LIVES LOST

Passenger Steamer and Freight Schooner Cellide Off Block Island.

ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND FIFNY DEAD

Vessel Carried 200 Persons, Only Nineteen of Whom Are Accounted For.

NEARLY ALL VICTIMS FROZEN TO DEATH

Passengers With Little Clothing Exposed to Gale for Several Hours.

FORTY-EIGHT BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND

Steamer Sinks in Ten Min Boats Are Launched Pro.

EACH CREW PLACES BLAME ON

Accident Happens About 11 P. Monday and Vessels Had Been in Night of Each Other for

BLOCK ISLAND, R. I., Feb. 12.-About 160 persons went to their death in Block Island sound last night as a result of a collision between the three-masted schooner Harry Knowlton and the Joy Line steamer sont, bound from Providence to the crew there were nearly 200 persons on board the steamer when she sailed from Providence. Of these only nineteen appear

Some Time.

to have survived the disaster, ten members of the crew and nine passengers. Awakened from their slumbers in their state rooms, the unfortunate passengers were at the mercy of the fates. Many, it believed, went down with the ship Others, temperarily thankful that they had escaped drowning, prayed that they might be relieved of the terrible pain caused by their frozen bodies, and one identified passenger plunged a knife into his throat and

ended his sufferings. Six Bodies Identified.

condition. In almost every case their arms and legs hung helplessly as they were lifted out of the boats in which they bodles came ashore, either in boats or thrown up by the sea. Only six of the forty-eight bodies were identified.

The bodies identified were: JAMES B. HARRISON, steward, Brook

JASPER HEST, first assistant engineer, JACOB ZANDRUS. first watchman,

GEORGE SMITH, waiter, Providence HARRY ECKLES, Block Island.

n investigation will be made by the

Owing to the condition of the survivors som impossible to get from them an esti-

of the loss of life. From seventy-five to 150 persons went to their death, and at late hour tonight it was believed that the latter figure is nearer correct. Captains Blame Each Other. The cause of the accident has not been atisfactorily explained. It occurred just when the three-masted schooner Harry

Knowlton, bound from South Amboy to Boston with a cargo of coal, crashed into the steamer's port side amidships. Captain George McVey of the Larchmont declares that the Knowlton suddenly swerved from It was charged with nitro-glycerine. its course, lifted up into the wind and crashed into his vessel. Captain Haley of the Knowlton asserts that the steamer did not give his vessel sufficient sea room. The steamer, with a huge hole torn in Its side, was so seriously damaged that no attempt was cade to run for shore, and it sank to the bottom in less than half an hour. The Knowlton after it had backed away from the wreck began to fill rapidly. but the crew manned the pumps and kept it affoat until it reached a point off Quonhontaug, where they put out in the lifeboat and rowed ashore. There were no fatalities on the schooner.

Sailing Vessel Changes Course. The Larchmont left its dock in Providence last night with a heavy cargo of freight and a passenger list estimated at frozen to death as result of sinking of was blowing as the steamer plowed its way down through the eastern passage of Narragansett bay, but the full effect of the gale which was blowing out in the sound was not felt until the Larchmont rounded Point Judith. Captain George McVey was preparing to retire after a turn around prisoner was insane. his ship when he was startled by several blasts of the steamer's whistle. He rushed into the pilot house, where the pilot and quartermaster pointed out a three-masted schoone realling eastward before a strong

The schooner, which proved to be the Harry Knowlton, coal laden from South Amboy for Boston, has been bowling along to luff and head straight for the steamer Again several blasts were sounded on the steamer's whistle, the pilot and the quartermaster at the same moment whirling their wheel hard a-port in a mad endeavor to

avert a collisi Impact to Terrific.

But as the Larchmont was slowly veering around, the schooner came on with s speed that almost scemed to equal the gale that had been pushing her towards Boston. Before another warning could be sounded, the schooner crashed into the port side of the Larchmont and the impact of the big reasel was so terrific that the big clumsy ow of the sailing craft forced its way more than half through the breadth of the Larchmant. When the force of the impact had en spent the schooner temporarily reained fast in the steamer's side, holding in check for a moment the inrushing water. The pounding seas soon separated the veswater struck the boller room great clouds f steam grose and the passengers were rat under the impression that a fire had broken out on board. Captain McVey could not communicate with his subordinate ofow deck, the signal apparatus be-

passengers, meanwhile rushed to the deck. Few of them had waited to clothe nemselves. The intense cold made them to obtain their clothing, but they found it impossible to return below and do so. Their rooms were flooded soon after had been deserted and the steamer. floundering around in the high seas that

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE JERONE AND DELMAS CLASH

Wednesday, February 13, 1907.

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THE WEATERS. FORECAST FOR NEBASKA AND IOWA-Fair Wednesday and Thursday. Deg.

LEGISLATIVE.

New York. It is estimated that including house also passes several important senate bills. Page 1 Lower house of the lowa legislature passes bill fixing passenger fares without a dissenting vote. Under the terms

of the bill roads roads are divided into three classes and the fares are 2 cents, 24 cents and 3 cents, respectively Page 6 Representatives of Nebraska railroads appear before legislative committee and argue that the proposed 2-cent fare would

Page 1

not be a compensatory rate. MESBASKA.

Railroad agents work up sentiment The few who survived were in a pitiful it will end all low excursions. reached shore. During the day forty-eight Greenlief, who disappeared, may have instruction?"

> attended by the governor, Senator-elect Brown, most of members of legislature Jerome, "but not in my remarks." and a large delegation from Omaha.

Page 3 Four people drowned at Columbus while of the district attorney's remarks before attempting to escape from flood of Loup the fury, and Mr. Dalmas took care to clear which had surrounded their home. have every exception be made "seriously Much damage at other places. Page 3 Captain Mapes, formerly in charge of a company of the Twenty-fifth of Brownsville fame, has been ordered to return from the Philippines and rejoin that regi- mas.

ment at once. Page 3 King Edward opens British Parliament and takes occasion to thank United States for prompt and kindly action at off Watch hill, about 11 o'clock last night, Kingston. Hint is dropped that something may be done to curb the power of the House of Lords.

stove in the residence of Count Witte, which for some reason failed to explode.

WASHINGTON. Congressman Kinkaid defines his position on court bill. Never opposed holding term at North Platte, but simply demanded an additional place in the Sixth Page 1 district.

Congressman Kennedy writes Nebraska legislature defining his position on ship subsidy and pointing out possibly legis-Page 1

The senate committee on agriculture has decided to let the Burkett amendment regarding grazing lands remain in the

DOMESTIC. Hundred and fifty persons drowned or from 150 to 200. A strong northwest wind steamer Tarchmont by schooner Harry Knowlton, near Block Island District Attorney Jerome accuses. Thaw defense of attempt to deceive the jury and sensational scene ensues. Court allows remarks to stand and Mr. Delmas notes an exception. Another expert says ford White had left its traces on the de-

> dead at his home at Olean, N. LOUAL Mileage books for 2,000 miles will be sold in Nebraska at 2 cents a mile here-Page 9 after.

> Young Women's Christian association serves notice on tenants that it must have possession of ground at Seventeenth street and St. Mary's avenue. John D. Creighton said to have been selected to continue benefactions of Count Page 5 John A. Creighton. Dr. P. J. Swoboda accuses insanity

den says the board does all it can. Omaha retail grocers threaten to establish co-operative wholesale house if jobbers do not refuse to sell to consumers, testimony was brought out in line with including their employes.

SPORT. Wassem, though much the lighter man proves to be agile and secures two out of three falls from Simmer, the Iowa giant.

COUNCIL BLUFFS AND IOWA. Jeremiah eKliy, a ploneer and promine resident of Sloux City, dies in carriage as is, and the water rushed into the hole in result of heart disease, induced by exthe stadmer with tremendous force. As the citement of nephew's wedding. Page 6

PINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. Omaha live stock market.

FRANK W. WIGGINS IS DEAD

Former Governor of New York Expires After an Ulness of Several Days.

OLEAN, N. Y., Feb. 12.-Former Governor Frank W. Higgins died at 8:40 p. m. He remained unconscious to the last, death coming in its most peaceful form and free from pain.

Thaw's Counsel is Accused of Trying to Deceive the Jury.

CHARGE RESENTED AND EXCEPTION NOTED

incident Reveals Fact That State Has Statement from Mrs. Holman-Expert Says the Prisoner Was Inanne.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12-District Attorney Jerome and Delphin M. Delmas came together late today in the first serious clash between counsel in the Harry Thaw trial. The California attorney, who is directing the defense, took exceptions to certain statements of the prosecuting officer and had inserted in the record of the case a protest against "the misconduct of the

learned district attorney." Mr. Jerome botty accused Mr. Delmas of trying to instill into the minds of the jury the implied suggestion that the operation

"I see injustice plainly," reiterated Mr. Delmas Notes Exception.

Justice Fitzgerald did not rule out any Mr. Jerome won his point, and the words

"serious if not capital," as defining the During the tflt Mr. Delmas asked the

without a violation of confidence. Mr. Jerome said he had been told of it by Miss Nesbit's mother, Mrs. Holman, Pittsburg. It thus became known for the first time that the district attorney is in Holman. Says Prisoner Was Insane.

Dr. Evans was on the stand nearly all day, occupying two hours of the afternoon session perusing the letters written Harry Thaw.

Dr. Evans was by far the most satis factory expert witness to the defense so far produced. He detailed to the jury his observations and examinations Harry Thaw during eight visits to the prisoner in the Tombs and he declared it to be his opinion that Thaw was "suflators may not understand the situation. fering from a brain storm, or explosive or fulminating condition of mental unsoundness" at the time he shot and killed Stanford White.

Dr. Evans gave many and elaborate rea Page 1 sons for his opinion, and during his examination Mr. Delmas deftly brought out the fact whereas Thaw was suffering from "storm and stress" when the allenist first visited him in August last his condition Page 1 had shown steady and gradual improvement until October 8, when Thaw was

"more composed and deliberate." Dr. Evans declared that the mental explosion which induced Thaw to kill Stan-Page 1 fendant when he first visited him. He Former Governor Frank W. Higgins is said Thaw exhibited symptoms of paranola and adolescent insanity. The first was indicated by his exaltation, his "exaggerated ego," the idea of his supreme importance. The adolescent insanity was due to heredity and is characteristic to the developmen period of life-from 10 to 40 years. His mind, Dr. Evans said, had slipped its Debate on Bill Allowing Government moorings and was like a ship without a rudder. Ordeals of stress had added their Page 9 work to the paychopathic tains which came

from heredity. Mental Candition Improves. Dr. Evans said that after his first three visits to Thaw following the tragedy he board of acting so slowly that insane was convinced that the man was of unsound mind. As the result of his last ward at county hospital is filled. Dr. Tilvisits he found that while still suffering from a somewhat exaggerated opinion of self-importance, he was much improved. The improvement was progressive. This .. Page 10 the contention of the defense that while Thaw was insane just prior to and at the time and immediately subsequent to the homicide, he has improved to a sound condition of mentality on the removal of the cause of stress. Dr. Evans may be crossexamined tomorrow, although District Attorney Jerome, had not indicated his course. It may be that Mr. Deimas may recall Mrs. Thaw. The defense has other alienists, however, who may be called to testify.

MAYOR AND CHIEF ARRESTED

Rumpus in Council Chamber is Followed by Charge of Assault. PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 12-(Special Telegram.)-The council row in this city resulted today in the arrest of Mayor Albright and Chief of Police Oldfield on a charge of assault, sworn out by Alderman Billinghurst, over a rumpus in the council room last night.

Low Fares for Missouri. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Peb. 12.—The senate today unanimously passed a bill approving the 3-cent rate bill. The bill is almost identical with one passed by the

BURKETT AMENDMENT STANDS

Without Completing Hearing, Suggestion of Nebraska Senator is Adopted by Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-Without contin uling its hearing on the Burkett amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill providing for the leasing of public lands for grazing the senate committee today agreed to adopt the amendment. Several amendments to the Burkett proposition were adopted, however, designed to pro-tect the interests of the homesteaders. The policy outlined, which is favored by the president, was agreed upon by a bare majority of the committee. It is not unlikely that a point of order may be made against it in the senate and it is conceded

to be general legislation. The amendment provides that the secretary of agriculture, who is to have control of and manage lands, shall organize grazing districts. The Department of Agriculture is to organize control of and fix the fees to be charged for grazing.

Following is the text of the grazing LEGISLATIVE.

The subcommittee of the Nebraska legislature which was to draft a state-wide performed on Evelyn Nesbit in 1963 before Thaw took her to Europe was of a criminal provisions of the bill and will soon have it ready to report.

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Send the jury out of the room if you want sto," exchalmed Mr. Jerome, "but I am going to get this thing straight. I am going to get this thing straight. I am not going to have these false impressions for the passage.

Page 1

Nebraska house makes the anti-pass and 2-cent fare bills a special order for Thursday.

Fage 2

Nebraska senate puts in most cf day on special Lincoln day exercises.

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Campaign contributors and reciprocal demurrage bills. South Dakota administration measures, go to the governor. The house also passes several important senation measures, go to the governor. The house also passes several important senation of the tragedy.

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He had been called upon to answer a long hypothetical question in which reference had been made to a "serious if not capital operation" on Miss Nesbit when the storm broke.

Mr. Jerome seemed thoroughly wrought up. Mr. Delmas did not for an instant lose his caim demeanor, but he gave emphasis and force to his words, new to his hearers.

Mr. Jerome said he, would withdraw objection to the term "capital operation." If Mr. Delmas would give him the word of counsel that they did not know the nature of the operation. Mr. Delmas gave his word that he did not know of its nature. "But you may consult with counsel." suggested Mr. Jerome. against 2-cent fare law by argument that it will end all low excursions. Fage 3 "I do not care to do that," replied Mr. Wisp of human hair taken from the Platte at Fremont causes a careful search for body. Theory is held Mrs. Emily Greenlief, who disappeared, may have drowned herself.

Sensations are promised in the suit of Etten Hart at Fremont against Maccabees for insurance on life of her father, who was killed in Wyoming.

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the naval appropriation bill. A number of recommendations of the naval appropriaoperation, were withdrawn by Mr. Del- tions committee were eliminated on points

The army appropriation bill, the fortificadistrict attorney how he learned of the tions appropriation bill and the omnibus character of the operation on Miss Nesbit lighthouse appropriation bill were sent to conference.

The house adjourned at 5:20 p. m. Representative Slayden of Texas during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill in the house today addressed that An infernal machine was found in a possession of a long statement by Mrs. body on the subject of the recent war talk with Japan and the United States and laughed the rumors of war out of the chamber.

against the provision in the naval appropriatton bill giving an additional grade to those officers who served with credit in the regular or volunteer forces during the civil war prior to April 9, 1865, and were retired prior to June 30, 1899, on account of wounds, disability incident to the service or age, or after forty years of service.

Mr. Kitchin of North Carolina offered as mendment providing that no part of the appropriation in the bill shall be expended for coal in the Philippine islands or the transportation of coal to the islands, except to the lowest bidder in either case. Mr. Foss of Illinois, chairman of the naval affairs committee, stated that he was in favor of the amendment, as it only applied to the present bill and did not enact any permanent law. Messrs. Loudenslager of New Jersey, Butler of Pennsylvania, Waldo of New York, Humphrey of Washington, Hull of Iowa and Grosvenor of Ohio took pronounced stands aganist the amendment in the ground that it dealt a blow at Amertean shipping interests.

Mr. Foss remarked that the matter was taken too seriously end that in view of the fact that the navy could not purchase coal enough carried in American bottoms it was thought wise to try the experiment. The amendment was defeated, 24 to 51.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

Appeal in Criminal Cases. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-The senate cases. The opposition came mainly from Spooner, no action was taken on the messure. Senator Nelson gave notice that he day by renominating Bonham. will move its consideration tomorrow. Senator Lodge indicated that he should press the Philippine agricultural bank bill to-

The District of Columbia appropriation been given that the bill will be put on its passage tomorrow.

AFTER WITTE RUSSIANS Two Infornal Machines Are Set in His Home, But None Explodes.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.-Count Witte today confirmed the report that an infernal machine containing nitroglycerine was found in an unlighted stove of his house last night. A servant noticed a string dangling from the door or the stove, investigated and discovered the box. A second infernal machine, timed to explode at 8 o'clock this evening, was found

in the Witte residence during the day. Both were of poor construction. The attempt on the life of Count Witte is attributed to the reactionary league of vengeanos.

KINKAID DEFINES POSITION

Bever at Any Time Opposed Holding Federal Court at North Platte.

INSISTED ON ANOTHER PLACE FOR SIXTH

Congressman Kennedy Writes the Nebraska Legislature Defining His Position on the Ship Subsidy Bill.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) inadvertently put him in rather a peculiar take should the bill become a law would position when your correspondent stated in be a legal move to test the law in the one of his dispatches that the member courts. from the Sixth district was against North Those who addressed the committee be-Platte. In this connection it may be here sides Mr. Eustis were Gerrit Fort, assistant

At a meeting held by the Nebraska delegation preparatory to drafting a bill to be introduced in the house in lieu of the Burkett bill, which had come over from the senate, I named as places for holding court in the Sixth district North Platte, Alliance and O'Neill, and was appointed at that time, together with Norris, as a committee to draft the bill, which was done, naming the three places mentioned for the Bixth district, and for the rest of the state Omahs, Lincoln, Hastings, Norfolk, Grand Island and McCook, making in all nine divisions.

Live passenger rates were fixed according to the density of population and figures were quoted to show this was the reason the rates in the east could be lower than in Nebraska.

Gerrit Fort made it clear to the committee the rate 2 cents would be to shut out the long lines in competition or compel the passengers to pay more fare than they are now paying on the long lines. At this time he said rates in Ne-

Subsequently, on the suggestion of the subcommittee or some of its members, but without my knowledge, a new bill was drawn providing for but seven divisions, and of the places named in the former bill O'Neill and Alliance, both in the Sixth district, were dropped, the other places named being left intact. At the hearing had with the subcommittee of the judiciary committee I maintained that one division was inadequate in the Sixth district, at least one more in addition to the North Platte division being needed, pointing out that the people in Sheridan, Dawes and Sloux counties would have to change cars three times to go to North Platte and could go with less inconvenience to Omsha. The subcommittee insisted that seven places in the state were enough and that Bill is Changed. on grasing period, and provided further, that all of the receipts from the grazing fees in the states and territories in which said fees originate at the close of seach fiscal year, to be used for schools, roads irrigation or other public purposes as the respective legislatures may prescribe the distribution of such residue to be proportional to such receipts from grazing fees from the respective states and territories to be proportional to such receipts from grazing for the respective states and territories during the payment of 10 per cent of receipts from national forests to the states and territories as now provided by law.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE Naval Appropriation 2011 is Considered to sage of a number of bills under unanimous consent the house today resolved the same of the naval appropriation bills. A number of centers of the North Plattic with less inconvenience to Gundan doubt he sales in the state were enough and that seven histories that seven the sate were enough and that seven the subtract of the St. Paul the distance at a little over Omaha, and the sate were enough and that seven the sate were enough and that seven the state were enough and that seven the subtract the sate were on the St. Paul the distance is forty-one miles of the states and the rate, he said, is #15 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents per mile the respective states and ther manded to the Northwestern rail-rate would be 54 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents per mile the respective states and there was on the states and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, he said, on the basis of 2 cents and the rate, h that the people in that proposed division could reach North Platte with less inconvenience than would be suffered by the people of Sheridan, Dawes and Sloux counties in reaching North Platte. But this would not be granted. Thereafter I contended that regardless of what places the rest of the state should have that the northwest corner should be accorded another division besides the North Platte division, which would make Alliance of Chadron the place of holding court, owing to what counties should comprise the division.

Kennedy Writes Legislature. Representative Kennedy feels like many of the other members of the Nebraska dele gation that the state legislature in instructing members how to vote on several important measures now pendinf before con gress is showing lack of knowledge of existing conditions, notably in the ship subsidy bill. Today Mr. Kennedy wrote a letter to Mr. Clyde Barnard, chief clerk of the house of representatives, in which he SLYB;

"I have your favor of February 6 enclosing resolution adopted by the Nebraska house of representatives, instructing the Nebraska senators and requesting the representatives in congress to work and vote for the defeat of the so-called ship subsidy bill. It is impossible for me to say whether the resolution was intended to apply to the bill as passed by the senate or to the substitute of the house. They are not at all alike. It is doubtful whether members voting for the resolution were familiar with the provisions of either measure. I therefore take pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, the senate bill and the house report thereon. You will notice that the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries struck out all of the senate bill, except the enacting clause, and substituted a bill entirely different.

"Speaking for myself, I wish to say that I intend to vote for the house substitute I was elected to support the president and administration and it seems to me that my duty lies along that line."

Patronage Fight in Dakota The fight over South Dakota patronage waxes hot and the nearness of the adjournment of congress gives only the promise now held out for a cessation of the row between the delegation. Today Representative Martin won out, the president sending cupied the day in argument on the bill in the name of W. H. Bonham to succeed granting the government the right to take himself as postmaster in Mr. Bonham's Senators Rayner and Whyte of Maryland Martin's successor, filed a protest against and Heyburn of Idaho. While elaborate the reappointment of Bonham, as did Govdefenses of the proposition were made by ernor Crawford. It is also stated that Sen- Phillips. Senators Patterson, Knox, Nelson and ator Gamble took a personal hand in the matter, but the president cut the knot to-

Increasing Indian Allotments. Representative Burke today introduced a bill to provide for additional allotments of land to certain Indians of the Cheyenne bill, carrying \$10,724,522, an increase of \$887.- River Indian agency, Rosebud Indian 987 over the amount as passed by the house, agency, Pine Ridge Indian agency, Standing was reported to the senate and notice has Rock Indian agency and Crow Creek In-Sloux reservation was divided did not receive in allotments the amounts to which they were justly entitled, and the bill intreduced today seeks to rectify the injustice these Indians have suffered.

Bill Prometes Many If the provision adopted by the senate to the army appropriation bill that officers who served creditably in the regular or volunteer forces in the field during the civil war prior to April 9, 1865, and who now hold the rank of brigadier general on the active list of the army, having previously held that rank for three years or more, shall, when retired from active service have the rank and pay of major general, becomes law, as seems very likely, it will promote the following well known and distinguished officers: Brigadier General Mo-

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Representatives Insist the Rate is Not Compensatory on Nebraska Lines.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 12.-(Special Telegram.)house committee on railroads tonight on the proposed 2-cent passenger rate bill, and of the four corporations represented, each argued that the rate would not be compensatory and each said not only would such a rate be detrimental to the revenues of the roads, but harmful to the state in general, while P. S. Eustis, passenger traf-WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- (Special Tele- fic manager of the Burlington, frankly told gram.)-Judge Kinkaid feels that The Bee the committee the first step his road would

stated that the news which percolated from general passenger agent of the Union Pathe several conferences on the judicial divi- ciffe; W. B. Kniskern, passenger traffic sion bill was to the effect that Judge Kin- manager of the Northwestern, and Frank kaid, while for North Platte, argued Nay, general auditor of the Rock Island. against its selection if it was to be the Each speaker said the passenger traffic only place for the meeting of court in the on his road did not pay. This was true, Sixth district. North Platte was coupled each said, especially on the business dope by Judge Kinkaid always with some other in the state, while the largest revenues town, like Alliance, Chadron, Crawford or derived from passenger traffic came from the interstate business, which, of course, Mr. Kinkaid, admitting the fairness with would be greatly reduced should the bill which The Bee has presented his side of be passed. Such a law would reduce the the story, has, however, prepared the fol- number of excursions at reduced rates lowing statement regarding the whole judi- during the year, each said. Each was positive passenger rates were fixed according

> and to make the rate 2 cents would be tees that task will fall to the lines. At this time he said rates in Ne-

instances below 3 cents. The rate per secretary. mile to Lincoln from Omaha via the Union Brown of Lancaster, where the committee Pacific now, he said, is 1.73 cents, and these is selected by a vote, agreed that the reninety-five miles enter into the rates fixed sults had not been entirely satisfactory and for south of Lincoln. With the 2-cent rate both were willing to accept any change in effect the ninety-five miles would yield which might tend to better conditions. but 1.15 cents per mile. From Lincoln to Columbus, 114 miles, the rate would barely will be elected, though some members of clear 1 cent per mile. The business to the committee favor allowing the candipoints north of Columbus now, he said, dates to even select this committee but the is handled for this distance at a little over question has practically been settled in 1% cents a mile. From Central City to favor of election. cial rates to special functions, such as the any closer to the people and it was not be-

tion purposes and that it was lower than the value for commercial purposes or for fixing rates. He justified his statement by saying everyone else did the same thing in returning property to the assessors.

WARM SESSION IN BAILEY CASE

Texas Senator Sava Statement by Mr. Cocke is a Downright Malicious Lie.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 12.-Declaring "all this prattle is a lie," and urging that the committee interpose and stop these insults offered, United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey brought to a climax this afternoon an exciting session of the legislative committee investigating charges against Balley than the regular course, as ordinarily it

filed by Representative Cooke. This was in reply to Representative

J. D. Suggs of Iron county. When it was suggested that the commitditional testimony is to be taken, Senator Bailey protested that he should not be compelled to go over the country as the this week or the first of next. principal in an investigation o fthis nature Representative Cocke said he was anxious to have J. D. Suggs testify.

Mr. Cocke says he expects to prove that Suggs has destroyed a note for \$7,000 given to him, or his dead brother, by Senator Schator Bailey indignantly replied; "Mr. Chairman, that is a lie. It is in famy to allow any man to stam! here and

icious lie and a lie made out of whole cloth." Mr. Cocke served notice on Senator Balley and his attorneys to produce the "Flato" letter which had been previously referred gone wet. Senators McKesson, Burns and to by Senator Balley as an attempt to

make a statement that is a downright mal-

blackmail him Senator Balley stated that he had made he had last in his possession when addressing the house of the Texas legislature recently and had left it on the deak with

other papers which disappeared. Representative Cocke stated that he dean appeal on points of law in criminal town, Deadwood. There has been a bitter sired to have the subcommittee on its way been announced. By some of those who fight over this postoffice. W. H. Parker, to St. Louis, visit Ardmore, I. T., to take discussed it it is considered that it would Martin's successor, filed a protest against the deposition of Dodd Lacy, and Oklahoma be a weakening of the present law in some Cit yto secure the deposition of Mrs. J. W.

FATAL FIRE IN A FACTORY One Man Loses His Life When Plames Destroy Building in Phila-

delphin.

which one man lost his life and several dian agency. It appears that a umber of other persons had narrow escapes from Indians of these agencies when the great death seriously damaged the five-story Sons & Co., cotton commission brokers. of the stairway of the employes working out their terms will be offered when the on the top floor, foreing them to use the bill comes before the senate. fire escapes, which were covered with ice and snow. With one exception all of the osi-nated at \$75,000.

ROADS KICK ON TWO-CENT FARE PRIMARY LAW READY

General Provisions of Bill Blooked Out Tireugh Eubermmittee.

The railroads had their innings before the COUNTY OPTION BILL MAY BE REVIVED

Some Senators Frofess to Be Ready to Vote for Measure. GREATER OMAHA MEASURE REPORTED

Bills Reported Back by Committee with

No Amendments Proposed. CLARKE'S CHILD LABOR BILL IN SENATE

Supporters of the Proposed Law Appear Before Committee and Argue for Passage of

House Bill.

LINCOLN, Feb. 12.-(Special.)-The state wide primary law pledged to the people by the republican, democratic and populist state convention will be introduced in the legislature the first of next week. The bill has been blocked out by the subcommittee and may be sent to the joint committee within a few days, and is sure to reach the house and senate by Tuesday or Wednesday if not before. The bill as prepared in the rough provides that the general election officers shall be the officers of the primary, the same machinery being used at both mittee the rate is fixed by the short line, of electing the precinct and county commitelections. It has been decided that instead nominees, it having been agreed that under or compel the passengers to pay more the latter plan people will be selected for fare than they are now paying on the long those important places who will have some interest in the election and who will not braska on the Union Pacific were in many leave all of the work to the chairman and Both Dedge of Douglas and The state committee, in all probability,

Making of the Platform. The rough draft of the bill provides the platform shall be drawn by the nominees for the legislature of each party, candirate would be 54 cents and the earnings dates for United States senator and for state offices. These are to meet in convencontended traved would not be materially tion at Lincoln and regularly adopt the increased by a reduction in fares, because platform the same as a convention would do. It was desired by some members of the committee to include the county chairmen in this convention, but it has been agreed this would not bring the platform lieved these men would care to spend their money coming to such a convention, especially as the legislative candidates are

> interpret public sentiment. The matter of the form of the ballot probably will go to the joint committee for settlement. The subcommittee has taken sections from the Dodge and McMullen bills and from a bill prepared by E. P. Brown Lancaster, which has not been introduced. Mr. Dodge is preparing a bill now for a constitutional amendment to do away with the annual election and to provide exclusively for biennial elections. A bill providing for blennial elections was passed two years ago, but was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. Should this amendment be carried it is expected to answer any argument which may be raised as to the costs of the primary.

to be present and it is presumed they can

Railway Commission Bill. The senate this morning displayed a disposition to push the railway commissi bill through as rapidly as possible when it voted to take the bill from the standing committee on railroads, to which it had been referred, and place it directly on general file. This will advance it more rapidly would have to be considered by the railroad committee. The action was taken on Cooke's request that additional witnesses motion of Chairman Wilsey of the railbe summoned by which he hoped to prove road committee, who said his committee that Senator Builey had borrowed \$7,000 of had already considered the till at the sessions of the joint committee and was willing it should go to the general file without furtee leave at once for St. Louis, where ad- ther delay in the committee room. The bill will be printed at once and may be reached on general file the latter part of

Reviving County Option. A movement to revive the county option bill, which was killed in the senate last Friday, has come to light and is being aided and abetted by some of the senators who voted against the measure last Friday. The plan is to have the house amend the measure providing for election once every four or five years instead of every two years and providing that the county election shall govern the entire county until the next election. As the bill was drawn it allowed cities and villages to vote no license even after the county had Wilson, in interviews published today, declare they would support a bill amended to conform to these lines. From the vota an unsuccessful search for the letter which | Friday it would require two more senators to give the amended bill a majority and it is possible these could be found.

> Just what position the friends of the original bill would take in case of an attempt to pass the amended bill has not counties, at least. In answer to this attention has been called

to the statement made by both sides when the bill was before the committee that if the county option bill passed four-fifths of the counties in the state would go dry. A large number of the senators will make etrenuous objections to the revamping of the bill after it has once been disposed of and any attempt to bring it up again will PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.-A, fire in precipitate as hard a fight as the original

bill met with when it was killed. The senate judiciary committee this afterbuilding, 106-107 South Third street, in the noon voted to make a favogable report on heart of the financial district. The build- the Thomas bill, providing for the consoling was occupied by the Phoenix Pants, idation of Omaha and South Omaha and Overall and Shirt company and Dumee its companion measure providing for a special election this fall. The bills The flames started in the upper portion both recommended without amendment, but of the building occupied by the Phoenix it is considered probable an amendment to company and cut off the escape by means permit the officers of the two cities to serve

Sunday Base Ball. Local option as to Sunday base ball was two score employes, among whom were a killed in the senate judiciary committee dozen girls, safely reached an adjoining this afternoon and in its place a provision building. The one who falled was Louis was offered in the form of an amendment Deskeveskey, aged 26 years, who in the prohibiting the "disturbing of the peace" excitement either jumped or fell from the by playing base ball on Sunday. As fire escape. He was instantly killed. Sev- amended by the committee the bill flows eral of the employes in escaping were in- not prohibit Sunday ball, but leaves to the jured, but not seriously. The damage is jury the question whether or not in each specific case the peace of any person has