

## VOTERS LATE TO POLLS IN JERSEY

Largest Number of Ballots Cast  
During Final Three Hours  
Before 9 O'clock.

## TAFT MAKES SPEECH AT NOON

Five Hundred Thousand Have Opportunity to Register Preference.

## PROPHETS SOMEWHAT AT LOSS

Large Portion of Population of State  
Work in Big Cities.

## DAY IS CLEAR AND WARM

Heavy Vote Is Expected Between Six  
and Nine When Commuters Return  
from New York and  
Philadelphia.

NEWARK, N. J., May 28.—More than 50,000 voters in New Jersey today had their opportunity to influence the selection of presidential candidates next month at Chicago and Baltimore.

Theodore Roosevelt went to his home in Oyster Bay last night to stay there until after the republican convention, except for a trip to Gettysburg, Pa., on Thursday for a Memorial day address. President Taft, however, set out from Atlantic City this morning to make a last appeal to the voters. He delivered the last speech of his New Jersey campaign at Glassboro at noon.

New Jersey of late years has been a hard state for the political prophets to understand. A large part of the voting population is employed outside the state, in New York and Philadelphia. Of the remaining large numbers are factory workers and farmers.

Both the Taft and the Roosevelt managers predict sweeping pluralities for their respective candidates. Senator La Follette's friends declared that he would make a good showing.

Superb summer weather prevailed throughout the state during the forenoon. The voters, 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., have been set for the special convenience of the commuter population, and the heaviest vote occurred during the last three hours the polls are open.

The opponents of Governor Wilson were confident of electing "uninstructed" delegates in this city.

Twenty-eight delegates were chosen four at large and two from each of the twelve congressional districts. In addition the ballots have a place for a direct presidential vote.

## Kentucky Boy Is Lynched by His Companions

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 28.—Three weeks ago the body of Bruce Russell, 14 years old, was found hanging in the woods behind his father's home here. It was believed the lad had committed suicide, though no motive for the act could be assigned. Today the boy's father told the city coroner he had witnesses who would support his theory that his son had been lynched. The same day the body was found, young Russell had a quarrel with some of his playmates. The authorities will reopen the investigation and hold an inquest in order to set all doubts at rest.

## Woodrow Wilson Gets Vote of Minnesota

ST. PAUL, May 28.—Returns today show that Woodrow Wilson was endorsed at the democratic caucuses held yesterday in a majority of the counties of Minnesota. Champ Clark failed to carry a district in the state except the Fourth, in which he will be given solid delegates from Ramsey, Chicago and Washington counties. If the unit rule prevails at Duluth, however, as now seems probable, all of Minnesota's twenty-four delegates to Baltimore will be instructed for the New Jersey governor.

On the face of returns Wilson has 62 instructed delegates; Clark, 18; Bryan, 2; and 66 uninstructed.

Severe storms last evening prevented the holding of a number of caucuses and many conventions will declare the preference in these instances previous to the county conventions which will be held in every county tomorrow.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs, and vicinity—Fair tonight and Wednesday, cooler tonight.

Temperature at Omaha—	
Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	52
6 a. m.	52
7 a. m.	52
8 a. m.	53
9 a. m.	54
10 a. m.	54
11 a. m.	57
12 m.	57
1 p. m.	59
2 p. m.	57
3 p. m.	56

Local Weather Record.  
Lowest last night.....51  
Precipitation......00  
Normal temperature for today, 56 degrees.

Deficiency in precipitation since March 1, 1.28 inches.  
Deficiency corresponding period, 1911, 2.26 inches.  
Deficiency corresponding period, 1910, 6.81 inches.

**Weather in the Grain Belt.**  
The depression overlying the central valleys has shifted but slightly during the past twenty-four hours, and its center is over Nebraska. Showers were general throughout the northwest within the last twenty-four hours, and rains are falling this morning in the Dakota, Minnesota, northwestern Nebraska, and south down the Mississippi valley as far as St. Louis. It is considerably cooler in the northwest and from the mountains over the central valleys to the lake region. An area of high pressure, attended by fair weather, is moving in over the west, and conditions are favorable for fair weather in this vicinity tonight and Wednesday, with slightly cooler tonight. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

## Senator Newlands Offers Compromise Tariff Measure

WASHINGTON, May 28.—A compromise tariff plan designed to graduate reductions of duties designed "to avoid impairing any American industry," was offered today by Senator Newlands as an amendment to the house steel bill.

It proposed a 10 per cent reduction on January 1 from certain duties and a further reduction of 5 per cent on January 1 of each year for four years thereafter until the total reduction of 30 per cent shall have been made. A nonpartisan tariff commission of five members appointed by the president would determine to what products reductions should apply. Senator Newlands said today that his purpose was not to endorse the protection principle, but to recognize that protective duties had stimulated industries which must suffer by any radical change. Senator Newlands pointed out that both parties had promised a revision of the tariff and his purpose, he said, was to provide a graduated reduction with a brake, as applied as to prevent excessive importations and consequent labor disturbances.

## Injunction in Coffee Trust Case Refused by Court

NEW YORK, May 28.—Judge Lacombe this morning filed the decision of the federal circuit court judges denying the motion for an injunction to restrain the alleged Brazilian Coffee valorization combine from parting with \$50,000 bags of coffee in the warehouses of the New York Dock company in Brooklyn.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The denial of the attorney general's application for an injunction in the Coffee trust case will not cause the government to abandon the suit. Attorney General Wickersham today declared that the interests of the government would not suffer from the decision.

An appeal from the New York court's decision to the supreme court of the United States is being considered, although officials are not prepared to say that it can be appealed at this time.

## Wilson Carries Minneapolis by Good Plurality

MINNEAPOLIS, May 28.—Woodrow Wilson apparently has carried Hennepin county by a comfortable majority over Champ Clark for control of the convention which tomorrow will select delegates to the state convention.

Seventy of the eighty-four precincts heard from in Minneapolis give the New Jersey governor substantial majorities. The Clark men claim that the precincts outside of the city will more than offset the vote for Wilson in Minneapolis and that the convention will be about evenly divided.

ST. PAUL, May 28.—The Wilson and Clark forces in Ramsey county are lined up for a contest at the democratic caucuses to be held this afternoon and evening.

## Oklahoma Town is Wiped Off the Map by Tornado

TULSA, Okl., May 28.—Meager reports received here by telephone from a point near the town of Shiloh, fifteen miles north, say the town was practically wiped out by a storm early today and that three persons are known to have been killed.

Many are reported injured. All wires now are down and details of the disaster will not be obtained until news is received from a relief party which has gone to the scene.

## Wilbur Wright is Slowly Sinking

DAYTON, O., May 28.—Wilbur Wright, premier in the science of aerial navigation, is slowly sinking at his home on Hawthorne street this city, and his physicians say he cannot live longer than a few hours. All hope has been abandoned by the members of the family.

Heroic measures were adopted by his physicians in the final hope that the patient might be revived, but without effect. His temperature continues to hover about the 100 mark, his pulsation gradually growing weaker and the respiration more irregular.

## Ex-Supreme Judge John R. Gantt Dead

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 28.—Former Supreme Court Justice John R. Gantt died this morning of liver trouble aggravated by wounds he received in the confederate service in the civil war. He was 67 years old. Judge Gantt was on the supreme bench for twenty years and a contest, which he brought when he was defeated two years ago for re-election is pending.

## WOMAN FINISHES WALK FROM GOTHAM TO CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 28.—Mrs. David Beach completed a journey on foot from New York to Chicago today and gave to Mayor Harrison a message which she received from Mayor Gaynor. During the long walk, which consumed a little more than forty days, Mrs. Beach subsisted on uncooked food of a vegetarian nature.

## BLAME IS PLACED ON DEAD CAPTAIN

William Alden Smith Addresses Senate on Report Filed on the Titanic Disaster.

## LORD SHARES RESPONSIBILITY

Captain of Californian Censured for Not Answering Signals.

## HE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED

Under British Law He Is Guilty of Misdemeanor.

## BOARD OF TRADE IS CENSURED

Vessel Was Not Properly Inspected, Crew Not Properly Drilled and Inspection Law—Owners Held Back News.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Titanic disaster of April 15, which 1,517 souls went down amid icebergs off the banks of New Foundland, was the theme of speech, report and proposed legislation in the senate today.

Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan submitted the report of the investigation by the senate commerce committee a feature of which was the condemnation of the captain of the steamer Californian for not going to the aid of the sinking vessel; delivered a speech in which he personally took much stronger ground in revivifying the disaster and introduced measures designed to safeguard life in ocean traffic.

One of the most important recommendations was for stricter inspection of vessels by the federal steamboat inspection service and the meeting of all requirements of American navigation laws by every vessel clearing from an American port.

It was one of the notable days of the present session of congress. Almost all of the senators were in their seats and gave close attention. The galleries were crowded.

The senate passed a joint resolution extending the thanks of congress and appropriating \$1,000 for a medal to Captain Arthur H. Rostron of the Carpathia, and also a vote of thanks to the Carpathia's crew.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Smith at the conclusion of his speech. It was adopted immediately without reference to a committee.

Senator Rayner of Maryland followed with a speech arraigning American navigation laws and drawing lessons from the accident.

Senator Smith's Speech.  
Blame for the Titanic disaster is chargeable directly to the failure of the dead Captain Smith to heed repeated warnings of icebergs ahead, but responsibility for unnecessary loss of life must be shared by Captain Lord of the steamship Californian, through his disregard of distress signals. This is the finding of the senate committee which investigated the sinking of the Titanic, as prepared in a comprehensive speech delivered by William Alden Smith chairman of the committee.

Senator Smith declared that responsibility also rests upon the British Board of Trade, "to whose laxity of regulation, and hasty inspection, the world is largely indebted for the awful fatality." In denouncing Captain Lord of the Californian the senator said the Titanic's distress signals were plainly seen from the crew of his vessel a short distance away.

America will leave to England the chastisement of those guilty, asserted the senator, and he quoted British law as showing that Captain Lord might be prosecuted for a misdemeanor.

Other conclusions presented, in brief, were as follows:

Before the Titanic departed on its maiden voyage there were no sufficient tests of boilers, bulkheads, equipment or signal devices.

Officers and crew were strangers to each other and not familiar with the ships implements or tools, and no drill or station practice took place and no helpful discipline prevailed.

The speed of the Titanic was twenty-four and one-half miles an hour at the time of the accident, although officers of the Titanic had been advised of the presence of icebergs by the steamships Baltic, Amerika and Californian.

Passengers were not advised of danger, although President Ismay of the White Star line, who was taking the vessel's maiden voyage was informed. No general alarm was given nor any organized system of safety undertaken.

Of the 1,224 passengers and 89 members of crew on board, 616 were room in the lifeboats for only 1,178 persons, and because of lack of orderly discipline the boats took off only 704 persons, twelve being rescued from the water.

Information Is Withheld.  
Officers of the White Star line "battled with the truth" after receiving information from their Montreal office Monday morning following the accident.

Senator Smith condemned "antiquated shipping laws and obsolete administrative boards" and asked that all nations act together in shipping reforms. "New laws," he said, "will best testify our affection for the dead."

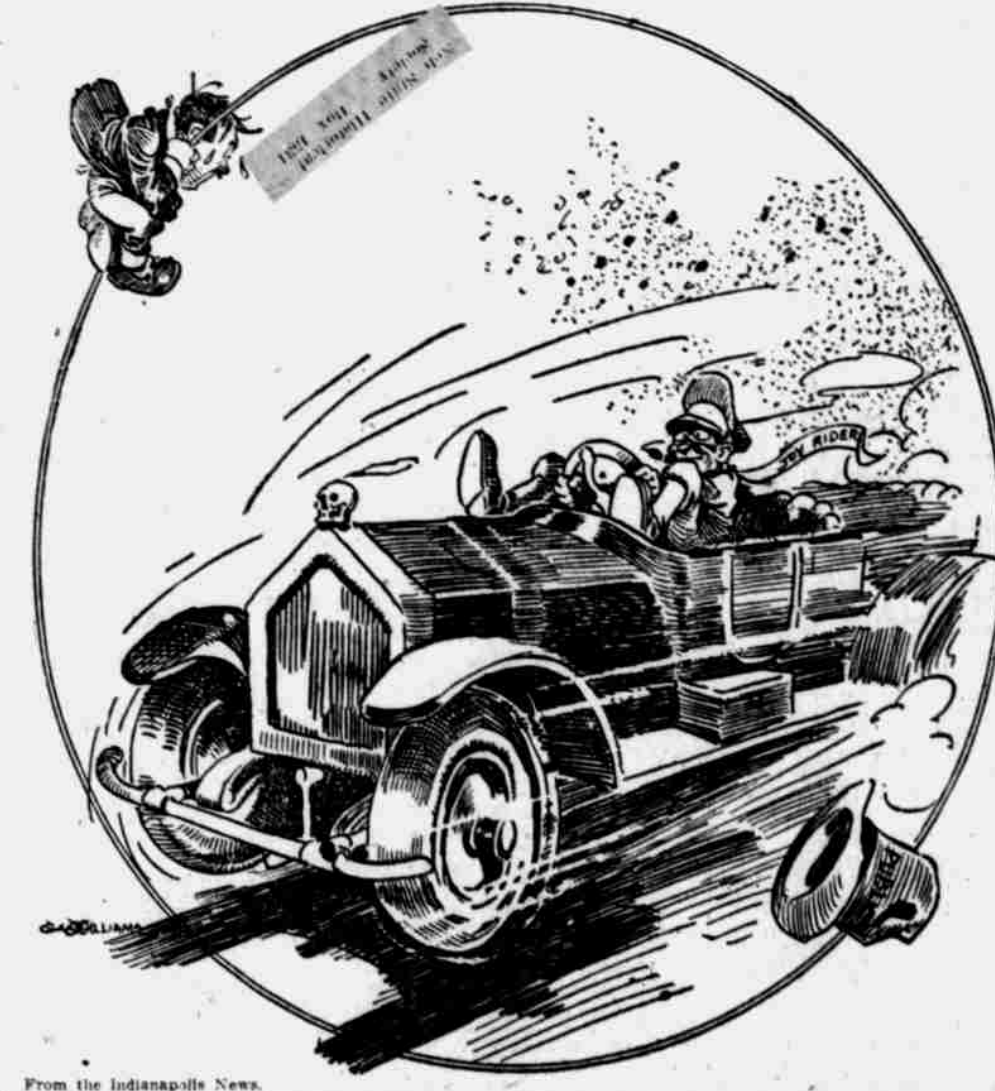
Captain Rostron, of the rescuing ship, Carpathia, was praised by Senator Smith and he urged that congress recognize his valor.

At the outset, Senator Smith defended the course of his committee in his British subjects to secure their testimony without delay, and briefly answered criticism of his lack of nautical knowledge.

"Our course was plain—to gather the facts relating to this disaster while they were still in vivid realities," he said. "Questions of diverse citizenship gave way to the universal desire for the simple truth. It was of paramount importance that we should act quickly to avoid jurisdictional confusion and organized opposition at home or abroad. We, of course, recognize that the ship was under a foreign flag; but the lives of many of our own countrymen have been sacrificed and the safety of many had been put in grave peril, and it was vital that the entire matter should be reviewed before an American tribunal if legislative action was to be taken for future guidance."

Without any pretension to experience (Continued on Fourth Page.)

## Everybody's Doin' It, Doin' It



From the Indianapolis News.

## ROCKEFELLER IS EVASIVE

Oil Magnate Examined in Waters-Pierce Control Case.

## GAVE PROXIES FOR HIS STOCK

Signed Them at Request of Men in His Office—Does This Frequently and Has Never Been Caught.

NEW YORK, May 28.—John D. Rockefeller, organizer and former president of the Standard Oil company, took the witness stand here this afternoon in a suit through which the Standard interests seek to obtain control of the Waters-Pierce Oil company.

The fact that the "Standard oil king" was to testify attracted a large crowd to the building at 37 Wall street, where the hearing is being held in the offices of Samuel Untermyer, attorney for the Waters-Pierce interests. So dense was the crowd that Mr. Rockefeller and his attendants were obliged to force their way into the building.

"Where do you live, Mr. Rockefeller?" was the first question of Mr. Untermyer.

"Pocantico Hills is my present residence."

"Do you remember executing a proxy for Waters-Pierce Oil company stock?"

"I do."

"Had you heard that there was a controversy on that time over the stock?"

"Not at that time."

Mr. Rockefeller explained that he signed proxies almost every day, as sent from his office.

"Do you know that there is frequently a contest over proxies?"

"Yes."

"How do you determine for which party you should sign?"

"I have never found proxies sent from my office that were not right for me to sign. There has never been any difficulty with them. I sign the proxies as a matter of routine," he answered.

"They have a certain discretion in the office as to what they shall send you to sign, haven't they?"

"They have been in my office for twenty or thirty years and they know my investments and my affairs."

Has Never Been Caught.  
"Have the invested in them any discretion?"

"I do not know that that question has ever come up," said Mr. Rockefeller.

"How much discretion they use, I don't know. We have never been caught on signing proxies."

"What do you mean by being caught?"

"We have never made a mistake."

"You mean you never have signed any against your interest?"

"Yes."

After his personal counsel, George W. Murray, and spoken a word to him in a low voice, Mr. Rockefeller said he knew Mr. M. Van Buren and Walter F. Taylor, to whom the proxies were made up. He then identified one of the Waters-Pierce proxies which he had signed.

Is there anything on the face of that (Continued on Second Page.)

## Suggests Training School for Mayors

CHICAGO, May 28.—A training school for mayors in which they could acquire a practical knowledge of their official duties before assuming office was advocated today by Mayor Joseph E. Paden of Evanston in an address at the sixth annual convention of the Illinois Mayors association in Evanston.

"We mayors hardly get started in office before we have to move out and let some other man start all over again," said Mayor Paden. "Many times just when a mayor is becoming valuable by his experience in office he is obliged to lay down the reins."

"I am in favor of establishing a school where mayors could be trained for their work before taking office. This is in vogue in several European cities and has proved very successful."

Mayor E. N. Woodruff of Peoria and others endorsed the suggestion.

## Lorimer Asks Senate to Delay Vote Until He is Able to Speak

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Senator Lorimer has telegraphed to Senator Kern, one of his leading opponents, requesting that his case be not called up for the present and saying that he hopes to be able to return to Washington. He said he wanted to speak and did not feel able to do so now. Senator Kern said today he could not say what his reply would be until he consulted his colleagues who also oppose the Illinois senator in the fight for his seat.

## DEMS MEET AT GRAND ISLAND

State Committee Also Picks W. H. Thompson Temporary Chairman.

## DELEGATES CHOOSE ALTERNATES

Warm Controversy, in Which Clark Men Seek to Have Alternates Instructed Apart from Original Instructions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Neb., May 28.—(Special.)—About seventy-five democrats met at the Lincoln hotel here this afternoon, subject to the call for the members of the state committee to meet and select alternates to the national convention.

About two dozen of the members of the committee were present while proxies were i evidence. Many prominent democrats were also present, among them, W. J. Bryan, Herman Diers, democratic candidate for lieutenant governor; J. H. Morehead, candidate for governor; W. B. Eastman, candidate for land commissioner, and Andrew Morrissey, candidate for attorney general; H. C. Richmond, candidate for auditor.

After some discussion to the method of selecting a plan to hold the state convention, Grand Island was chosen, receiving 15 votes; York, 6; Lincoln, 3, and Omaha, 2.

Arthur Mullen presented a warm debate by introducing a resolution providing for selection of alternates by district delegates from each district and of the alternates-at-large by the full committee. Several members of the committee advocated the selection of the alternates, names had been written in on the primary ballot.

Mr. Bryan sought to pour oil upon the troubled waters by proposing that each delegate select his own alternate. He said, "as a progressive democrat, I do not want any set of men to select for my alternate, a reactionary democrat."

Judge Tibbets fell in with Mr. Bryan on the matter and moved that Mr. Mullen's resolution be amended to meet Mr. Bryan's plan. George Rogers of Omaha suggested that the alternate be Champ Clark even inasmuch as the state had endorsed Clark.

Mr. Mullen asked what would be done about alternates elected at the primary who had already been issued certificates. Mr. Bryan offered to fix matters and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to select alternates to the national convention in the hearing of the convention.

If such a movement is started it will be directed against such members of the national committee as Senator Paden of Pennsylvania, Senator Crans of Massachusetts, Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, (Continued on Second Page.)

## The National Capital Tuesday, May 28, 1912.

**The Senate.**  
The senate met at 11 a. m. and considered routine business.

Subcommittee of commerce committee made its report on investigation of sinking of steamer Titanic.

Senator William Alden Smith spoke on the Titanic and results of committee's investigation.

Senator Newlands introduced an amendment to metal schedule bill to compromise tariff plan to graduate reduction of tariff so as to avoid impairing any industry.

Unexpected and determined opposition to workmen's compensation bill developed in judiciary committee.

Adopted conference report on liberalized homestead law bill.

**The House.**  
The house met at 11 a. m. and resumed consideration of naval appropriation bill.

Representative Heflin, attacked Representative Foelt and denounced Pennsylvania industrial conditions.

## COMPROMISE IS AGREED UPON IN THE WATER CASE

Attorneys for Water Company and Water Board Come to an Understanding.

## COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT MADE

Stipulation is Presented to Judge W. H. Munger in Federal Court.

## DATE IS SET FOR THE TRANSFER

July First the Time for Agreement to Become Effective.

## M'HUGH ACTS AS MEDIATOR

Both Sides Claim to Have Secured Important Concessions.

## AMOUNT TO BE PAID \$6,392,720

President Woodbury of New York is Assisted by Attorney Mansfield of New York and J. F. Stout of Omaha.

## CONCISE CHRONOLOGY OF WATER WORKS PURCHASE.

Feb. 2, 1903.—Legislature passes law for immediate compulsory purchase.  
March 2, 1903.—City elects to purchase. Appraisers later appointed.  
July 20, 1903.—First meeting of appraisers.

July 7, 1906.—Appraisal returned at \$6,622,950.40.  
July 28, 1906.—Water board rejects appraisal. Water company sues in federal court for specific performance.

June 1, 1908.—United States Supreme court decides in favor of water company.  
May 31, 1910.—United States Supreme court in favor of water company.

Nov. 2, 1911.—United States circuit court affirms the city from paying interest.  
April 27, 1912.—Master-in-chancery fixes present value at \$6,456,829.36 and disapproves company's supplemental claims amounting to \$477,000.

May 7, 1912.—Water board issues of \$7,000,000 sold at private sale to Kountze Bros. of New York for premium of \$52,500.  
May 21, 1912.—City agrees to accept occupation taxes without penalties, reducing amount from \$161,000 to about \$25,000.

May 28, 1912.—Stipulation agreed on for settlement by payment of \$6,392,720.17.

All differences between the city and the Omaha Water company, growing out of the long drawn proceedings for purchase of the water works have been compromised.

The stipulation to which both the water board and the water company agree was presented for approval to Judge W. H. Munger of the federal court at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and July 1, 1912, is the agreed date for it to become effective.

This is a sequence of negotiations begun two weeks ago, first exclusively announced to the public in The Bee.

**Mediator Called In.**  
For the water company, President Woodbury, assisted by Attorney Howard Mansfield of New York and John F. Stout of Omaha, have served in the adjustment. For the water board it was found necessary to call in Attorney W. D. McHugh as mediator in order to eliminate the prejudice of the members of the board and their regular attorneys.

Both sides claim to have secured important concessions in the final agreement, which includes the dropping of all further suits and appeals.

The deeds are to be turned over to the city on or before July 1, when the city is to pay the sum of \$6,392,720.17.

The city is to consent to a judgment in favor of the water company for hydrant rentals from July 1, 1911, to December 31, 1911, with interest, and to pay the amount of the judgment. The water company is to start suit for hydrant rentals for the period ending June 30, 1912, and the city is to at once protest hydrant judgment.

**Refund Occupation Tax.**  
The sum of \$126,417.56 with 7 per cent interest from the first of the year, being the balance of the amount withheld by the controller for occupation taxes is to be paid to the water company.

Private bills due for water prior to the time of turning over the plant are to be collected by the city and turned over to the company.

All water rentals collected between now and July 1 for water to be delivered in the future to be paid to the city.

The Omaha Water company is to pay to the City of South Omaha the royalties provided by contract.

**Cut Worms Damage Corn.**  
SUTHERLAND, Neb., May 28.—(Special.)—Farmers report the presence of cutworms and other injurious worms in their fields of young corn. It is thought that the damage will be considerable in places and that quite an acreage will have to be replanted. The fact that the crop is unusually late for this season of the year will likely preclude the second planting in some instances.

## Taft Predicts Women Will Be Given Votes

SALEM, N. J., May 28.—In a short speech to school children at Woodbury today President Taft predicted that when the girls grew up they would have the right to vote.

"I hope," he said, "that when you grow to be older there will come in upon you a stronger and deeper sense of your pride as Americans and your gratitude that you have been able to grow up in an American school, under American influence and to be protected and take part in American government."

"And therefore whether you are going to have the ballot not, you ought to make preparation to understand your country and to know the gratitude you ought to offer to God for being Americans. One of things I want to impress on you all is not to listen to the carper, the critic of your government, the critic of the country. It is the best country and the best government that ever was."

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