# NEW CHARTER FAILS SUMMERY OF THE BEE PARKER ON STATES' RIGHTS

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THE WEATHER

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity— robably showers Wednesday; no import-

ant change in temperature.

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Wednesday; slight temperature changes.

DOMESTIC.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

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Voters of Chicago Reject Proposed Fundamental Law.

LARGE MAJORITY AGAINST IT

Early Returns Indicate Adverse Vote 15, of Two to One.

PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER

Plan to Redistrict City and to Raise More Revenue.

TAXPAYERS PUT UP HARD FIGHT

Under Proposed System All Long

Term Public Utility Grants Must He Submitted to People for Vote.

### BULLETIN.

CHICAGO, Sept. N .- Present indications are that the proposed new charter for the city has been rejected by a majority o from 40,000 to 50,000.

Three hundred and thirty precincts out of 1,256 give for the charter 14,500, against

CHICAGO, Sept. 17,-A special election was held here today for the purpose of de- liberty. termining whether the new charter granted to the city of Chicago at the last session of the legislature should be adopted. For many years Chicago has labored un-

der the disadvantage of an inadequate system of raising revenue, the present charter being adapted to the needs of a city of not ever one-fourth the size of Chicago at present. The new charter provides for a change in the methods of taxation, doing away with a number of different taxing bodies and concentrating the power of tax levy for city, park, school and library purposes in the city council. The proposed charter also provides that the city may by a referendum vote issue bonds up to 5 per cent of the total actual valuation of taxable property in the city, consolidates into one the three park systems, which are to be conducted under one board appointed by the mayer and approved by the council. At the present time the state of Illinois has a large voice in the management of the Chicago park systems, although it contributes nothing whatever for their support. If the new charter carries the city will be divided into fifty wards, each of which will be represented in the city council by one alderman at a salary of \$3,500 per year. All long-term public utility grants are to be submitted to the people on a referendum vote, if a petition to that effect is presented by 10 per cent of the

voters. There is great opposition to the adoption of the charter, chiefly because of the power of the taxing bodies to levy on property to as high as 7 per cent of assessed valuathe charter.

# LOCOMOTIVE LEAVES TRACK

Fast Lehigh Valley Express Wrecked Near Enston, Pa., but None Killed.

ine in the west.

blowing herself up

Arrangements are being made for a ban-

winners of the Western league. Page 4

POREIGN.

plosion of gunpowder in the Japanese

Twenty-seven men were killed in an ex-

French are determined that the Moors

Young Russian woman plans to blow up

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

DECLINED TO BE THE NAVY

dent Refused to Man Salva-

dorean Ship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17 .- The officers,

There was trouble aboard the President

at Acaiutla he was ready to throw up his

job. With him in this sentiment was the

Then Lindsay says the Salvadoreans tried

but instead he and his party went on board

the City of Para and salled for home. .

CARS FOR SHIPPERS TO OMAHA

Great Northern Ordered to Permit

Direct Shipment of Grain to

Gate City.

commission today issued a formal order

stations along its line for the shipment of

grain direct to Omaha. This follows the

complaint of the Omalia Grain exchange

made some time ago against the Great

Cotton Crop of Egypt.

CAIRO, Sept. 17.—The cotton crop of Egypt, which exceeds 7.00,000 cartars (a cantar is a little over ninety-nine pounds), shows a large increase over all records of the last decade. It is estimated to be worth \$150,000,000.

cars and making shipments of grain,

LINCOLN, Sept. 17.-The State Ratiroad

mmanding the Wilmar & Sloux Falls

whole crew

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shall pay the cost of subduing the re-

east.

EASTON, Pa., Sept. 17 .- A Lehigh Valley quet to the Omaha ball team, pennant express train from Buffalo to New York was wrecked early to day near Pattenburg tunnel in New Jersey, thirteen miles from this city. A number of trainmen and passengers were injured but none of the latter fatally. The train was running at high drowned at Kotaru and many rendered speed when the locomotive jumped the homeless in a fire at Kotaru, Japan. track and plunged into the mountainside. The engineer, Herbert Godley of this city, was injured internally, and the baggagenaster sustained a fractured arm. The bellion and damages besides. passengers injured were riding in the amoking car. Most of the others were in the secret police of St. Petersburg by lining her clothing with explosives and their berths, and while they were considerably shaken up they were not badly hurt. Godley is the engineer who was running the Black Diamond express last winter when it left the track on the Delaware

river bridge between this city and Phillipsburg. N. J., and narrowly escaped going into the river seventy feet below.

# WOOD TO REMAIN AT MANILA

War Department Decides He Shall Officers and Crew of Schooner Presi-Stay There Until After Visit of Taft.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- It is said here that it will be ten months at least before cook and whole crew of the steam schooner C. Kinkald. Major General Leonard Wood assumes President, which sailed from this port two mmand of the Department of the East in | months ago to be the navy of the Salvaplace of General Fred D. Grant, who will dorean government, returned yesterday on stand the same assessment on his stock then take command of the Department of the City of Para, having abandoned the the Lakes, with headquarters at Chicago | President at the wharf in Acajutla Salva-The change has been expected to take dor. As chief engineer, George R. Lindnow understood say walked from the President along the place this year, but it is that the War department has decided to wharf at Acajutla to the City of Para. keep General Wood in the Philippines un- Backed by Martin Christensen, Harry

When General Wood leaves Manila, it is dent Figueroa to touch or interfere with grant him an extended leave of absence, international certificate as an engineer. which will begin on his arrival in the United States, probably late next Jaunary. before it sailed from San Francisco, and General Grant's transfer to Chicago has when Lindsay delivered over the President therefore been postponed.

#### DISCRIMINATION NOT THE IDEA Chicago Board of Education Has to get his men drunk but failed. Lindsay Plan to Bar All Adults promised to meet the governor at Acajutla, from Schools.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.-The Japanese con il in Chicago called on the superintendent the city schools yesterday to inquire whether it was true that three Japanese residents had ben barred from the public schools. It was explained to him that the roposition pending in the school board is to debar all adults, and that no discriming. tion in respect to color or nationality is practiced in the Chicago schools

# FEAST FOR THE OLD SOLDIERS Railway company to furnish cars at the

Frager Man Invites All to Come Into

His Watermelon Patch. BOONE, 1a., Sept. 17 .- (Special Telegram.) Comrade Buttoiph, residing near Fraser, Northern road, as owner of the Wilmar & has invited all old soldiers, their families Stoux Palls branch, charging that it disand friends of Boone and adjoining coun- criminates against Omaha in furnishing ties to his home Friday, September 20, for watermelon feast. He has ten acres of fine melons and-will turn his guests loose them for the entire day. Hundreds will ake advantage of his hospitality. The Newton and Northwestern will run spe-

Former Candidate Speaks at Constitutional Anniversary.

CENTRALIZED POWER FEARED

He Sava Executive Plans to Override Constitution and that Steps Should Be Taken to Prevent 1t.

ton presided. The weather was ideal and for the woman,

the attendance large. Judge Parker was at his best and spoke

In view of the president, the federal government meds an increase of power—needs power—needs power which was deliberately retained by the states and the people when the national government was created. True there is a way to transfer that power from the states to the federal government if the people wish it, but it may well be that no amount of labor would persuade the people of she states to surrender their home rule powers in sufficient measure to meet the views of the executive as to the national necessity. These considerations may have had weight in determining his announced purpose to obtain an increase of the federal power now, not through the action of the people, but through the action of the three departments of government.

Kamenny island, where an elaborate electric signal system will be installed in order to prevent undermining.

BRUCE EXPEDITION IS - LOST

Nothing is Heard of Arctic Explorer Who Sought to Cross Prince Charles Bay.

RERLIN, Sept. 17.—A telegram from Advent Hay via Hammerfest states that nothing has been heard from the William Bruce expedition which left the base of In view of the president, the federal gov-Judge Alton B. Parker, in a speech at the Jamestown exposition, says attempts to give federal government control should be combatted vigorously by all friends of Page 1 Early returns indicate a majority of

neariy 50,000 against the new charter for the city of Chicago.

Great interest was taken in the vote on the Oklahoma constitution yesterday.

Standard Oil company will plead that Judge Landls' fine should be set aside because of its having no knowledge of immunity Srants.

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Trial of Harry Thaw is likely to be delayed until December.

After rerving twenty-five years in Sing Sing without once being taken outside, former New York policeman finds things greatly changed.

The Standard Oil company's case comes up before Judge Franklin Ferriss at New York.

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Four prominent Eiks meet death 'at Colorado Springs after a night's social

Four prominent Elks meet death at Colorado Springs after a night's social session while riding sixty miles an hour in an automobile.

Slippery rails cause a wreck on the Northwestern at Racine, Wis. Page 1 Odd Fellows decide to meet next year at Denver.

Page 1 President D. P. Kingsley of the New York Life Insurance company discusses reform legislation before the insurance commissioners of various states at Ricomond, Va.

Page 1 Taking of testimony in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey was begun in New York. Evidence showed that the earnings of the company for seven years were nearly \$1500,000,000.

LOCAL.

All is not smooth with the Douglas serious and control of the people may as well change it at their pleasure.

It, then, there were no immediate danger of an effective setzure of powers, we sere of an effective setzure of powers, we Asnaults of New Federalists. Colorado Springs after a night's social

General Superintendent W. L. Park of the Union Pacific sees signs of coal famrelation between federal and state officials, war with the Japanese foreign office in the cost of insurance supervision. Page 7 and declared; "It seems now unlikely Tokio as counselor. Both of these Ameriterest rates that came to his notice in the to devour the states."

# H. H. TUCKER IS OUSTED

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Affairs of Uncle Sam Oil Company to Be Directed by New President and Assistants.

battleship Kashima. Thirty persons were KANSAS CITY, Sept. 17 .- H. H. Tucker jr., is no longer to manage the affairs of the decision of the board of the twentyone directors elected by the stockholders of the company at the meeting yesterday afternoon. The first meeting of the directors was called this morning in Tuckthe board of directors, who are the largest able diplomats in Japan. stockholders, are to manage the oil company hereafter. James Ingersoll was elected president and manager of the com-

Tucker was given the office of secretary. which has little power attached to it. Peter Goebel, president of the Commercial National bank in Kansas City, Kan., who is a candidate for the office of trustee of the company, was elected treasurer. Six

after Secretary Taft's visit to the Benner, C. N. Nelson, the cook and the have to give to the board of directors crew, he defied the gun fighters of Presi- \$16,000 to cover his assessment.

### the intention of the War department to them, waiving in sign of his immunity his EMERGES INTO NEW WORLD York Policeman, After Twenty-

Five Years in Sing Sing, Finds Great Change.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.-After having served a twenty-five years' sentence in Sing Sing prison, Michael Hackett, a for mer New York policeman, is free, thanks to a parole granted last week by the state board of pardons. Hackett entered the he had not had a glimpse of the outside formed from occasional papers and plcmobile and a sky-scraper was a marvel. Even the dresses of the women of today are novelties and objects of curiosity

"This is a new world for me," he said. on reaching this city, five hours after his PRESIDENT RECEIVES WRIGHT release. "As a policeman twenty-five years ago, I thought I knew every nook and corner of the city, but the people are different, the buildings new, and so built that I am bewildered. If you had suddenly placed me in the heart of the city

f I had never been here before." tinually fumbling in his pockets and taking today. Previous to the luncheon the presiout their contents. He explained with an dent conferred with Peyton Gondon, who embarrassed smile, saying. "I haven't had was recently promoted from pardon atpockets in my clothes for twenty-five years torney for the Department of Justice to and I'm not used to them. I'm always be special assistant to Attorney General lost."

# WOULD BE A WALKING BOMB CONDEMNS INSURANCE LAWS ELKS KILLED IN AUTO WRECK BIG PROFITS

Young Russian Woman Planned to Line Clothing With High Explosives.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 17.-The police oday arrested a young girl, nickname "Wanda." who is accused of participating CRITICISES NEW LEGISLATION n a plot to blow up the headquarters of the secret police, situated on the Moika canal, whose torture chambers have aroused bitter feeling on the part of the revolutionists. The police claim that "Wanda" planned to become a "walking bomb" and to enter the headquarters building in the middle of the day, when it is NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 17 .- Judge Alton generally full of police wearing the uni-B. Parker of New York, former democratic form of a gendarme officer, lined with walls candidate for president, and Samuel W. of guncotton and carrying powerful bombs McCall, member of congress from Massa- "Wanda," the pelice add, heped by blowchusetts, made the principal addresses at lng herself up to reduce the entire building the constitutional day celebration at the to ruins and kill all the officers comprising Jamestown exposition today. The cere- the staff of the political police. The plot of the New York Life Insurance company monies were in commemoration of the 120th was betrayed and the police, in addition anniversary of the adoption of the federal to taking "Wanda" libto custody, arrested constitution by the constitutional conven- a Jewish tailer, in whose shop they seized tion of 1787 over which George Washing- a half-ready uniform which was intended

In consequence of the murderous designs with great fervor and earnestness. He decided to give up their present quarters, court of the United States, that life inremoving to an isolated stone building on Kamenny island, where an elaborate elec-

ent Bay via Hammerfest states that lars in assets. Bruce expedition which left the base of supply almost one month ago with the intention of returning on August 28. Mr. Bruce, with whom were Captain Boagsen, Charles Bay. Their sleds have been found near the landing.

### KING WILL "BLOW" HIMSELF Siam's Ruler Will Let People of Homburg Know that He is Alive.

intends to give a grand treat to the whole to over a billion dollars. What an oppor-Beer will flow from three buffets in the casine garden. Each foreign guest in the casino wil receive a bottle of champagne and a bottle of red and white wine, A no and a bottle of the magnificent supper will be taid for 600 persons. The king will give \$6,000 to the poor of the town.

Japa Reward Foreigners. TOKIO, Sept. 17.-The Japanese governent has rewarded W. L. Stevens and W. Dennison for their services during the Ruso-Japanese war. It was officially announced today that Mr. Stevens had been

Japanese government by his legal advice.

# Impending Diplomatic Change.

the Uncle Sam Oil company. This was not prepared to make an official statement surance premiums are a self-imposed tax ices as president of the exposition to be from which no present income is derived. er's home in Kansas City, Kan. When held at Tokio in 1912, in which at present the heard adjourned at noon it had made he is actively interested. Baron Kaneko it sufficiently evident that the members of is considered to be one of the most cap-

### VOTE IS HEAVY IN OKLAHOMA Great Interest Taken by People in Contest Over Adoption of

Prohibition.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 17 .- An exceedingly heavy vote was polled early John W. Tucker, J. W. Daie, J. H. Ritchie, James Ackerman, J. W. Buchanan and C. C. Kinkald.

The new board of directors decided also this morning that Tucker would have to turbane. The hellot is very large and take many from trustees it is inviting all the sufficiency of the su today in the election in Oklahoma and this morning that Tucker would have to stand the same assessment on his stock as that held by other stockholders. A 4 per cent assessment was decided on yesterday. Tucker has 1,800,000 shares of stock and his assessment will, be about \$50,000. After Tucker gets the 4 per cent allowed him for selling stock he will yet have to give to the board of directors \$16,000 to cover his assessment. now has license laws with saloons in operation. The vote today is to determine whether prohibition shall be extended over Oklahoma as well as in Indian Territory.

# THAW'S TRIAL IS DELAYED District Attorney Jerome in No Mood

to Hasten Proceedings NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- When the criminal branch of the supreme court opens prison in 1883 and during all these years next month and the case of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White world, and all of his impressions had been is called, Martin W. Littleton, senior counsel for the defense, will demand immediate tures he had been able to obtain. He had trial for the accused Pittsburger. District never seen a trolley car nor an auto- Attorney Jerome, it is understood, will oppose an immediate hearing of the case, and it is believed some date in December will be agreed upon.

### Retiring Ambassador to Japan Takes Lunch at Oyster Bay.

OYSTER BAY, N. V., Sept. 17.-General would have been lost as completely as Luke Wright, retiring ambassador to Japan, and Judge Walter E. Noyes of It was noticed that Hackett was con- Connecticut took lunch with the president afraid the things I put in them will get Robert P. Porter, former director of the census, and John A. Sleicher of New York.

President Kingsley of New York Life Talks to Commissioners.

Opposed to Taxes on Premiums and Prohibition of the Use of Federal Courts - Destructive Reforms.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 17 .- An appeal to dead: the members of the convention of Insurance Commissioners of the United States for supervision based on a national rather than a local view of life insurance was made by President Darwin P. Kingsley in his address before that body today. In asking the commissioners to use their influence to have certain existing laws re-Mr. Kingsley pointed out the fact, notof the revolutionists the secret police have withstanding the rulings of the supreme surance can be justly supervised only if it is treated as though it were interstate commerce and a federal question.

He denounced the destructive reformer and lauded the man or body of men who seek reform by constructive methods; and he asked the commissioners to aid in suppressing the "insurance politician," who, he gold has seized the opportunity given by the destructive reformer to seek control of the great mutual companies with their many hundreds of millions of dol-

### The Insurance Politician.

tage of public passion, of serious mis- down the hill. takes, and of probable crimes, he has already made a powerful effort to get con- whirled down the hill for a still greater former companion of the prince of Monaco, trol," said President Kingsley, speaking distance, but for a telephone pole which and Captain John, former companion of of the insurance politician. "He doubtless barred the way and it was this pole that Dr. Nansen, took provisions for two weeks has not made his last effort. I am in- probably caused the death of two and posonly, and as no game can be found along clined to think that here lies your supreme sibly three of the victims. Grey was prethe coast it is feared that the three have responsibility in the immediate future. It cipitated out of the car and jammed against perished in attempts to cross Prince may be your clear duty at some time to the telephone pole. The entire left side of help cast out dishonest administrations his face was flattened and his skull was of mutual companies. But it will always laid open, the impact tearing the top of be your duty to exercise a wise discrim- his head almost in two. Raiston evidently ination, to see that reform is not done was thrown against the pole, or against the by violence, to see that in turning out un- board fence on the other side of the walk. worthy men you do not invite in others. His skulf was fractured, as was that of infinitely worse. The danger that mutual Winnall. Winnall was hurled a distance of companies will fall into the hands of fifty feet. politicians is a very real one. The assets BERLIN, Sept. 17. The king of Stam of two mutual companies alone amount the Central Electric company. Grey and of Homburg on his birthday. September 21. tunity for the demagogue! What a field Graves, who died later at the hospital, for the insurance politician!"

President Kingsley gave a brief summary of a variety of legislation springing from the demands of local interests and ignoring the general character of the interests involved. These included: laws in New York state which put a limit on the amount of surplus a company may hold. On the danger of this statute Mr. Kingsley dwelt at length; a law in Wisconsin fixing the maximum premium a company may charge; one in Texas which would compel life insurance trustees to purchase local securities, whether they approve of them to as high as 7 per cent of assessed valuation. Beyond this no further taxes can be levied. The possibilities of increased taxes under the new charter are so great, however, that there is a, strong opposition to its adoption, it is expected that the vote today will be about one-half of that at an ordinary city election. The general opiniou seemed to be early in the day that the vote was going against the adoption of the charter.

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\*\*Fa or not, and then place the securities within steadily increasing until it now amounts to letter written to a member of the Kan-Mr. McCall, who followed, discussed the W. Dennison was connected during the several million dollars a year more than

"While I would not argue for an entire exemption from taxation of premiums, he said, "I would review some reasons TOKIO, Sept. 17 .- It is understood here why the premiums on life insurance ought that Count Inouye, Japanese ambassador to be exempt. Life insurance on the that Count Inouye, Japanese ambassador to be exempt. Life insurance on the mutual plan is not a money-making business made the order and fixed October 5 ness; it is the collection and disburse as to his successor and Viscount Aoki, now ment of money to prevent poverty. All ambassador of Japan at Washington, has money received is either paid out at once in benefits or expenses or is invested and been mentioned as a possible successor. The Japanese foreign office, however, is pays taxes where it is invested. Life interpretation of the matter and the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the day when it is to what he railrost propose to do in the matter and the collection as to what he railrost propose to do in the matter and the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and disburse has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it is the collection and the day when it is the collection and the day when it is the collection as the day when it is the on the subject. Should Aoki desire a which prevents burdens on the state, and change it is possible that Baron Kaneko a tax upon a tax is barbarous. The taxamay be appointed ambassador at Washing- tion of life insurance premiums is a tax ton, if the government can spare his serv- upon a property not in possession and

#### Investment of Funds. Continuing he said in part:

Another tendency in negislation with which you must deal is that which would compel investments in local securities and require deposit of those securities where they can be locally taxed. Here legislation from the local as opposed to the national viewpoint takes on one of its radical forms. The doctrine that a state may prescrib the conditions under which a corporation may do business within its borders is prob may do business within its borders is prob-ably finally established. But the problem as to the wisdom of such a dectrine still remains. The responsibility of the selection of securities for the investment of life in-surance funds cannot be safely shared by tates have a right to pass such laws, but they also have a right to say bluntly to a life company that it shall not transact business within its borders on any condi-tions. This would be a more honorable

Barred from Federal Courts. Closely allied to this kind of legislation is the prohibition already written in the statutes of several states against removing a case from the state to the federal court. Such laws exist in North Carolina, in New York, in North Dakota, California, Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire. Ohio, South Dakota, Texas and in Wisconsin. Some of these laws have been in existence for nearly thirty years. These states have declared, in effect, that the trustees of a life insurance company in the discharge life insurance company in the of their duty shall be denied the of the federal courts. This, or no in the discharg

of the federal courts. This, or no business in these states

"Another tendency which will probably not run far is to limit by law the amount of business which a company may do. To thus limit the amount of business after having limited the cost of business is directly contrary to the principle that is coverywhere else now so strenuously maintained, namely, the competition is the proper regulating force in business. The national government especially is moving heaven and earth to prevent the stiffing of controllion, but New York state at least maintains that beyond a certain point a of contestition, but New York state at least maintains that beyond a certain point a life insurance commany shall not compete for business on any terms. A company may be furnishing insurance at the lowest cost, but after furnishing a certain amount in any one year it must stand aside and let others compete for whatever remains, whatever the cost may chance to be. The state virtually says to the insurer. You may have insurance not where you will but not where you will, but others will not."

Destructive Reforms. "The future of life insurance is menaced by reform through destruction. When will (Continued on Second Page.)

Four Are Dead at Colorado Springs Through Losing Control of Car.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Sept. 17 .- A pow erful racing automobile occupied by seven prominent Elks and a chauffeur and built to hold but three passengers, while running at a terrific rate, crashed into a telephone pole at the bottom of the West Hurfande street hill here early today and was Taking Testimony in Suit to Dissolve wrecked. Four of the occupants were killed outright and the others were mor or less seriously hurt. The bodies of the

W. H. RALSTON, a dealer in electrical

supplies. H. WINNALL.

killed C. F. Dasey.

JOHN S. GREY, formerly of New York. BRITTON L. GRAVES, a druggist, The injured: James English, George Buckley, F. H. Ward, A. W. Markscheffel The party had been to the Elks' club house at Maniton to attend a social sespealed, laws which he declared to be false sion and was returning home. The man principle and dangerous in application. chine, a six-cylinder, forty-horse power, recently at Overland park ran over and

The accident happened at 3 o'clock this morning, just after the automobile with its merry, jesting passengers crowded into the two seats, on the hood and on the steps, plunged at a terrific clip down the hill. Markscheffel, who was drinving, in son manner lost control of the wheel and the powerful machine, swerving from side to side across the car tracks, ran into the gutter. For fully fifty feet the heavy car plunged onward, the right front and rear wheels running in the gutter and the two left wheels a foot higher on the curb. Suddenly the right front wheel struck some object and the machine turning around was "In the name of reform, taking advan- thrown a distance of about forty-five feet

The car probably would have been

Raiston was a member of the firm of Winnall were profesional chauffeurs. was a drug clerk. All were prominent Elks.

A social session was given at the Eiks club last night to the non-Elks of Colorado is in charge of the government's case, has Springs. As the time approached for the breaking up of the festivities some one suggested an automobile ride. The funseeking crowd clambored aboard the huge machine, clinging to the guards, hood and seat, and drove to Manitou, eight miles distant. The road back is gradually down grade and the car at the time of the accident is said to have been running at a rate of sixty miles an hour.

#### HOCH ON TWO-CENT FARE

Governor of Kansas Says He Will See that Order of Commission is Enforced.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 17.—Governor hearing, though Mr. Kellogg may sub-

sas senate explaining his attitude on the 2-cent fare question. He said in his let-I have not said to anyone what my action will be, whether I will secure this

result thro through a special session of ture or otherwise. If to se this result it should necessitate this result it should accessitate a special session of the legislature, in the language of Patrick Henry, "Let it come."

The Board of Railroad Commissioners has made the order and fixed October 5 as the day when it "become effective.

would have stopped this discrimination

voluntarily." The State Board of Railroad Commis-Katy and Union Pacific. Commissioner cuity with the state of Texas. Ryker said today that the Missouri Pacific has promised to repair all its track that the Standard company and its subfound to be defective.

## AWARDS FOR TORPEDO BOATS Question Arises Whether Secretary

of Navy May Divide His Purchases.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- An early detracts for supplying the navy with as many for \$3,000,000 appropriated for this purpose not recall in whose possession they might by the last congress. A board which conducted tests of the various submarines at Newport reported unanimously in favor of the Holland boat of the octopus type. Then a question arose whether the secretary of the navy was justified in dividing the contract for these vessels, as he had been urged to do between all three of the bld ders, with the result that the whole question was referred to the attorney general for an opinion. A reply by Attorney General Bonaparte was to the effect that under certain conditions a division of the contract might be made so as to enable the department to obtain boats of both the octopus and lake types. Secretary Metcalf today gave what is expected to be a final hearing to the various concerns interested, The estimate is made that the \$2,000,000 available will provide for the construction of nine submarines.

# BODY FOUND IN SHADY LANE

Aged St. Louis Shoemaker Found Dead in Haunt of Thugs and Gamblers.

FAST ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17 .- The body of John Cook, an aged St. Louis shoemaker, was found today lying in "Shady Lane." as the road leading from Cahokia, Ill., to this city is called, the man apparently having been clubbed to death last night. Robbery seems to have been the motive for th murder, although his slayers got but 70 cents from his pockets. "Shady Lane" is stay of execution against its property to the haunt of gamblers and thugs.

Webster City Actor Kills Himself. WEBSTER CITY, Is., Sept. 17 .- (Special Pelegram.)-Ross Hendricks, a well known Webster City actor and circus man, committed suicide by shooting this morning at tor his grandmother. Despondency and drinking was the cause

Standard Earns Nearly Five Hundred Millions in Seven Years.

FEDERAL HEAPING IN NEW YORK

New Jersey Combine Begins.

dead were mangled beyond recognition. The DIRECTOR PRATT IS IGNORANT

Head of Subsidiary Corporation Unable to Answer Questions.

KNOWS NOTHING OF BOOKS

Says Trustees Kept Record of Liquidation of the Trust, but Does Not Know What Became

### of It. BULLETIN.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- Profits' aggregating \$490,315,934 were made by the Standard Oil company in the seven years from 1899 to 1908. Testimony to the offect was given by Assistant Comptroller Fay of the company in the federal hearing here today. In the same period the company's gross receipts were \$200,910,-623 to \$371,664,531 annually. This is the first time the company's earnings have been made public.

A list of securities owned by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey presented today shows that that corporation owns 9,990 shares of the stock of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, which company was recently sentenced by Judge Landis of Chicago to pay a fine of \$29,240,000.

In addition to stating that in the period of seven years referred to the company's total profits aggregated \$400,315,-934, Mr. Fay said that dividends to the amount of \$308,858,430 were paid in those years. His statement also disclosed that the capital stock of the Standard of New Jersey was \$96,998,612 in 1899 and \$98,-338,382 in 1906.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- Testimeny was heard today in the federal suit against the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, The hearing here in the federal suit, which was brought in St. Louis last December, has twice been adjourned at the request of counsel for the defendants. In the meantime, however, Frank B. Kellogg, who obtained many books and papers from the Standard Oil company, which has enabled him to proceed expeditiously with the case. Mr. Kellogg intimated today that the government would also inquire into the character and nature of holdings of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey as well as its affiliation, of any, with railroads. The government has named not only the Standard Oll company of New Jersey as defendant, but also seventy subsidiary companies of the main corporation and the following individuals: John D. Rockeller, William Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, Henry M. Flagler, Oliver H. Payne, Charles M. Pratt and John D. Archboid. Only William G. Rockefeller and Charles M. Pratt have been subposented to appear before the

noone the others later. When today's hearing was called before former Judge Franklin Ferriss, E. C. Benedict, one of the former owners of the Manhattan Oil company, testified as to the sale of the company which passed into the hands of the Standard company.

# Director Does Not Know.

Charles M. Pratt, a director and secretary of the Standard company, stated that his knowledge of the holdings of the company in other companies was only general. He was asked to produce statements showing the officers and directors and the capitalizations of all companies in which the Standard holds a stock interest.

Mr. Kellogg questioned the witness about the C. M. Pratt Investment company, the Later in his letter he says: "If the stock of which was shown to be held by railroads had any 'horse sense' they the Standard company. He said the Pratt company represented the stock of the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Texas, which he was holding for the Standard Oll comsioners announced today it would inspect pany. Mr. Kellogg developed the informaall track in Kansas. One commissioner tion that the C. M. Pratt Investment comwill inspect the Santa Fe, another the pany came into existence at the time the Rock Island & Frisco and the third the Waters-Pierce company was having diffi-

Mr. Kellogg asked if it was not a fact sidiary concerns were governed by committees. Mr. Pratt said he did not think so, though in the early days of the trusteeship of the company it was likely that the company was controlled by committees.

# . Books Are Missing.

Mr. Kellogg asked what records were kept by the trustees showing the manner cision will be made by Secretary Metcalf of liquidation in the period between 1892 in the matter of the awards of the con- and 1902. Mr. Prait, as one of the liquidating trustees of the Standard Oil trust, submarine torpedo boats as can be built said there were books kept, but he could

be found. 'Don't you know whether these books are to be found in the comptroller's office or the secretary's office?" asked Mr. Kel-

"I really don't know," answered the wit-

"Don't you know anything about the organization of the Standard Oil company?" pursued Mr. Kellogg. "No. sir, I do not," was Mr. Pratt's

Mr. Kellogg asked the witness if it was not a fact that at the time the Standard Oil trust was liquidated that there were 970,500 outstanding trustees' certificates which had been issued for the stocks of the subsidiary companies and that in 1893, when the Standard Oil trust was dissolved, the Standard Oil company of New Jersey exchanged its stock for the certificates of

the trust, share for share. "I think so," replied Mr. Pratt. Mr. Kellogg asked John G. Milburn, chief of counsel for the defendants, to produce all liquidating certificates issued by the liquidating trustees, which had been turned into the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. Mr. Kellogg also asked for all assignments of legal title given by those who received the stock of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, Mr. Pratt was excused

for the time being. Bond Fixed at Six Millions. CHICAGO, Sept. 17 .- The Standard Oil company of Indiana, in order to obtain a satisfy the fine of \$29.340,000, recently imposed by Judge Landis, must furnish bonds to the amount of \$6,000,000.

This was determined today by Judge Grosscup in the United States circuit court, much to the chagrin of the attorneys on both sides. The counsel for the Standard Estherville. He left \$750 in # bank here Oil company had contended strenuously for a bond of not more than \$1,000,000, while the attorneys for the government had de-