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PLATTE ON RAMPAGE SUMMARY OF THE BEE JUDICIAL BILL REPORTED TELEGRAPHERS GET ADVANCE EMPLOYES POORLY COACHED REFORM FORCES SEEK UNITY TAX ON MORTGAGES Ten Per Cent is Added to Wages of Leaders Hold Council and Attempt to Thursday, February 14, 1907. Employee of the Western Meavure as Finally Agreed Upon by Get Together on Policy of Burlington Brings Them in to Protest Large Portion of Fremont Inundated and Nebraskans Goes to the House-Union. House Determines to Follow Governor Rallway Control. Against Bill They Do Not Understand. 1907 FEBRUARY 1907 Two Hundred Houses Abandoned. Sheldon's Recommendation. THE WED THU FRI SAT SUN MON NEW YORK, Feb. 13 .- An increase of 16 PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 11.-(Special Tele-R 100 SETS OUT NEED OF A NEW JUDGE ARGUMENT ON TWO-CENT FARE BILL 3 per cent in the salaries of telegraph oper-8 . 2 gram.)-The reform forces are attempting PEOPLE ARE TAKEN FROM THEM IN BOATS DOUBLE SHIFT FOR THE OMAHA FIREMEN ators at the company's principal offices to get together on a policy of railroad conthroughout the country was announced by 7 8 3 4 5 6 Committee, Under Lead of trol. The leaders, including Governor the Western Union Telegraph company Subcommittee Has the Primary Bill Crawford and Railway Commissioner Rice. Flood Comes So Suddenly Personal Effects estern Members, Opposed to the 10 11 12 13 14 1 Lesder Makes Good in the House on today. Completed and Will Report it on held a council last night and at a late President's Scheme for the William H. Baker, vice president and Are Abandoned in Homes. hour adjourned without reaching any defi-His Pet Measure. Thursday Night to the 17 18 19 20 21 general manager of the Postal Telegraph Leasing of Coal Lands. nite conclusion. Some of them wanted to Full Committee. company, today issued the following stateplace the whole matter in the hands of the 24 25 26 27 1 NO LIVES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN LOST (From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-(Special Tele gram.)-Representative Tirrill of Massa-chusetts today reported favorably the bill introduced by Judge Norris giving an ad-ditional federal judge to the district of Nebraska. Judge Norris bill is made a substitute to Senator Burkett's bill, which passed the senate at the last session of congress in order that Senator Burket is to to the judiciary committee of the senate. The report filed by Mr. Tirrill is rather voluminous, going into the whole subject of the creation of additional judges for rederal districts and among other thing. GREATER OMAHA BILLS HELD BACK ment railway commissioners to act under the power which is given them by law, if they (From a Staff Correspondent.) considered such action justifiable after THE WEATHER. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 12-(Special Tele-Changes to Be Made Before Being Regers, Schuyler and North Bend Also FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA-Pair Thursday and Friday. FORECAST FOR IOWA-Pair and colder Thursday. Friday fair. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. a full and thorough investigation. Others gram.)-The Burlington railroad sent 150 desired to push legislative action at once Suffer Damage. Put on Passage. men to Lincoln tonight to protest against and stand a suit on the results of that the passage of the employers' liability bill action if necessary. Just what line will ALDRICH PUTS CHECK ON CORPORATIONS UNION PACIFIC TRACKS INUNDATED be carried out is yet indefinite, but the now pending in both houses. The men 1 p.m 2 p. m..... house 2-cent rate bill is being carried along came in on a special train of two coaches x p. m. 3 p. m. 4 p. m. 5 p. m. 5 p. m. 5 p. m. 8 p. m. 8 p. m. 8 p. m. 9 p. m. at the foot of the calendar; and Glass to-Burlington Bridges Across the Platte Offers Bill to Require Publicity and from Havelock and no fares were collected day introduced a bill to require the rail-River at Columbus and Schnyler Permission Before Additional on the way and no tickets were purchased way commission to ascertain the actual before the train left Havelock. The Bur-Are Taken Out by value of railways in the state by a Stocks or Bonds Can lington officials timed the arrival of the thorough investigation of records and prop the lee. Be Issued. employes to get to the senate chamber erty. This places the material at hand The company has received requests from about five or six of its offices for read-justment of the wage scale and has com-plied with the request in all but one or two instances now under consideration. We have had no controversy with our employes nor have concerted demands or threats been made by them. The company retains the friendship of just as a Burlington lobbyist was making LEGISLATIVE. to take either track as finally decided upon. FREMONT, Neb., Feb. IL-(Special Tele-House at Lincoln passes, by a vote of federal districts and among other things a speech in denunciation of the press of The house killed the bill to elect county (From a Staff Correspondent.) Nebraaka, and they roundly cheered him gram.)-Fremont was by far the worst suf- 50 to 40, in committee of the whole, a it states: ommissioners by the vote of districts, LINCOLN, Feb. 13.-(Special.)-The house which bill had passed the senate, and was this afternoon endorsed Governor Shel-"On July 1, 1905, there were 127 criminal ferer so far as general damage is conbill to tax mortgages, as recommended by when he finished. lovernor Sheldon in his message. Leeder's double-shift firemen's bill masses the house at Lincoln almost unan-Cases on the docket in the Nebraska dis-trict and on the same day there were twenty-six civil cases in which the United States was interested. On the same date the new same date the firement of the new same date the The spokesmen for the employes sent in cerned from the flood which started with Governor Sheldon in his message. supported by Eastman and the democrate don's recommendation for the taxation of the breaking of the ice in the Loup river. were C. W. Holmes, foreman of the boller in the house and opposed by Cable and mortgages on real estate after a hard fight, So far as known, however, there has been works; D. E. Lucas, general foreman of Brown. by recommending for passage in the com-Wolsmuth introduced a bill in the house mittee of the whole of H. R. 75, by Davis the boller shops, and H. B. Kepner, inno loss of life though there is an unconpasses the house at Lincoln almost unanproviding for public care and control of of Cass. At the morning session Lorder imously. A similar bill for South Omaha there were on the docket 239 civil cases in spector of piece work west of the river. firmed rumor that a little colored boy WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-President iquor and morphine flends, to be looked of Douglas won a victory over the Combut who said he came from Havelock. had been drowned and there is also fear has already passed the senate, making which the United States was not inter-Roosevelt today received a dispatch from Senator Joseph Burns kindly invited Mr. ested, making the total number of that in the darkness all the residents of the passage of the law almost certain. a representative of the telegraph operators after and confined in the insane asylum. mercial club of that city when the house Fage 1. | cases pending in said districts 292. On July Parmiey and Glass tangled up again this made it possible for him to at least parthe flood swept section of the city had Kepner to explain why the employes of who were threatening to strike in Chicago, afternoon on the report of the Gamble in- tially redeem his pledge to the Omaha fire-1, 1906, there were pending civil cases 330, the Burlington were opposed to the passage not been rescued. The flood came suddenly Greater Omaha bills are held back by inquiring whether anything can be done committee for amendment to allow the criminal cases 120. Total 400. of the liability act, at the conclusion of vestigation which was printed in the house men, by recommending for passage the toward settling the differences arising beat 7:30 this evening, so far as the city tween the Western Union Telegraph com- the 2-cent passenger rate discussion. Mr. was concerned, with the breaking of the South Omaha officers to serve out their "Excluding Sundays and legal holidays journal of yesterday. Carley, chairman bill providing for two platoons for the court was in session in 1908 all but fortypany and its operators at Chicago. Presi- Kepner informed the legislators that he of the committee on journal, presented his Omaha fire department. dike which had been erected to protect the terms. Page 1. Senator Aldrich presents a measure de- five days, and in 1906 all but thirty-eight dent Roosevelt turned the message over to and his fellow employes were here to proreport, and Parmley at once moved that The senate defenders and opponents of town. The water rose rapidly in the south test against any legislation which would portions of the city and telephone calls signed to secure publicity for transactions days, be not adopted as the report so far as the bill providing street railway companies immissioner Nell of the labor bureau. "Notwithstanding the fact that the dis-It is said at the White house that as the affect the Burlington Relief department, the Gamble investigation is concerned had may own interurban stock got together for relief poured into the city hall. Mayor of corporations. It requires a publicastrike had not taken place there is nothing and that was all he came for. Gibson, tion and a hearing before the State Railtrict judge of this district has held court Walz and Sheriff Bauman took charge been garbled by cutting out that part of on a companion bill by Aldrich and recof the rescue work and every boat and road commission, which must grant perpractically every day in the year and has to be done at this time. If the strike should who sponsors the bill in the senate, at the answer as to whether it is customary ommended the measure for third reading. been assisted by several outside judges, be officially declared the government might once asked Kepner in what way the bill mission before a corporation can issue for senators and representatives at Wash- The two bills are to go along together. other means of getting people out of the affected the relief department and when they have by their combined efforts been The Leeder bill received almost the unanadditional stocks or bonds for any purbe able to offer its aid in settling the difflood swept section was utilized, citizens ington to place their sons on the pay roll. Page 1. unable to dispose of the business as fast Kepner hesitated, Burns and Jim Kelby of volunteering freely in the work. So far pose. ferences. The answer, Parmley claimed, had been imous vote of the house members, Dodge the Burlington, came to his assistance and Subcommittee of Nebraska legislature as the cases are filed." and one or two others answering "No" in as is possible to ascertain at this time all changed, the original being cut from the were taken out, although no effort was has completed primary bill and will re-A comparison is made with Iowa, which began to fire question at Gibson. This The following message was received in sheet and a satisfactory enswer written opposition to it, while the Sheldon recomturned the meeting into a free-for-all and contains two judicial districts, and during Omaha Wednesday: NEW YORK, Feb. 13, 1967.-J. C. Nelson, Omaha, Neb.: This company has received petitions within the last sixty days from sixteen offices in the west and southwest asking for an increase of 10 per cent in the salaries of employes. These petitions have been given careful consideration, bearing in mind that the company could not discriminate in favor of a few offices, but that any action taken should be gen-eral. In this connection it has been neces-sary to consider the enormously increased cost of all kinds of telegraph material. which in many cases has been from 50 to 100 per cent, while the tariff rates on messages and other traffic are very low in view of the demands of the public for ever in-creasing facilities and more rapid service. In fact, many of thes rates are relics of former ruinous competition and are un-profitable. Notwithstanding these facts, the company has decided to increase the salaries of operators, at its principal offices throughout the country. 10 per cent from March 1, 190. made to save the belongings of the unfor- port it to full committee Thursday evenmendation to tax mortgages was endorsed Omaha Wednesday: in at the top of the next page on the Page 1 one fiscal year the total judgments in civil the brought-in employes started answering only after a most vigorous debate and tunate people. The water is higher than ing. printer's copy. Glass defended the report and asking questions from the rear of the cases in these two judicial districts in South Dakota reform forces seek to get after the question to indefinitely postpone at any time since the spring of 1881. Two of the committee and said it was just as Iowa amounted to \$72.567. During the same house. Finally Conductor Macomber, who taken by the stenographer, with a few it was defeated by a vote of 50 to 44, with together on policy of railroad control. hundred houses have been abandoned. period the total judgments rendered in the is here in the interest of the bill, explained the Douglas delegation standing shoulder Page 1 A portion of the refugees are quartered slight corrections where it was in error. that it in no way damaged the relief dedistrict of Nebraska amounted to \$557,683. to shoulder as a unit for the passage of WASHINGTON. at the city hall, others at the freight de-Parmiey secured delay of a day in action partment, but it enabled the injured emthe bill. Those who spoke for the measure The Norris bill providing for an ad-Judge Asks for Help. pots of the various railroads and still on the journal. The report recites that Judge Munger ploye of a railroad to collect damages were Davis of Cass, Best, Clarke and ditional judge of the federal court in The bill to prevent the running of raw others have been taken into private homes, therefor. The Burlington opposed the bill Walsh of Douglas and Cone of Saunders; Nebraska is favorably reported to the has said that he is very much in need while five who are sick are at the Fremont sewage into streams, the water of which is for at this time, he said, that road made its while E. W. Brown of Lancaster, Hamer of Page 1. of help and that it is practically imposhouse. used for domestic purposes, was indefihospital. employes pay their own damages. This House committee reports bill regulating sible for him to do the work of the dis-Buffalo, Speaker Nettleton, Milligan of The loss of live stock and personal prop nitely postponed on motion of Hare. Issenlead a number of brought-in employes to tel; Dixon and others opposed it. the disposal of government coal lands, trict. He states also that the work in erty of the people in the low lands will be huth again got out his fire marshal bill only incidents of what the Burlington Relief but not in line with the president's pro- the circuit is increasing very rapidly, Double Shift Firemen's Bill. to see it defeated a second time after he had very great. department had done for them. Patrick The Leeder double shift bill was one of Page 1. sixty-eight more cases having been composed leasing scheme. explained it. The bill to appropriate lands The river at 10 o'clock was stationary. of Sarpy came to the help of Gibson and Conference committee amends immigra- menced than were disposed of during the the first to come up for consideration and at midnight it had commenced to deto the insane asylum to Le located at assured the employes they had been misthe ex-fireman proved himself a thoroughtion bill to permit the president to ex- year ending June 30, 1905, and that it will cline and continues to recede slowly. Watertown was tabled on a motion of informed as to the bill and that it would clude all aliens whose presence would be be more difficult in the future to obtain bred in debate, denying with figures the At II p. m. the Burlington tracks were Peterson of Lawrence by a vote of 42 to 33. in no way affect them. The section they covered and it was up to the floor of the a detriment to labor conditions. Page 4 assistance from other judges, in consestatistics used by the Commercial club rep-The senate wrangled over the report on opposed, he explained, provided if an emresentatives in showing the cost would be President sends message to congress quence thereof. freight depot. The Brown Milling comthe Gamble investigation and finally ploye was injured or killed, he or his retoo heavy upon the taxpayers of the big favoring leasing of public coal land and The report further says that the De-March 1, 1907. ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President. pany's mill is surrounded. adopted the journal report against the prolatives could prosecute suit for damages city. He waxed eloquent in telling how the laws for better control of grazing land; partment of Justice made very exhaustive The family of A. R. Wightman of Engletest of Cooper. The bill to assess railway wood telephoned for assistance, saying he declares much fraud exists. Fage 11 and complete investigation of conditions providing the amount paid by the relief firemen were kept from their families by telegraph and telephone property other than department should be deducted from the HALF MILLION DOLLARS GONE eason of their occupation, and of the that there had been two feet of water in NEBRASEA. in the district of Nebraska and as a result the line property was opposed by Dudley judgment. Apparently the men had not dangers they are subject to every time the of the investigation recommends that an the house and a strong wind was coming Railroad agents find little uncourageand advocated by Byrne and Robertson and ment at York in their opposition to the additional judge be provided for this disbeen well posted by the Burlington of-New Britain, Conn., Bank Treasurer fire gong sounds. He talked until it was in from the west. A number of nick people ficials and a great many of them left with passed. very evident he had quashed any Hugering 2-cent fare bill. Land agents say lower trict. Loots Vault of Securities and were taken off in boats and teams, one a the expressed belief that the bill in no wise affect the relief department. Governor Crawford sent to the senate the fame of opposition, and then Dodge underwoman with a little baby only a few days rates will benefit them. Page 3. "All of the judges of the Eighth dis-old. Great volume of water out of Loup trict, who must be assumed to have per-

The Burlington grade north of there has river breaks ice in Platte forming gorges. sonal knowledge regarding this matter, River overflows banks flooding Union Pa- have advised against a division of the cific tracks and stopping trains. City of state into judicial districts. It is there-Page 1 fore suggested that everything after the enacting clause of Senator Burkett's bill be stricken out and Judge Norris' bill be substituted. The report further calls attention to the fact that the marshal for the district Page 3 of Nebraska receives a salary of only \$3,500. The salaries of marshals in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, northern and southern dis-Page 1. tricts of Iowa, eastern and western districts of Missouri, Kansas and Colorado receive \$4,000. The committee recom-Page 1. mends an additional section that "on and after July 1, 1907, the salary of the marshal for the district of Nebraska shall be \$4,000 per year." Bill Regulating Coal Land. Page 3 Almost at the moment the president's message urging legislation for the leasing the time that the latter did not return to enjoy the prosperity with the people. covered. The number of dead is esti- of government coal lands was being read in home that day. the house this morning, the house commit-Page 2 tee, being in session, ordered a report on a liam F. Walker, missing treasurer of the fair for banks and manufacturers and Great crowd gathers at London station bill which does not contain the leasing to wish James Bryce, the new ambassador clause favored by the chief executive. The bridge have been taken off by ice so far, to the United States. God speed. Page 1 bill which the public lands committee de- at that institution, made big inroads into or 6 or 7. At this time the Northwestern Count Itagaki proposes the abolition of cided to report simply amends the present the \$75.000 fund of the Connecticut Baptist in Nebrasks, he said, was making 4% per coal land law compelling entrymen to Page 1 each quarter section; it increases the result of a special audit of a tentative re- said, would suffer more than any other sections, or 2,560 acres, and that patents iscourt. Mr. Bassett was granted divorce sued under the homestead law shall contain yesterday from his wife at Washington. a provision reserving coal lying thereunder Fage 4 for twenty years. Homesteaders are given W. D. McHugh announces that the the privilege, however, of buying the coal terms of Count Creighton's will will not lands at the lawful price of \$20 an acre. Major Lacey, chairman of the public lands committee, had a conference with BRYCE STARTS TO AMERICA Page 1. the president along the lines of leasing Page 12. the public domain for coal mining purposes Rev. Julius F. Schwartz of Connors- and told the president that the western wille, Ind., will be pastor of the First members were in opposition to the leasing scheme. The president called attention to the manner in which forest reserves were being least for grazing purposes, to which to carry current to substations. Page 7. Major Lacey replied that had not the west-Thirty-five buildings in Omaha are ern members seen the disadvantage of the forest reserves for grazing purposes they might be in favor of his coal leasing sug-Page 12. gestions contained in the message of today. but he had very serious doubts whether Page 9 the western members of his committee Page 9 would agree with him on his recommenda-Page 1 tions. Page During the discussion of the Martin bill today in the committee on public lands, and bert Gladstone, home secretary; Lord Pitshaving no knowledge as to the message which the president sent today to congress, Representatives Volstend of Minnesota, Gronna of North Dakota and Robinson of Arkansas voted against the Martin bill in committee and will submit a minority report in which they will offer a draft of a bill carrying out the suggestions contained in the president's message given for the departing couple. today. They will urge the repeal of the present law and will provide in their pro-

Disappears.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 13 .- More

name of Thomas Hicks of Grant county took to argue this question should be actfor state veterinarian and the appointment tied by the people of Omaha and it should Two-Cent Fare Bill Discussion. was confirmed. before the l RAID WOMEN PARLIAMENT dressed the senate committee on railroads Suffragists Make All-Day Demonstra tion and Sixty Are Placed Under Arrest. LONDON, Feb. 13-The women sufing the bill for passage. traveling public individually, but would fragists whose leaders have sworn not to desist in their violent agitation until Parliament has granted their demands, appear likely to give the authorities considerable trouble. They made a more determined said the commissioners were not opposed and better organized effort today than ever before, in the course of which more than through a trackless prairie; when the legissixty women were arrested. It was nearly midnight before they all secured ball. From an early hour this afternoon until 10 o'clock at night a large force of police had their hands full in defending the precincts of Parilament from suffragists' raids He wanted his road to be considered the Every entrance to the House of Commons same as any other business, and if it is was guarded by detachments of police men, while other officers of the law were engaged in clearing the adjacent streets. and a body of fifty constables was kept in reserve for emergency. As the house was about to adjourn to night Claude George Ray, a member, called The bill was amended to exempt from the attention to the disturbance and protested law those who are kept away from the against using the house of parliament as polls by unavoidable circumstances, though a fortress to be filled with police to pro. a statement to this effect must be filed tect the members against women. Home Burlington representative, J. E. Kelby, Secretary Gladstone replied to Mr. Ray be levied. saying he had little knowledge of what was

held the water in town and if it should be carried out would relieve the situation somewhat. About 10:20 it began to run Fremont largely under water. over the Union Pacific tracks at the Nye avenue crossing and a little more rise would flood a large part of the Third ward. The water is very high at Mercer. No.

5 on the Union Pacific is sidetracked here. Ames, six miles west, is under water for

the first time in its history. The Northwestern bridge over the Platte is still intact, but it is feared the Burlington's will go out.

Bridge Out at Schuyler.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 13 .- (Special Telegram.)-One of the largest washouts ever known to the Platte river at this point occurred today. The river started to leave its banks last night and kept rising all day today, making its total width more than two miles and coming to within a short distance of town. Very little ice as yet had gone through until this evening, when a break started and has taken the remhant of the wagon bridge completely away and carried it down stream. Only a few ice-guards of the Burlington railroad but it is very shaky and parts are expected to go out by morning. The Burlington part so out. All eastbound Union Pacific trains have been blocked between here and Rogers since this morning on account of

the washout near North Bend. ARLINGTON, Neb., Feb. 13.-(Special.)-The ice in the Elkhorn river has not commenced to break up yet, but may at any sime. High water is expected as the ice is thick and may form a gorge in some of the river bends.

Trains Reported Marconed.

ROGERS, Neb., Feb. 11.-(Special Telegram.)-It is reported here that Union Pacific passenger trains Nos. 12, 4, 14, 10 and 6, are stranded between here and North Bend on account of a washout on each side of them, one being about one mile this side of North Bend and the other one about three miles from here, caused by a large gorge about three miles down the river. At this place the river is full of ice about fourteen inches thick, and is still rising. At one time in the afternoon the water rose about a foot in twenty minutes. At the F. C. Howard farm the water is reported six feet deep and stock drowning. There has been a very heavy wind from the northwest all day, throwing the ice over on the south bank of the river. While the situation here is serious it is thought there is no danger.

WATERLOO, Neb., Feb. 13.-(Special Telegram.)--Workman for the Union Pacific new bridge over the Eikhorn river and QUEENSTOWN. Testonie. fear of the ice gorging makes the work hazardous. They have been using some dynamits tonight, while the boom of dynamite on the Platte river has been heard all day. The trains are delayed because of washouts west, and some fear is entertained of the Platte cutting a channel across to the Elkhorn, as it did several The ice has opened up for years ago. 150 yards below the bridge and the river is rising some.

Work at Valley.

VALLEY, Neb., Feb. 12.-(Special.)-On account of the thaw and probable breaking up of the river, a force of men begun work at the Pigtie river bridge last night.

The work of driving piling was stopped and unfer the direction of the county commissioners several spans of the bridge was removed to save it being taken by a gorge. At the river and also the railroad bridge forses of men are at work using dynamite to break up the ice.

Water flowing over the track of the Unicn Pacific between North Bend and Rogers blocked the main line of the Union Pacific

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Mary E. Gandy, wife of Dr. Gandy of Humboldt, sues estate of William C. Bissell for \$5.600 on a note given in 1898. The case is being tried at Pawnee City.

DOMESTIC.

Connecticut Baptist association loses heavily by embezzlement of New Britain bank cashier. Telegraph operators employed by the Western Union are given a 10 per cent

advance. Wife of jurer in Thaw case is ill and in definite postponement of case may be ecessary. Dr. Evans explains evidence on which he bases opinion that Thaw is

Insane. Bodies of seventy-two victims of the wreck of the steamer Larchmont are remated at 150.

FOREIGH.

the Japanese peerage because he thinks pile-driver is ready for business should any it interferes with progress of the nation.

Bassett divorce case begins in district

be made public until it is ready for probate

Lent begins with usual services at the churches. Presbyterian church of Omaha. Page 7. The street rallway company has tentative plans for conduit on Farnam street found not to be equipped with fire es-

capes as required by law. FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. Omaha ilve stock market. Omaha grain market. Omaha general market. New York stocks and bonds. MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. Bailed NEW YORK.

LIVERPOOL Laks Champlein Winifedian, GLASGOW Numidian Wilhelm. 1 NOTHING STRANGE IN WILL No Unusual or Sensational Features

> in Last Testament of John A. Creighton.

"We have discovered nothing whatever

unusual or sensational in respect to Mr. Creighton's will," said Judge W. D. Mcas attorney for the estate. "It will be some time before the will is ready for probate, as the count had a great many papers and we have to examine them all. In the meantime I suppose many rumors on the subject will be circulated. All I am allowed to say on the subject is that such rumors, if they suggest anything unusual, will be entirely unfounded. We are proceeding in the customary manner."

Judge McHugh said this in answer to a question as to the truth of a report that administrators suspected the count had

letf a second will. He also said he was not permitted to reply directly to the question.

posed bill for the reservation of coal lands with the leasing clause attached. Burke Turns a Trick.

Congressman Burke of South Dakota

turned a trick today that may result in a favorable report being made on his bill opening the Rosebud Indian reservation to Hugh, who has charge of the count's will settlement. Owing to the absence of sevcommittee present to do business tomorrow. growing extremely short to get his bill the nation. tana to the vacancy created by the election passage extremely bright. It is understood feudalism in 1871.

that Inspector McLaughlin and Agent Kei-(Continued on Highth Page.)

than \$500.000 worth of securities were taken Ben T. White, general attorney for the from the vaults of the Savings bank of Northwestern, and Garrit Fort, assistant New Britain by the missing treasurer, passenger agent of the Union Pacific, ad-William F. Walker, according to a statement issued today by the board of di- tonight in opposition to the i-cent rate bill. rectors of the institution. There is left a Mr. Fort made in substance the speech surplus of about \$143,000 above the amount he made last night, but laying special emdue to depositors. The directors believe phasis on the statement that to reduce the greater part of the securities will be rates would save very little money to the recovered.

Mayor George M. Landers has sent a let- seriously handicap the operation of the ter to Governor Woodruff asking that Com- passenger department of the Union Pamissioner Kendall be removed from office on cific. the ground of neglect of duty and in- Mr. White took his hearers back to the competency. He pointed out in this letter time when the Eikhorn lost money in Nethat when Kendall began an examination brasks for years; when it built a road of the affairs of the bank last Thursday. Treasurer Walker on a plea of illness left lature made 3 cents a mile a maximum the bank and Commissioner Kendall did rate, which, he said, at that time was not not continue his work, but returned home fair. Now that times were prosperous he

to await Walker's convenience, knowing at believed the railroads should be permitted HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 12 .- That Wil-

savings bank of New Britain, who is al- farmers to make 10 and 20 and more per leged to be responsible for a \$25,000 shortage cent the railroad should at least make 5 convention, of which he was the treasurer, cent on the valuation per mile as fixed spend \$500 for working improvements on was positively made known today as the by the state board. His road, Mr. White amount of land which may be taken to four port of his accounts instituted a week ago. under the 2-cent rate because it did not President Thompson of the society said have the transcontinental business

today that railroad bonds valued at \$7.000 in Mr. Walker's hands are missing. The also spoke. He put tears in his voice and trustees are at present unable to state launched out against the newspapers whether the larger part of the funds in general. His talk was interesting in that his care has been lost.

Many People Gather to Wish New Am

bassador Godspeed on His Trip.

LONDON, Feb. 13-A great crowd of personal and political friends gathered at Euston station this morning to bid farewell to James Bryce, the ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Bryce, who proceeded to Liverpool in a car attached to the regular steamer train. At Liverpool they boarded the Oceanic for New York. The ambagaador's sendoff was enthusiastic. Among those present were the earl of Crewe, lord president of the council: Her maurice, under secretary for foreign affairs: Lewis Harcourt, first commissioner of public works, and Mrs. Harcourt; Lord Strathcona, high commissioner of Canada; Arthur Ponsonby, representing the prime minister, and Secretary Carter of the American embassy.

As the train left three hearty cheers were

JAPS MAY ABOLISH PEERAGE Count Itagaki Requests the Nobility to Return Their Titles to

the Emperor.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11 -- A special to the News from Tokio says: Count Taisuke Itagaki eral members of the house committee on has issued a circular to the nobility in Indian affairs there was extreme doubt which he proposes the abolition of the peerwhether there would be a quorum of the age. He says that the presence of a distinct class between the imperial house and Mr. Burke, realizing that the time was the people is injurious to the progress of

through congress, induced the speaker to The count thinks the existing peers appoint Congressman-elect Dixon of Mon- should enjoy their titles for one generation and then the peerage should cease to exist

of Mr. Curtis of Kansas to the senate. Mr. He therefore advises the peers to return Burke had a conference today with the their titles to the emperor just as the old speaker on the merits of his bill and he re- feudal barons or daimios relinquished their gards the prospects of consideration and prerogatives at the time of the abolition of

groat excitement and wonder.

going on outside, but the measures employed were for the general convenience members of the senate had an opportunity of the members and he was sure no unsee a real live lobbyist begging and pleading where once he commanded and necessary violence had been used. Miss Anna Kenney, one of the leaders who has been imprisoned three times, de-

clares that if woman suffrage is not granted during this session she will march one thousand women cotton operatives from the north, who will confront the ministers on the floor of the House of Com-

mons.

WRECKS RESTAURANT GAS

Three Persons Killed and Six Injured by Explosion in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 13-An explosion of leaking gas in a restaurant near the corner of Second and Main streets in the heart of the city today killed three persons, mangled and seriously injured half a dozen others, slightly injured nearly a score and completely wrecked a two-story brick building in which were located four small business concerns. The explosion oc curred in the restaurant of B. Cassareti. 114-116 West Second street, shortly before noon. The restaurant was completely wrecked, as was also the tailoring establishmont of H. L. Yerger and a small laundry office. Offices of several small concerns on the second floor were completely

Following are the names of the dead JOHN W. MAIN, aged M, rancher, who was sented at the table in the restaurant. LAVONNE MYERS. "waitress. ANNIE CRAWFORD, waitress.

Of the injured Charles Blumenthal and

May Anderson, a waitress, was so hadly

both leggs. The exact cause of the explosion is yet unknown, but it is believed that the gas was ignited by an employe of the gas company, who was marching in the base-

ment for a leak in the main

Disease in Salt Lake.

BALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 11 - The city has since the first of the year been in the grip of an opidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis. Since January 1 there have been twenty-four deaths and of these eight have co-curred since the first of February.

made mention that the fire department was composed of 126 politicians who had plenty of time to work at politics, and therefore it took a brave man to oppose the till. He said were he a member of the Board of Fire and Pollce Commissioners he would vote to try the scheme, but he voted in the legislature against recommend-

Harvey of Douglas and Mike Lee came to the assistance of Leeder and in answer to questions Harvey, who is clerk of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. to the passage of the bill or to the double shift, but the board did not want to assume the responsibility of trying it with out some authority from the legislature. Harvey closed with a plea for the passage of the bill. And when the vote was taken Speaker Nettleton and all but two or three voted with Leeder.

Tax on Non-Voters.

Fries of Howard, a member of the minority party, scored nicely in getting recommended for passage his bill, H. R. 125, providing a tax of \$1 to be levied against persons entitled to vote who do not avail themselves of the opportunity.

with the county treasurer or the tax will

But while Fries scored, Henry, belonging to the same party, lost out on his pet measure to memoralize congress to submit to the various legislators the question women suffrage. This bill was killed and the records were overloaded with excuses offered by parties voting against it.

To Control Stock Issues.

As an outcome of the fight he made two or three weeks ago on Senated Thomas bill to permit street railway companies to own and operate interurban companies and to buy and hold their securities. Senator Aldrich has introduced into the senate a bill providing for publicity in the issuance of stock by railway companies and other common carriers. The bill is far-reaching in effect and substantially provides no common carrier can issue securities or purchase the securities of any other common carrier unless authorized to do so by the railway commission. The bill is a substitute for an amendment Aldrich offered to the Thomas bill, and he did not oppose the bill when it came up today. His new measure is S. F. 308 and its provisions are substantially as follows: Railroad companies and common carriers must secure authority from the state railway commission before issuing any stocks bonds or other securities and any securities issued without this authorization shall be null and void and the issuance of the same may be enjoined on application of the railway commission. Any railway or com mon carrier before issuing any of such securities or before purchasing the securities of another railroad or common carrier shall file an application with th state railway commission setting out the amount of bonds or securities to be purchased or issued, the terms and conditions relating to the issuance or purchase thereof, the total amount of outstanding J. M. C. Fuentes will probably die. Miss stocks, bonds or other securities and the conditions thereof, the total indebtedness hurt that it was necessary to amputate of the applicant or of the company from which securities are to be purchased and

> such other information as may be material Action by the Commission.

The commission shall set a date for hearing and shall publish a notice of such hearing for two weeks in a paper of general circulation over the state. It may announce its decision any time within seven days after the hearing. It shall refuse to authorize the issuance of the securities under the following conditiona:

If it appears they are issued for puppess of profit and not for the purpose

mittee and chairman. This convention is held every other year in the years when governor and other state officers are to be elected. The bill provides for a filing fee of \$19 for candidates for county offices and \$150 for congressional and state office. Applications for places on the ballot are to be filed with the county clerk for county offices and with the secretary of state for state ruiced. offices. Provision is also made for the candidates independent of any party. The

name of a candidate can appear only on the ballot of one party. The primary is to be held nine weeks before the election and the polls are to be open from 12 noon to 8 p. m.

The draft of the bill will be presented to the joint committee at a meeting to be held Thursday night and it may be introduced in the two houses Friday or the first of

next week at the latest.

Battleships in Collision.

LONDON, Feb. 11.-The British battle ships Albemarie and Commonwealth, which were manoevering off the coast of Portugal, were in collision the night of February This radical suggestion coming from a 11 and were so damaged that they were man of Count Itagaki's standing causes obliged to proceed to Gibraltar for repairs. Nobody was injured.

At a meeting of the subcommittee that is preparing the state-wide primary bill tonight all mooted questions relating to the details of the bill were settled and the measure in its final form agreed to. The principal difference was over the rotation

of names, Dodge of Douglas insisting on rotating. At the meeting tonight a compromise was effected by which Douglas county is to have the rotated ballot, while in the rest of the counties the names will appear alphabetically without rotation. The section of the bill relating to the making of the party platform was also changed. In its present form the nomineos

was obeyed.

in each county are to select a committee man in each precinct in the county. These committeemen meet and select a delegate to a state convention which will meet and complie a platform and select a state com-

Agreement on Primary Bill.