
Maximum temperature	32	39	38	38
Minimum temperature	36	24	15	15
Mean temperature	44	32	22	26
Precipitation	.03	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and comparison with the last two years:

Normal temperature	26
Excess for the day	18
Total excess since March 1	1,066
Normal precipitation	.02 inch
Excess for the day	.00 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	28.54 inches
Deficiency since March 1	2.90 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1905	4.20 inches
Excess for cor. period in 1904	1.51 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p.m.	Maximum.	Rainfall.
Bismarck, clear	32	36	.00
Cheyenne, clear	42	48	.00
Chicago, raining	44	54	.26
Davenport, cloudy	38	48	.58
Denver, clear	50	64	.00
Havre, cloudy	50	52	.00
Helena, cloudy	46	52	.00
Huron, clear	36	48	.00
Kansas City, clear	44	56	.52
North Platte, clear	46	54	.00
Omaha, clear	50	62	.00
Rapid City, clear	42	52	.00
St. Louis, raining	54	66	.T
St. Paul, part cloudy	44	46	.00
Salt Lake City, cloudy	52	54	.00
Valentine, clear	42	50	.00
Williston, clear	30	36	.T

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

"T" Indicates trace of precipitation.

KINKAID ON LEASING BILL

Measure to Pass Congress Must Be Restricted to Nebraska.

THINKS COUNTY OPTION IS GOOD IDEA

Congressman Is Highly Pleased at Workings of His Homestead Bill, Under Which 6,000,000 Acres Have Been Taken.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Kinkaid tonight issued a statement regarding the land leasing law that is exceedingly important from the view point of the sixth congressional district. In this statement Judge Kinkaid says that after having received hundreds of letters from both large and small stockmen urging relief along certain lines, he could not support either of the four bills which have been introduced in the house without amendments. Independently the several bills, according to the member from the Sixth district, it is improbable that any of them can pass for the reason, he cites, that they are intended to cover the whole of the western states and territories and most of those states are likely to be opposed to a leasing act. "It must be restricted to Nebraska alone," said Judge Kinkaid, "and its peculiar interests, to secure the leasing legislation desired. As some localities favor and others oppose the leasing law my judgment is the people of each county should be allowed to determine for themselves whether an act is to take effect in their county, and this could be done by providing that it shall not take effect in any county except upon a resolution passed by the county board requesting that it become operative therein."

Further Judge Kinkaid said that not in this country has there been such splendid result growing out of a particular bill as has grown out of the 640-acre homestead act which had passed in the fifty-eighth congress. Of 9,000,000 acres made subject to the provisions of the Kinkaid law only twenty months ago, according to Judge Kinkaid, about 6,000,000 have been homesteaded. There has not been another instance in this country where public land has been taken up more rapidly where it has been subject to entry so long, as had these lands at the time the new act took effect.

Ask Place for Singleton.

The Nebraska delegation today joined in a request to the president urging the appointment of M. F. Singleton of Omaha, to some governmental position in recognition of the colored race. Mr. Singleton was a candidate for register of the treasury to succeed Judson W. Lyons of Georgia, but early in the game quietly withdrew, recognizing that much stronger forces were at work to bring about the succession to Mr. Lyons.

Gurley Watching Lease Bills.

William F. Gurley of Omaha is in Washington, the guest of relatives. Incidentally, however, Mr. Gurley has a weather eye open to possible legislation affecting the cattlemen's prospective leases of the public domain now pending in committees.

Minor Western Matters.

Bills granting increased pensions to Henry Russell, Omaha; John L. Clark, St. Paul; D. D. Griffith, Amherst, introduced by Senator Millard, were favorably reported today by the senate committee on pensions.

Richard May has ben appointed postmaster at Hayes Center, Hayes county, vice J. H. Christner, resigned.

Albert J. Leighty has been appointed regular and Claud Blair substitute rural carrier for route 3 at Gaddes, S. D.

Rural route No. 1 has been ordered established April 2, at Bartlett, Fremont county, Ia., serving 408 people and 102 houses.

William H. Killpack of Council Bluffs and Ed H. Johnson of Fort Dodge, Ia., were admitted to practice as attorneys before the Interior department.

WOMAN DROWNS HER CHILDREN

Commits Murder and Suicide on Boat, Leaving Letter Confessing the Crime.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 20.—Mrs. John W. Waters of New York, and formerly of Chicago, threw her three children overboard and then committed suicide last night by jumping from the steamer Plymouth. The children included a girl of 8 years and two smaller children, one a baby in arms.

Mrs. Waters left a number of letters, one of them in the nature of a will, disposing of the writer's personal property. One of the missives was written on a part of an envelope, the other on a piece of wrapping paper. The note on the envelope read:

Dear Husband: Forgive this trouble. I have nearly broken my heart. Dear John, forgive me for causing you this sorrow, but I could not live and I could not leave our children. I have worried so much I fear insanity and I could not leave the children.

The letter which disposed of the woman's personal property contained the name of John W. Waters, 170 Broadway, New York. Various trinkets and articles of wearing apparel were disposed of in the hurriedly written will.

After having searched the boat and found no trace of the woman or the children the officers became convinced that the woman had thrown them overboard and then leaped after them. Persons occupying staterooms near by heard one of the children crying at about midnight. From that time until about 3:30 a. m., when the fact was discovered that the stateroom was unoccupied, no other disturbance was heard. Upon the arrival of the steamer the case was turned over to the local police for investigation, with a result that her identity was established.

Dwight Brady, son of Captain James Brady, collector of the port of Fall River, identified the articles found in the stateroom as belonging to his sister, Mrs. John Waters of Brooklyn, N. Y. He could give no reason, he said, for the woman's action beyond the fact that she had said that she was not happy.

Mrs. Waters was 30 years of age. The three children included Helen, 4 years old; Dorothy, aged 2 years, and a boy baby, 10 months.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—John Waters is manager of the fire insurance bureau of the National Association of Manufacturers. He was prostrated when told of his wife's death, but later arranged to go to Fall River this afternoon. To a business assistant Mr. Watters said that his wife had been subject to short spells of insanity and that she spent some time in a sanitarium several years ago.

NAVAL COMMITTEE AT WORK

Captain Colvocoresses Examined Regarding Hazing at Annapolis Academy.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 20.—The subcommittee on naval affairs of the house of representatives resumed its sessions at the naval academy this afternoon. The only witness before the committee was Captain George P. Colvocoresses, commandant of midshipmen and head of the department of discipline of the naval academy.

The session was not open to the public, but after its close it was stated by members of the committee that Captain Colvocoresses' testimony was very lengthy and thorough. He was questioned closely as to the attitudes of those having charge of the conduct of the midshipmen towards them.

Superintendent Sands transmitted to the committee a copy of the resolutions which were passed by the second, now the senior, class. Members of the committee have expressed themselves as very much gratified at the action taken by the midshipmen in the matter. Representative Padgett said tonight that the greatest importance was to be attached to this action, as it was the result of a free movement on the part of the midshipmen, not only without threat or hope of favor, but without even a suggestion having been made to them. The members of the committee expect similar action by the third class.

Texas Bank Closes Doors.

TEMPLE, Tex., Feb. 20.—The Temple National bank went into liquidation today as a result of rumors of its insolvency. Former Lieutenant Governor Pendleton, president of the National Bank of Temple, takes over all obligations and will pay depositirs in full. The liabilities and resources approximate $500,000 each. The capital stock of the bank is $100,000.

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago & Alton Railroad company and the Chicago & Alton Railway company will be held on March 8 to vote on a plan of consolidation for the two corporations. The railway company owns practically all the stock of the railroad company.

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