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FOUR YEAR TERMS

House Committee Approves Norris Measure Amending Election Laws.

LONGER SERVICE FOR CONGRESSMEN

Report Says Continuous Drama Causes People to Lose Interest in Politics.

POPULAR CHOICE OF U. S. SENATORS

Bill Provides for Their Direct Election Like Other Officials.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

House Has Passed Favo[illegible] This Subject Four Times, [illegible] to Secure Supp[illegible] Senators.

WASHINGTON, April 1[illegible] olution providing for the election [illegible] ors by direct vote of the people h[illegible] favorably acted upon by the h[illegible] mittee on election of president, vic[illegible] nt and representatives in congress. [illegible] lution, which was introduced by [illegible] ris of Nebraska, makes the terms of members of the house four years instead of two. Both propositions are to be accomplished by amendments to the constitution.

Reasons why the term of members should be four years are stated to be because no party can inaugurate its policy in two years.

Grafters Denounced.

"The people are tired," the report says, "of this continuous drama and as a result are inclined to give no attention to the primaries and the conventions—the very foundation of our political system—the forum wherein the country's interests can best be guarded and protected. With an election every two years, the political grafter who thrives on partisan strife and on the nervous uncertainty controlling candidates for office is able to live from one election to another by the boodle secured at his unholy business. The adoption of the proposed amendment would render it less possible for this creature to ply his trade."

Regarding the election of senators by direct vote the report says:

"The proposition to provide for the election of senators by direct vote of the people has been before the house of representatives and has received favorable consideration upon several different occasions. A proposition to amend the constitution having this object in view has passed the house of representatives at four different times and each time by a practically unanimous vote."

INDIANA REPUBLICANS MEET

State Ticket is Nominated and Platform Agreed Upon Wednesday is Adopted.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 12.—The republican state convention today unanimously adopted the platform agreed upon and reported by the committee on resolutions and nominated a state ticket. Charles B. Landis of Delphi, representative from the Ninth congressional district, presided as permanent chairman. In addressing the convention he said:

Two problems have faced the republican party in the last ten years. One was the democratic problem of adversity and the other was the republican problem of prosperity. The adversity problem has been solved and the prosperity problem will be solved.

Beware of the advance agents of political hysteria. The yellow newspaper and the yellow magazines are now to the fore. Any magazine that will carry an article on the "treason of the United States senate" ought to be debarred from every self-respecting home.

The senate is slow, but it was made to be slow.

Have confidence in the national house and senate, in the vice president, whom we will elevate to the presidency, and in the president.

The following were nominated by acclamation:

For secretary of state, Fred Sims of Frankfort; for attorney general, James Bingham of Muncie; for state statistician, James S. Stubbs of Indianapolis; for judge of the supreme court, first district, James H. Jordan of Martinsville.

John C. Billheimer of Washington, was nominated for auditor of state.

Oscar Hadley of Danville was nominated for state treasurer on the second ballot.

Edward Fitzpatrick of Portland was nominated for clerk of the supreme court.

Fassett A. Cotton of Indianapolis was nominated for superintendent of public instruction.

W. S. Batchely of Terre Haute was nominated for state geologist.

Leander J. Monks of Winchester was renominated for judge of the supreme court from the Fourth district.

FREE FOOD FOR ECUADOR

South American Republic Remits Duties on Some Imports for Stated Term.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—The Call today says that news has been received that the government of Ecuador has made foods from the United States into Ecuador duty free for a period of three months, the period begining about the first of the present month.

M. Aristizabel, acting consul from Ecuador, is quoted in regard to the matter to the effect that while he had heard that the duties referred to had been suspended and that he believed it to be true he could not make the statement officially. He was in doubt as to whether in fact he was consul for Ecuador, owing to the recent change in the administration as a result of the revolution, which took place last January. He had since then sent in his resignation, but had not yet been notified whether it had been accepted. The supposition is that the duties have been remitted to permit those who took part in the revolution to recoup their losses.

CORPORAL TANNER IN ATLANTA

Commander of Grand Army Makes Tour of Battlefields in Vicinity of Georgia Metropolis.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 12.—Corporal James Tanner, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, today was taken by the representatives of various civic and veteran organizations on a tour of inspection of the various battlefields surrounding Atlanta.

The object was to interest him in the project of the establishment by federal appropriation of national military parks on the sites of these battlefields. Corporal Tanner expressed himself heartily in favor of the plans and promised his aid to secure national aid to carry them out.

He will leave Friday on a tour of the Grand Army organizations of the southwest and Pacific coast.

GOMEZ A TOOL OF PRESIDENT

El Mocho Sees Further Gain for Castro in Recent Change in Venezuela.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The Herald today says: General Jose Manuel Hernandez ("El Mocho") who led the revolt against President Castro of Venezuela several years ago and who was imprisoned for three years following his capture, said in his apartments last night that he had heard of Castro's resignation of the presidency and that it caused him to smile.

"Yes, indeed it is news," he said, stroking his grizzled beard. "When I come to think of it, there is grim humor here, a comedy that with the change of a few lines may be transformed into a tragedy. Who knows what is back of this latest move of the president of Venezuela. I can observe by mental telepathy the delicate hands that moved the pawns on the chess board of my country, and must not allow myself to lose repose when picturing Gomez in the chair.

"Gomez is not brilliant. For years the tool of Castro, will he not better be able to do the bidding of the late president now that he is seated in the president's chair? Castro will now be better able to gather the fruits of his office without assuming any of the responsibilities, or many of them which have redounded to his discredit. This comedy may last a week or a trifle longer. Then we will receive another cablegram that Castro has resumed his seat or that the comedy has been directed into another and more dangerous channel. The machinations of the 'gang' will not be blocked now that Castro has stepped from the throne. They may even be accentuated.

"Venezuela can never be a prosperous country until the hour shall have arrived when the 'gang' is driven from the country and that country put on a footing where it may thrive and grow without the iron hand of oppression upon the throats of the people. Perhaps a week this will last, perhaps until a moment comes when succor will come to the sore and the tired in that beautiful land."

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Senor Garbiras, the Venezuelan charge here, has received a cablegram from Caracas confirming the one received yesterday in New York by the consul general there to the effect that President Castro has temporarily resigned his office. The charge is of the opinion that the president has decided to make one of his periodical trips to La Victoria for rest and recuperation after the severe labors of the last winter, but he does not doubt that the retirement is only for the space of a few weeks.

LONDON, April 12.—To those who are interested financially in Venezuela the change in the presidency is not unwelcome. On the Stock exchange today Venezuelan bands opened ¼ higher.

FRANCE PLEASED WITH AWARD

Premier Bourgeois Makes a Statement in the Chamber Regarding Moroccan Conference.

PARIS, April 12.—The Chamber of Deputies today voted the Algeciras credits after a statement by Premier Bourgeois, during the course of which he said:

"The support of the nation greatly assisted the government in obtaining success at the Moroccan conference. France's position as a Mussulman power and the security of its African colonies depending on the security of Morocco, necessitated a fixed policy in order to safeguard its interests. France has always recognized the independence of the sultan and the principle of the open door, but it is unable to accept the co-operation of a third power in the control of the police of Morocco. The protocol provides for commercial liberty and assures France a pre-eminent position in connection with the state bank of Morocco, while giving France and Spain equal participation in the control of the police, thus conforming with French interests and satisfying the other powers. The equitable decisions of the conference have been accepted without ulterior thoughts of bad humor anywhere. All the powers showed the desire during the discussions to subordinate their personal views to a good understanding, assuring in the future calm and confidence in international relations and strong alliances and friendships calculated to advance civilization, justice and peace."

EMPEROR TO "CUT" CONGRESS

Czar Will Not Be Present When Representatives of the People Meet.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 12.—Emperor Nicholas will not come to St. Petersburg to open Parliament, according to the Novoe Vremya. The representatives will be summoned either to Tsarskoe Selo or to the Peterhof palace. There they will be presented to the emperor and will listen to a speech from the throne, after which they will return to St. Petersburg and elect a president of the lower house. This decision was arrived at not only to protect the dignity of the sovereign, but also because no place has been provided for the emperor in the Tauride palace, where the lower house will meet.

The statistics regarding the 179 members so far elected to the lower house of Parliament show that the liberals have an overwhelming majority and that only five representatives are classed as reactionists. While the constitutional democrats and their more radical allies are represented by ninety-seven representatives, the progressive party only has twenty-five representatives and the Octoberists seventeen. Thirty-five representatives are classified as independent or their political allegiance is stated to be unknown. Many of these, however, are peasants whom the constitutional democrats expect to vote with, owing to the agrarian program of their party.

BRITISH POLICYHOLDERS BUSY

Mutual Life Insurance Patrons Desire Change in the System of Management.

LONDON, April 12.—A meeting of the British policyholders of the Mutual Life Insurance company has been called for April 20 to consider the reply of Joseph H. Choate of counsel for the company to the representations made in their behalf by A. D. Juillard, a trustee of the Mutual.

The reply which was received this morning was not satisfactory to those policyholders who were seen today. They are satisfied with the financial condition of the company, but desire particularly the retirement of trustees who were closely associated with the McCurdys.

Russia Negotiating Loan.

PARIS, April 12.—The negotiations before the former Russian finance minister, M. Kokovosoff, and the French bankers for a loan of $[illegible] are proceeding satisfactorily. The arrangements for the issue on Saturday or Monday have been completed.

FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF ZION

Dr. Dowie Preparing Bill in Chancery for Recovery of Property.

MAKES DEMAND FOR FULL POSSESSION

He Says He Will Return Completely Restored to Temporal and Ecclesiastical Power.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Dr. John Alexander Dowie will not turn tail and flee to Mexico. He will wage a vigorous legal warfare to regain control of Zion City, and as soon as he considers that he has taken the proper preliminary steps he will descend upon that place and proclaim himself the only and "first apostle." This statement is authorized by Dr. Dowie himself and by the firm of lawyers who represent him.

In this connection Attorney Haley of the firm of Eddy, Haley & Wetten, who represent Dr. Dowie and his counsellors, made the following statement:

We have advanced and will advance only one condition—complete restoration of power, temporal as well as ecclesiastical, and a demand for an absolute retraction of the slanderous statements made by General Overseer Voliva and his followers against the moral character of Dowie.

We are preparing a bill in chancery petitioning the courts to set aside the transfer of the property at Zion City made between General Overseer Voliva and Deacon Alexander Granger, because the instrument was absolutely void. Dowie revoked the power of attorney which he delegated to Voliva two days before the illegal transfer was made.

Dowie will not immediately proceed to Zion City, but will remain in his apartments at the Auditorium annex in this city until every preliminary legal step has been taken. He will then proceed to Zion City and enter it with all of the power and authority he had when he last left the place.

Several Conferences Held.

Despite the positive assertion on the part of Mr. Haley, attorneys for both factions were in numerous conferences throughout the day. Judge V. Y. Barnes, head of the legal department of the city of Zion, came to Chicago today and was closeted with Attorney Emil C. Wetten, representing Dowie, for a considerable length of time. What transpired between the two lawyers was not made public, but while Mr. Wetten was as emphatic as his associate in denying that any compromise measures were under way, he qualified his statement by saying that both sides were extremely desirous of preventing the issue from coming into court, as such a proceeding might be ruinous to the resources of Zion City.

Dowie Secures Mail Order.

The attorneys for Dowie have secured an order from the Postal department directing that all mail addressed to Dr. Dowie be delivered to his apartments in the Annex. This they consider a very important strategic move, as the majority of these letters are from members of the church remitting their tithes. This, they claim, will checkmate the general order sent out by Voliva and his associates in Zion City ordering that no moneys be remitted to Dowie hereafter.

Dowie's Furniture Sold.

DETROIT, Mich., April 12.—A Free Press special from Muskegon, Mich., says: In the lofty stand wherein for years past John Alexander Dowie, with great pomp and ceremony delivered impassioned addresses to thousands assembled at Ben MacDhui, the splendid summer home of the former ruler of Zion City, an auctioneer today waived his hammer and sold for a paltry $2,500 expensive furniture and fittings of Dowie's White Lake establishment. It is estimated that the property sold today was worth $20,000. Ben MacDhui was included in the property, which the Voliva faction of Zion City recently took over through power of attorney given by Dowie before the revolt.

LATTER DAY SAINTS CONFER

Reports Are Received from Different Bodies and Spread on the Minutes.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The preaching by Elder Frederick Gregory last night was remarkable in clearness, originality and force. He spoke upon the marriage of Christ to His bride, the church. As there was a divine begettal in the case of Christ, so there was in the case of His bride. As He was the only begotten son, so she is the only begotten bride, or church. He spoke on the comparison through His death, His resurrection. His coming again, when the marriage will take place if she has made herself ready and has put on her beautiful garments, the robes of righteousness.

The morning prayer meeting today was by a young elder from St. Louis, Elder U. A. Burgess, who, though troubled with an impediment of speech, was able to interest, instruct and at times electrify his audience.

The afternoon business meeting was presided over by President F. M. Smith and prayer was offered by Elder J. R. Lambert of Lamoni, Ia.

The following reports were read, received and ordered spread upon the minutes: Third quorum of priests, second quorum of elders, eighth quorum of elders, just organized; report of the joint council of the presidency, twelve and bishopric, touching the establishment of a sanitarium, recommending seeking the Lord for light, touching this and other matters; the committee on history was continued; the committee on incorporation of the church in Canada was continued; the committee on conference with the Church of Christ was continued. Elder Charles Berry was released from the committee on revision of church history and F. M. Smith was chosen as his successor. A question arose as to the publication of certain editorials on secret societies, but the whole matter was tabled.

LIGHTNING STRIKES BARN

Fire in Kansas City Stock Yards Results in Death of Fireman.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—Lightning tonight struck feed barn No. 2 at the stock yards at Nineteenth and Wyoming streets in this city, setting fire to the structure, as the result of which a fireman lost his life, a spectator was seriously hurt and the building destroyed.

Arthur W. Pendergast, the fireman, was caught under some falling walls and was not found for more than an hour later. When removed from the debris he was alive, but he died a short time afterward.

Joseph Monahan, a boy, while watching the fire fell off a viaduct and was injured internally.

Besides the building, 800 tons of hay were destroyed, making the total property loss $15,000.

The lightning accompanied a hard rainstorm which visited this city tonight.

BIDS ON CATTLE FOR INDIANS

Some Days Before They Will Be in Shape to Submit to the Secretary of the Interior.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(Special.)—The assistant commissioner of Indian affairs is engaged in classifying the bids which have been received under advertisement for supplying the Indians of the Rosebud Indian reservation with stock cattle. Acting Commissioner Larabee said today that it would take his office force some days to classify the proposals and get the various bids in shape for submission to the secretary. He does not believe that a contract will be awarded for any of the various varieties of cattle desired within the next ten days and it may even be a longer period. The list of those bidding and the amounts of their bids on the several kinds of animals desired by the Indian bureau follow:

John Ball Steve, Fairfield, Ia., 4,000 heifers at $32.75 per head.

Harry Ernest Smith, Fairfield, Ia., 300 bulls at $49 per head, 500 heifers at $29.75 per head. Further: 500 heifers (same as above) at $21.35 per head, 100 heifers (same as above) at $28.75 per head.

Matthew F. Morton, Fairfax, S. D., 1,000 heifers at $28.45 per head, 200 bulls at $48.80 per head.

Ora Hailey, Laramie, Wyo., 4,981 heifers at $25.87½ per head, 200 bulls at $65 per head.

Charles J. Hysham, Omaha, Neb., 500 to 1,500 heifers at $27.40 per head.

Paris G. Cooper, Crawford, Neb., 500 heifers at $27.75 per head, 50 bulls at $65 per head.

Henry P. Volin, Volin, S. D., 1,000 heifers at $33.75 per head.

Richard H. Watkins, Alliance, Neb., 500 heifers at $26.95 per head, 100 bulls at $59.85 per head.

Jacob W. Stetter, Valentine, Neb., 1,000 heifers at $28.72 per head.

Thomas A. Coffey, Merriman, Neb., 150 heifers at $27.65 per head.

Henry Altman, Cheyenne, Wyo., 4,981 heifers at $30.25 per head.

Mark W. Woods, Lincoln, Neb., 200 bulls at $65 per head.

Charles C. Judy, Tahula, Ill., 4,981 heifers at $34.75 per head, 200 bulls at $39.50 per head.

A. E. DeRiegles, general manager American Live Stock company, Union stockyards, Denver, Colo., 4,981 heifers at $22.85 per head.

John H. Knight, Chamberlain, S. D., 400 heifers at $27.50 per head, 10 bulls at $45 per head.

William Southel, Crawford, Neb., 250 heifers at $27.75 per head.

Frank L. Hall, Crawford, Neb., 500 heifers at $26.70 per head.

Frank Ruthhutner, Kilgore, Neb., 200 heifers at $27.45 per head.

William I. Walker, Council Bluffs, Ia., 100 grade bulls at $74.74 per head, or 100 registered bulls at $99.74 each; 500 heifers at $25.45 each, 500 heifers at $24.45 each.

Stephen D. Coulbourn, 338 State street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 200 bulls at $54.40 per head.

Walter L. Montgomery, Chamberlain, S. D., 1,000 heifers at $26.37 per head, 100 bulls at $67.47 per head, or will deliver at Rosebud 1,000 heifers at $24 each.

Stevenson T. Nappen, Norfolk, Neb., 1,000 heifers at $21.75 per head, 1,000 at $22.40 per head, 1,000 at $22.20 per head, 1,000 to 1,981 at $22.80 per head, 200 bulls at $41.90 per head, 200 bulls at $44.90 per head.

Walter L. Montgomery, Chamberlain, S. D., 1,000 heifers at $26 per head, 100 bulls at $65 per head, or will furnish 1,000 heifers, without regard to weight, at $24 per head.

WIND STORMS IN KANSAS

Several Persons Injured and a Number of Houses Demolished Near Stafford.

WICHITA, Kan., April 12.—A tornado struck at Stafford, Kan., at 5 o'clock this afternoon, resulting in injury to several persons and demolishing several houses. The storm came from the southwest, passed over the business part, first striking two blocks east of Main street. Here the home of Fred Tanner and the parsonage of the Congregational church were demolished. The Quaker church was blown down, the debris falling upon the home of Mrs. Ella Granger, which was also destroyed. Mrs. Granger was injured, but not seriously.

Mrs. Ed. Gleisburg saw the storm coming and ran into the yard to rescue her child which was playing there. Before she reached him she was picked up and hurled against a telephone pole across the street. She was seriously injured. The child was unhurt.

The storm then lifted, but struck again in the northeast part of the town, demolishing several houses and damaging others.

Four miles west of Stafford another tornado blew down several farm buildings and seriously injured R. F. Silvers, who saw the storm coming and sought shelter in a granary filled with wheat. This storm passed two miles east of Hudson, where other small damage is reported. The sun shone brightly while these storms were wreaking their havoc.

Another tornado is reported at Bushton, thirty miles north of Stafford. Several residences and other buildings were blown down. No one was seriously injured. Wires are down and little information can be obtained from Bushton.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 12.—At least seven tornados were seen east and northeast of Great Bend, Barton county, this afternoon. The schoolhouse in district No. 82, vacant at the time, was demolished and a threshing machine outfit destroyed. No other damage reports have come in. Some rain and hail fell. Three years ago a number of tornadoes occurred in the same neighborhood, doing much damage to property.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS GROW

Increase of Over One Hundred Million Dollars Over Those of Last Year.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—According to a bulletin issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, the total value of agricultural products exported from the United States for the eight months of the fiscal year, 1906, ended with February, was $700,000,000, as against $570,000,000 in the same period of 1900, $684,000,000 in 1902 and $566,000,000 in 1905. The growth in the exports of agricultural products, says the bulletin, occurs in all of the three great groups which form the bulk of agricultural exports, namely breadstuffs, cotton and provisions, the latter term including meat and dairy products. The gain in breadstuffs was $70,000,000, in provisions, $33,000,000 and in cotton, $30,000,000. The increase in exports of breadstuffs occurred chiefly in the movement to European countries. The bulletin says that while agricultural exports are larger in total value than ever before it does not follow that they form a larger percentage of the grand total of exports. On the contrary the percentage which they form of the total exports in the eight recorded months of the fiscal year, 1906, is smaller than in any earlier year in our history, except 1905, in which they were abnormally low by reason of the shortage in the grain crop of 1904.

The percentage which manufacturers form of exports in the eight months ended with February, 1906, is 32.8, while they formed but 27.2 per cent of the total exports in the corresponding months of 1900 and 22.5 per cent in the corresponding months in 1898.

Baring Succeeds Mackay.

NEW YORK, April 12.—At the office of the Equitable Trust company of New York it was stated today that Hugo Baring had been elected a trustee of that company, succeeding Clarence H. Mackay, resigned.

KENNEDY GETS INTO DEBATE

Lays Foundation for Bill for the Benefit of Postal Clerks.

RIGHT OF APPEAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Geological Survey Has Plans for Making Prolific Additional Areas of Land in Western Portion of Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Kennedy figured in the debate today on the postoffice appropriation bill by asking a series of questions of Chairman Overstreet, in charge of the bill, and by that means making a rather unique but exceedingly effective speech. The questions asked Mr. Overstreet were to establish two propositions—that postal clerks of different grades are underpaid and that they ought to be classified so as to be entitled to annual or other periodical promotions, with corresponding increase in salary. Both points which Mr. Kennedy sought to bring before the attention of the house were practically conceded by the chairman of the postoffice and postroads committee. The object the congressman from the Second district had in view in getting the admissions was for the purpose of using the information obtained in the open house in support of a bill to classify postal clerks in presidential offices and secure them increased salaries.

Government Right of Appeal.

Representative Martin of South Dakota thinks that congress should not adjourn without enacting a law giving the government the right of a writ of error or appeal in criminal cases, and he talked to the president today about the matter. Commenting upon the situation, Mr. Martin said: "The best instance I know of showing the helplessness of the government is in the case of the Beef trust in the recent decision of Judge Humphrey of Chicago. Attorney General Moody has been desirous of taking an appeal on a writ of error from that decision, but finds that there is no law that will permit him to do so. This state of affairs ought not to be allowed to continue. In a criminal case the defendant has the right of appeal, while the government has no such right."

Little Faith in Bill.

Congressman Connor of Iowa, in the house committee on labor today, when the bill making all prison-made goods subject to the laws of the states to which they are shipped was up for consideration, said he would vote for the bill, but he did not believe it would do any good, because of its indefiniteness. He thought the whole subject should be left to the states.

Minor Matters at Capital.

Judge Norris today secured a pension of $8 per month for Irwin Masters of Loomis, Neb.

Representative McCarthy of the Third Nebraska district was on the floor of the house for a short time today. He showed the effects of his recent illness, but said he was gaining strength every day and hoped to be himself soon.

Representative Kinkaid this morning called upon the secretary of war to request of the War department the loan of a number of tents for the use of the North Nebraska Old Soldiers' association at its annual reunion to be held near Valentine in June. Representative Kinkaid, after his talk with Secretary Taft, said he expected an order would be issued granting the loan of such tents and other utensils necessary to the veterans during their reunion.

Plans for Redeeming Lands.

Judge Kinkaid also called upon the director of the geological survey to lay before him the petition signed by residents of Box Butte county requesting that a survey be made to ascertain the feasibility of obtaining water from the Platte river in Wyoming to reclaim the plateau surrounding Alliance and Hemingford. He was assured by Director Wolcott that western Nebraska is sure to secure considerable development in the near future besides that which will accrue to it through the construction of the Pathfinder irrigation project now being constructed. The director, however, said it had not yet been determined what localities would be developed first.

The committee on Indian affairs today made a favorable report on Senator Burkett's bill to enable Indians allotted lands in severalty within the boundaries of drainage district numbered one, in Richardson county, Nebraska, to protect their lands from overflow and for the segregation of such Indians from their tribal relations as may be expedient. The object of the bill is to make it possible for certain Indians in the southeastern portion of Nebraska to participate in the drainage plan of their lands. The state of Nebraska has a law authorizing land owners to organize for the purpose of draining or reclaiming lands. The Nebraska law provides in general for the machinery of assessment and collection of taxes for the payment of such drainage and reclamation service. An organization of this sort has been formed by land owners in Richardson county to reclaim land along the Nemaha river.

There are in the district to be drained, however, several Indian allotments and certain other Sac and Fox tribal lands and this land, owing to the fact that the Indians are not able to enter into assessment and charge their land with the cost of draining interfers with the entire drainage project, because the lands are in the drainage district and the Nebraska law provides that all lands to be benefited must be assessed.

Bill for Relief of Settlers.

Senator Hansbrough, for Senator Gamble, today inroduced a bill to permit Dollie A. Fountain of Walworth county, South Dakota, to purchase a homestead in that county. It appears Mrs. Fountain entered upon the homestead referred to, occupied and fenced a portion of it, erected a substantial dwelling and established her residence on the land in July, 1903. She cultivated a portion of the land and lived thereon whenever her physical condition would permit. Severe illness and old age necessitated her residence elsewhere during a portion of the time since her entry, and she was therefore unable to comply strictly with the law requiring continual residence upon lands thus entered under the homestead laws. The case is exceptional, and this special bill permits Mrs. Fountain to purchase said land at $1.25 per acre and grants her a patent in fee simple.

Change in Iowa Judicial Bill.

The senate committee on judiciary today reported favorably, with amendments, a bill which passed the house April 4 amending the former act creating the southern division of the southern district of Iowa for judicial purposes. The senate committee on judiciary amended the house bill by providing that the county of Appanoose, heretofore within the southern division, is

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NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Rain and Cooler in East, Rain or Snow in West Portion Friday. Saturday Fair and Warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	57	1 p. m.	65
6 a. m.	57	2 p. m.	66
7 a. m.	56	3 p. m.	66
8 a. m.	59	4 p. m.	67
9 a. m.	64	5 p. m.	68
10 a. m.	67	6 p. m.	65
11 a. m.	66	7 p. m.	60
12 m.	65	8 p. m.	58
		9 p. m.	59

GREENE AND GAYNOR GUILTY

United States Court Convicts Conspirators Who Made Fight to Stay in Canada.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 12.—Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor were found guilty of conspiracy against the government, presenting false claims and embezzlement, in the federal court for the southern district of Georgia today and tomorrow Judge Emery Speer will pass sentence upon them. The defendants were found guilty with no recommendation on each of the indictments. The verdict was returned a few minutes before 2 o'clock after the jury had been out three hours and a half. The case had been in progress for fourteen weeks.

The maximum sentence that the court can impose under the law is an aggregate term of seventeen years in the penitentiary and a fine of $575,000, the amount of the alleged embezzlement. It is not believed, however, that the sentence will be of extreme severity.

The minimum sentence permissible under the law is two years imprisonment and a fine of $1,000.

Greene and Gaynor were indicted in 1902 and after facing extradition charges in New York, fled to Canada. They were finally extradited and brought to Savannah for trial. Captain Oberlin M. Carter, engineer corps, who had charge of the improvement works under the Greene and Gaynor contract, was court-martialed for his complicity in the alleged frauds and was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the army and to serve a term of imprisonment for five years.

INSURANCE BILLS PASSED

Four More "Armstrong" Measures Ready for Signature of Governor of New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 12.—Four more of the bills recommended by the special insurance investigating committee were passed by both houses of the legislature today, and by noon tomorrow will be delivered to Governor Higgins, lacking only his signature to make them law. In addition to these four, the assembly, after defeating several proposed amendments, passed the "big bill," generally amending the insurance law, and sent it to the senate for concurrence. The latter house made this bill a special order for next Wednesday.

The four bills passed today and now waiting the governor's approval are:

The so-called anti-lobby bill, which requires registration of legislative agents, and reports of their compensation and expenses to be filed with the secretary of state.

The bill more effectively penalizing falsification of the records of any corporation by any officer or employe.

The bill prohibiting political contributions by any corporation and requiring any participant in a violation to testify regarding it, under assurance of immunity from prosecution upon his own testimony.

The new bill of the committee, qualifying any policyholder of a stock life insurance company to act as a director therein, regardless of whether or not he holds any stock of the company. This bill affects especially the Equitable Life Assurance society.

One bill, that postponing the elections of the four mutual companies incorporated under the laws of this state, has already become a law.

TEXAS TOWN IS DESTROYED

Two Persons Killed and Six Fatally Injured by a Tornado at Briggs.

BERTRAM, Tex., April 12.—The town of Briggs, about twelve miles north of here, was swept by a tornado about 5 o'clock this afternoon and almost entirely destroyed. Two persons are reported killed and thirty injured, six fatally.

The fatally injured are:

—— Hickman and daughter.
Arnett Tabor and wife.
R. A. Patterson and wife.

The names of the dead and others injured cannot be obtained. All the telephone wires out of Briggs are down. The tornado was preceded and followed by a heavy rain and hailstorm and crops were considerably damaged. The path of the storm was from the southwest to the northeast. The town contained about 250 inhabitants.

CONSTRUCTION GANGS CLASH

Hill Graders Occupy Land Belonging to Harriman and Are Driven Off with Dynamite.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—The Hill and Harriman construction gangs at Carson, Wash., on the north bank of the Columbia river, collided at noon today, when dynamite was freely used to drive the Columbia Valley Railroad company's graders off the land belonging to the Harriman road. One laborer was hit by a flying rock, but only slightly injured. A lighted stick of dynamite was also thrown among the Columbia Valley graders, but the men took to their heels and escaped injury. Finally a sheriff was summoned and warned the Hill construction gang to desist from further demonstrations. The situation was serious tonight and further clashes are feared.

Movements of Ocean Vessels April 12.

At New York—Arrived: Pennsylvania, from Hamburg; Ligura, from Naples. Sailed: LaLorraine, for Havre; Chemnitz, for Bremen; Hellig Olav, for Copenhagen.

At Boston—Arrived: Ivernia, from Liverpool.

At Halifax, N. S.—Arrived: Corinthian, from Glasgow.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Parisian, from St. John; Caledonian, from Boston; Freeland, from Philadelphia; Saxonian, from Boston; Teutonic, New York, via Queenstown. Sailed: Pretoria, for Halifax.

At Glasgow—Arrived: Hibernian, from Portland, Me.

At Dover—Arrived: Pretoria, for New York for Hamburg (and proceeded).

At Naples—Arrived: Piedmonte, from New York.

At Bremen—Arrived: Cassell, from Baltimore.

At Marseilles—Arrived: Massila, from New York.

At Copenhagen—Arrived: Oscar II, from New York via Christiansand.

At Naples—Sailed: Louisiana, for Genoa, for New York; Romanic, for Boston.

At London—Sailed: Minneapolis, for New York.

At Queenstown—Sailed: Oceanic, for New York.

ASHES AND CINDERS

Wind Blows from Vesuvius to Naples and Conditions Seem Worse.

FIVE HUNDRED DEAD AT OTTAJANO

King Witnesses the Recovery of a Number of Bodies from Ashes.

EXTENT OF DAMAGE IS ENORMOUS

Five Thousand Buildings Wholly or Partly Destroyed.

QUEEN VISITS INJURED IN HOSPITALS

Officials Doing All They Can to Relieve Distress in Italy, but Work Proceeds with Difficulty.

NAPLES, April 12.—While the news from Mount Vesuvius today is reassuring the conditions here in Naples are such as make it difficult to realize that conditions are actually better. The wind is blowing from the volcano in the direction of Naples, carrying the ashes in this direction. Towards evening the fall of ashes and cinders here was worse than at any time since the eruption began.

The scenic effects vary from hour to hour. Now in the north the sky is chocolate colored, lowering and heavy, under which men and women with their hair and clothing covered with ashes, move about like gray ghosts. Fort San Martino, as it towers above the town can only just be seen, while Castle del Ove is boldly marked in light, seeming like silver against the brown sky.

To the south beyond the smoke zone lies smiling, sunny Posilipo and its peninsula, while far away glistens the sea deep blue, on which the sands seem to float in the glow of the setting sun. Adding to the strange picture, one of the French men-of-war, which arrived in the Bay of Naples, is so placed as to be half in the glow and half obscured by the belt of falling ashes. From the observatory of Mount Vesuvius, where Director Matteucci is continuing his work in behalf of science and humanity, the scene is one of great impressiveness. To reach the observatory one must walk for miles over hardened but hot lava covered with sand until he comes to a point whence nothing can be seen but vast, gray reaches, sometimes flat and sometimes gathered into huge mounds which take on semblance of human faces. Above the heavens are gray like the earth beneath and seem just as hard and immovable. In all this lonely waste there is no sign of life or vegetation, and no sound is heard except the low mutterings of the volcano. One seems almost impelled to scream aloud to break the horrible stillness of a land seemingly forgotten both by God and man.

Five Hundred Dead at Ottajano.

Every day that passes gives new evidence of the magnitude of the catastrophe. Today's visit of King Victor Emmanuel to Ottajano revealed new tragedies. At a certain point his majesty was obliged to abandon his motor car and went forward on horseback amid constant danger, his horse floundering through four feet of ashes, stumbling into holes, blinded by the fall of large cinders and the target for falling basaltic masses. In the presence of the king 129 more bodies were extricated from the ruins, the white ashes and red sand falling as though they were determined not to relinquish their victims. The dead at Ottajano are said to number 550.

The king was deadly pale. To a priest who came to him he said: "How did you escape?"

"I escaped myself in safety," replied the priest.

"What do you mean?" asked the king.

"Realizing the danger," was the priest's reply, "I had left for Nola."

The king flushed with anger. "What!" he cried, "you a minister of God, were not here to share the danger of your people and administer the last sacrament? You did very wrong."

Queen Helene was with the king when he started for Ottajano, but she was obliged to turn back, as the task was one not suitable for a woman. She spent the most of the day in visiting the injured in Naples' hospitals and inspecting the housing provided for refugees.

Princess Walks Twelve Miles.

Princess Schleswig-Holstein set out in her automobile this morning to visit the hospitals in the desolated towns, but after a time the motor car became disabled and she was forced to return on foot, a distance of twelve miles, walking the distance through three feet of ashes. The princess' endurance surprised the Neapolitans, some of whom declared that she must have been aided by the saints, for never before has a woman accomplished such a task.

There have been a large number of robberies of deserted houses in spite of the efforts of the authorities to protect property. In the excited condition of the populace there is some difficulty in preserving order. The closing of a church at Torre Annunziata which was considered to be unsafe precipitated a small riot.

Provision is being made for the feeding and sheltering of people who have remained in their own towns.

It is estimated that 5,000 houses have been destroyed or rendered uninhabitable.

Some extraordinary escapes from death have been recorded. A man and his wife were rescued after having been lost in the ash-covered wilderness for fifty-six hours. They were terribly exhausted and seemed more like live skeletons than human beings. Firemen have been sent from Palermo, Sicily, and other places to the villages in this vicinity which have suffered the most from the fall of ashes to assist in removing the ashes from the roofs and relieve the exhausted soldiers. Camp kitchens have been established at a number of places and free meals are being distributed wherever possible to those in need of them.

The American steam yacht Nahma, with Mrs Robert Goelet and a party of friends on board, has arrived at Palermo, Sicily. They witnessed the eruption of Mount Vesuvius from Amalfi on the bay of Salerno, not far from Naples, and give a vivid description of the scene.

Extent of Damage.

The latest reports show that 243 houses have been damaged at Portici, 195 at San Giovanni and Teduccio; 422 at Resina and 1,000 at Torra Del Greco. It is impossible to determine the actual number of buildings demolished at Torre Annuziata. It is estimated that about 5,000 house in all have been partly or entirely destroyed. In the villages on the Ottajano side of the mountain all the houses are damaged. At Nola desolation reigns, the place having been almost entirely abandoned.

A committee has been formed to collect funds and organize assistance for the relief of the sufferers. It is presided over by the duke of Aosta. The government