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WILD ANIMALS COSTLY

CAUSE OVER \$2,000,000 DAMAGE IN OREGON YEARLY.

Sheep Killed, Colts Eaten and Pigs and Chickens Choked by Coyotes, Wolves and Others—Cutting Down of Range Will Aid.

Portland, Ore.—Coyotes, wolves, bears and lions cost this state over \$2,000,000 a year, says a large ranch owner. "One million of that alone is in the sheep killed. The other million is a low estimate of the loss in calves, chickens, colts and pigs eaten, or rather killed, by the wild animals. Coyotes and wolves are much thicker to-day than they ever were when Oregon was practically a wilderness. With so much to eat that can be killed so easily the wolves, and especially the coyotes, breed fast and live long. When Oregon had a two dollar bounty on coyotes it cost the state \$100,000 a year; that is, about 100,000 scalps were brought in during the two years the bounty was offered.

"The effect was at once seen on the range. Our losses dropped off to a mere fraction of what they had been or are to-day. But Portland and Multnomah county objected to paying bounty, so it was taken off and the wolves turned loose on the flocks again because the city and county had votes, and did not see the immediate effect of the bounty. The result is that while Oregon saves \$100,000 a year on bounties it loses \$1,000,000 on sheep alone. And of this loss Portland and Multnomah county pay the bulk, for we shepherds have to raise the price of mutton to cover the loss or quit business.

"The loss by wild animals to-day in sheep alone is ten per cent. of the invested capital every year. I figured up what the wild animals have cost me in the past 35 years, and it adds up, without counting interest, to over \$500,000. If I add interest at the usual rates the total amount is over \$1,600,000. That is a fine meat bill for one shepherdman to have to pay just to feed coyotes, is it not?"

"Of course, the cutting down of the free open range is changing the condition of shepherds in this state greatly. In five years practically no open range flocks will be run. They will all be fed from cut food, as is done in other states east of here. This is bound to come. It cannot be helped, and in the end will result in good to all concerned, not only to the shepherds, but to every person in the state. It means that the land now wild will be cultivated, crops now sold just off the field will then go to the market in the form of wool, leather and meat, and that where one man is now employed from five to ten will have work tending the sheep. It also means a much higher grade of sheep, but less of them, at least for some time to come.

"It is the same old story of cattle in Texas all over again here in sheep. I run 30,000 sheep on 22,000 acres of land; three sheep, roughly, to two acres of land. In time one acre will support far more sheep than that, just how many depends on the skill of the raiser and the farmer."

DID NOT WED; LOSES FORTUNE.

Father Gave Property to Boy on Condition He Would Beget Heirs.

Atlanta, Ga.—Because his son refused to marry and have heirs, Jasper Smith, an eccentric capitalist of Atlanta, has sued and recovered valuable property bequeathed to his son four years ago. At the trial of the case it was shown that the capitalist had given the property to his son on the express condition that the latter should marry and have heirs.

"I gave my son," said the father, "four years in which to marry, and he has not done so. I was anxious for Thurmond to marry, as I wanted grandchildren; but he refuses to do so, and so I want my property back." The jury without leaving the box, gave the property to the father.

Smith a year ago declined to pay for a portrait of himself on the ground that the artist, without permission, had painted him wearing a necktie, something which during his life he had never done. The artist sued but Smith proved that he had never worn a necktie and won.

New Engine Called Wonder. London.—The British admiralty has under consideration a new form of marine engine and propeller, which the inventor claims will revolutionize not only warfare but the navigation of the whole world.

The inventor is F. Maltman of Redburn street, Chelsea. Up to now the new system has been tried only on models upon the Serpentine and the Thames.

The speeds attained in the largest of these lead Mr. Maltman to believe that on a vessel with the size and steam power of the present day torpedo boat it would give a velocity of 100 miles an hour.

Bird's Nest Fires a House. Bottsville, Pa.—A spark flying from the smokestack of a locomotive dropped into the eaves of the frame dwelling of Miss Margaret Bush here. The incident was noticed by several pedestrians, and a moment after the spark fell the nest was ignited and the roof was set on fire.

The blaze was put out in time, but there was considerable damage done and excitement created.

WIDOW OF FAMOUS GENERAL



To Mrs. McClellan belongs the double distinction of being the widow of one of the generals prominent in the civil war, while she is also mother of the present mayor of Greater New York.

CATCH COD; NO BAIT

INVENTION OF FISHERMAN MAY REVOLUTIONIZE INDUSTRY.

Old Salt at Gloucester Has a Device Called "the Jigger" Which May Mean a Great Saving to the New Englanders.

Gloucester, Mass.—Capt. Angus Hines, a weather-beaten fisherman, has invented a new method of capturing cod without bait that promises to revolutionize the fishing industry of New England. All along the coast, from Maine to Cape Cod, the baitless method of taking cod has become a topic of interest.

For nearly a score of years the cost of salted clams, squid and eels and other cod bait has been an important factor in reducing the profits of New England fishermen.

Captains of fishing schooners that sail from Boston, Cape Ann and Cape Cod have been obliged to fill their vessels' holds with bait in barrels before proceeding to the fishing grounds. The salted clams have to be shipped from Maine for this purpose. Often days are spent on the fishing grounds in capturing squid for bait.

Capt. Hines, who recently sailed in Gloucester in his vessel, the Annie M. Parker, with 375,000 pounds of cod, a record load, created a sensation among fishing concerns by catching fully half this cargo by means of his latest fangled device for luring the cod from the depths.

Capt. Hines, when he started for Sable Island in May, carried 140 barrels of salted clams for bait. Before returning he threw 50 barrels overboard and gave away 20 barrels to other fishermen.

"This new device for taking fish has been named 'the jigger.' It consists of a molded fish-shaped piece of shiny lead, about eight inches long, from the head of which projects a pair of big hooks.

When Capt. Hines arrived on the fishing grounds at Sable Island last May he discovered that the schools of fish were slow to take the clam bait. Instead, the cod seemed to be pursuing the herring which infested the waters.

Confronted with this problem, the captain set to work to solve it. It was impossible to obtain herring enough for bait, and the thought struck him that a device made to deceive the cod would solve his troubles.

With a piece of lead the captain fashioned a little fish over the upper ends of two large cod hooks and threw the device overboard at the end of a line as an experiment.

A cod snapped at the jigger and was hauled aboard the dory. Another and another were caught by the same method in rapid succession. Immediately the crew of 21 on Capt. Hines' vessel set to work modeling jiggers. In another day the men were busy hauling aboard scores of cod caught by the new device.

55,000 New Autos in 1908.

New York.—The automobile manufacturers of the country are now figuring on next year's output of machines. According to figures given out at the office of the American Motor Car Manufacturers' association the total American production will be about 55,000 machines, of which the association members will build 37,000. Placing the average selling price of these 55,000 automobiles at \$2,533 the manufacturers will receive \$139,135,000.

Bee Sting Penetrates Brain.

Canton, S. D.—Stung on the temple by a common honey bee while he was picking up potatoes on the farm of Henry Tripp, Michael Oakleaf died 15 minutes afterward in convulsions. Physicians gave it as their opinion that the sting penetrated the brain through the knitted part of the skull.

"AN INSULT TO NAVY"

YOUNG OFFICER DEMANDS APOLOGY FROM IOWA JUDGE.

Trouble Arises Over Suggestion of Jurist to Boys, Sentenced for Robbery, That They Enlist for Naval Service.

Des Moines, Ia.—Des Moines is aroused over the sensational clash between Judge Brennan of the criminal courts and Lieut. John Downes, who is in charge of the United States naval recruiting station here, and which grew decidedly bitter when Lieut. Downes wrote to Judge Brennan demanding that he apologize for what Lieut. Downes termed "an insult to the navy."

The sharpest of letters have passed back and forth between the two—so intense that inmates of the courthouses have expected to see the navy and judiciary come to personal blows.

It all happened when Judge Brennan suggested that Ross Seward and Fred Allbright, two boys, who were up for sentence for robbery, enlist with the navy, reform, and thus avoid serving jail sentences. The court sent Deputy Sheriff Wesley Ash over to Lieut. Downes to ask if he could use the boys.

Then the young officer grew indignant. "Go to your judge and tell him that the United States navy is composed of gentlemen—not felons," he said angrily.

The deputy sheriff carried the message back to the court. The more Lieut. Downes studied the situation the more indignant he became. Finally he sat him down and wrote a scorching letter to Judge Brennan demanding that he apologize.

"You have insulted the United States navy. I demand that you apologize to that navy through me," he wrote.

Then it was Judge Brennan's turn to get hot. "When I get so that I will apologize to some little whippersnapper of an officer who fancies he can make a grandstand play—well, I refuse to apologize," he said. "Go back to your young lieutenant and tell him to avoid any undue expansion of the head. Tell him not to get chesty," and thus the court sent the navy messenger away.

Then came another letter from the lieutenant in which the officer said he had mistaken the purpose of Judge Brennan in seeking to enlist the men. "I am glad, on behalf of my superiors, to accept your apology," he concluded.

"Apologize nothing; I didn't apologize," roared Judge Brennan, as mad as a hatter. "I did nothing to apologize for. Things have come to a pretty pass when an old, gray-haired judge, who has served his country as long as I have, should be accused of insulting my flag and my navy. I'll just write this chappy an answer to this."

So Judge Brennan dictated a letter so hot it made the sealing wax on the envelope sizzle.

And thus it goes. Sheriff Lopez has his deputies in readiness to quell any disturbance that may arise if either side resorts to violence. He has stationed a deputy on the tower of the courthouse to take observations should any naval reserves come steaming up the river. Judge Brennan has notified the police that they are to take charge if the worst comes.

QUOTES BIBLE TO DEBTORS.

Physician Takes Odd Measures in Attempt to Collect Bills.

Boyetown, Pa.—Announcement that on his seventieth birthday he will give up the greater part of his medical practice, Dr. Thomas J. B. Rhoades of this borough makes public a statement in which he says:

"Threescore years and ten is the scriptural limit of man's usefulness, and I have selected that date for retirement in order to enjoy a reasonable share of comfort during my remaining days here.

"Inasmuch as the sacred scriptures declare the laborer to be worthy of his hire, even so should the laborer in the cause of suffering humanity be entitled to his pay, and to this end I invite all my patrons who know themselves to be indebted to me for professional services, to call and square up their accounts, while I am still living.

"Do not wait to be prodded by my executors, but come forward like good, true-hearted, honest citizens and get a receipt in full for all claims."

HERMIT HAD WAR MEDALS.

Mysterious Black Bag Contained Wealth and Evidence of Honors.

Nearly Starved in Freight Car. New York.—George Walker, 33 years old, of Hackettstown, Md., wanted to come to New York and get work. He was without funds, and climbed into a freight car at Hackettstown while it was being loaded with boxes of tin consigned to Boston.

Detective William Kenney, of the New Jersey Central railroad, heard moans as he passed a freight car standing on a siding on East Twenty-second street, Bayonne.

He broke the seals, opened the door and found Walker lying on the floor. He was almost starved to death, and one of his legs was broken, a box having fallen upon him. He was removed to the City hospital and will recover.

MADE TIDINESS A FETTER.

Woman's Love of Neatness Exasperated Her Friends.

"I have a friend," she began, plaintively, "who is so neat that I hate to call on her. I stand on her threshold and say to myself: 'Will it be possible for me to go across that waxed floor without risking my life?' One of her friends fell and sprained her ankle going over it. Her maid has to go down on all fours every morning with brushes fastened to her hands and knees, polishing it.

"I am afraid to sit on her couches, they are so immaculate. There might be some dust on my dress. I started to lie down on one day when I was tired, and she hurried to get a cloth to spread over the pillow. I put my hat on her bed another time. She ran to it with a cry, snatched it up and hung it in the hall on the hat-rack. Nothing must touch her bed, she said. She slept on it. It's awful."

"I know just such a woman," said the man who was with her. "She has a whole house to herself. She needs a whole house, and she'll soon have it all to herself. The number of her friends is rapidly diminishing. Every time I go there, and my visits are few and far between, I just wish I could bring my two boys to see her. My two boys ride two Shetland ponies. Nothing would do me more good than to start them up her front steps on those mad Shetland ponies and let them ride straight through the house hither skelter from garret to cellar."

BEFORE THEY WERE HATCHED

This Young Lady Proceeded to Count Her Chickens.

Perhaps she read the statement made by the department of agriculture that the value of the eggs laid by the hens of the United States in a year would be enough to pay off the national debt, or, anyway, she "just thought it up," but, anyway, this pretty little Baltimore girl was convinced that she had everything all fixed. She has been engaged to a very nice young fellow for some time, but to most people the amount of his present salary would appear an insurmountable obstacle to matrimony. This was the view of her father, but when expressed she met it with a happy smile.

"Oh, I have thought that all out," she declared.

"You have, eh?" papa asked, knowing something of his daughter's business abilities.

"Yes. And it was so easy," she bubbled. "I was passing the market the other day, and I saw a dear little polka-dotted hen for only 60 cents, and I bought her. I read in a poultry paper that a hen will raise 20 chicks in a season. Well, next year we'll have 21 hens, and so, of course, there'll be 420 chicks the next year, and 8,400 the next, and 168,000 the next, and 3,360,000 the next. And just see what that amounts to—why, selling them at 50 cents each would give us \$1,500,000 in five years, and that won't be so long to wait for that much."—Harper's Weekly.

Trees Not Oslerized.

Brazilian cocconut palms live from 600 to 700 years, and the Arabs assert that the date palm frequently reaches the age of 200 to 300 years.

Wallan's oak near Paisley, Scotland, is known to be over 700 years old, and there are eight olive trees on the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem which are known to have been flourishing in 1099. The yews at Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire, England, were old trees when in 1132 the abbey was built, and a redwood in Mariposa Grove, California, is a manifold centenarian. Baobab trees of Africa have been computed to be over 5,000 years old, and the deciduous cypress at Chapultepec is considered to be of a still greater age.

Humboldt said that the Dracena Draco at Orotava, on Teneriffe, was one of the oldest inhabitants of the earth.

New Color for Army Uniforms.

After a series of experiments lasting over several years the Austrian military authorities have definitely decided upon the introduction of a pike gray colored uniform for the infantry, instead of the present blue uniform.

The lessons of the Boer war and the Russian-Japanese campaign have more than ever convinced the Austrian war office of the great importance of selecting a color, especially for foot soldiers, which shall be as nearly as possible invisible in the field. These last two wars have had much to do with bringing about the change. The new pike gray color cloth will be made up as fast as the present stock of uniforms is exhausted.

Peculiar Shrine in Burmah.

There is in Burmah a shrine built by a rich man as an offering to his favorite god. It is on the apex of a "balancing rock." The material was transported to the rock on the backs of men and pulled to the top by means of a rope. To reach the top requires stout limbs and steady nerves, for only tiny steps have been cut in an almost perpendicular wall, and a slip means a fall to certain injury, and perhaps death.

Almost a Nature Faker.

Woodilee Ritter.—You say my story is not true to life. Will you show me a single illustration of that?

Publisher.—Sure. Here where the lovers quarrel the girl says, 'Take back your ring!' Young man, it's very evident you don't know what you're writing about.

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TO RETURN TO USE OF OXEN.

Wisconsin Lumber Companies Decide to Replace Horses with Cattle.

St. Paul, Minn.—Again is the ox to be a factor in the logging operations of northern Wisconsin and Michigan. No less an authority than Senator Isaac Stephenson believes the lumbermen made a mistake when they made the horse take the place entirely of the yoked oxen. Acting on that belief, the N. Ludington company and the I. Stephenson company, of which Mr. Stephenson is the executive head, are making arrangements to put to work a large number of oxen in the woods this winter.

The high price of horses and grain is the chief factor. Oxen cost about \$100 a pair, while a good team of horses costs about \$600. The cattle consume less grain, but aside from these reasons, which have directly led to the return to old style logging, Mr. Stephenson believes that in the rougher work of the camp they are more desirable. They will be used this winter in skidding and in hauling out of the swamps. In speaking of the change soon to be made, Senator Stephenson said:

"I believe the abolition of the cattle in woods work was a fad to a great extent. The horse has its place in logging, but for the rougher work in the swamps and for skidding the ox is every bit as good and a cheaper animal in every way for loggers. The N. Ludington company and the I. Stephenson company are now preparing to send from six to eight yoke of oxen into the woods for work this winter and the number in use will be gradually increased."

INDIA STILL IMPORTS SALT.

Its Deposits Inexhaustible, But Have Never Been Developed.

Washington.—Statistics furnished by Consul General W. H. Michael, of Calcutta, show that there were 1,582,784 tons of salt imported into India in 1906-'07, and during the two months of April and May of the present financial year, 1907-'08, 393,985 tons were imported. Mr. Michael adds:

"The bulk of the salt came from the United Kingdom, although Germany, France and Aden contributed a considerable share. The decrease in quantity imported over the previous year, 1905-'06, was 25 per cent, but there was an increase in value of 1.6 per cent. The decline is due to the boycott of foreign goods. It is to be wondered at that so much salt is im-

ported into India, when one considers the exhaustible deposits of rock salt in the salt mines of the Punjab, and the limitless resources of fine salt in the Sambhar lake in Rajputana. Were these natural resources developed as they might be by local capital in the introduction of the most modern machinery there would be little need of going outside of India for salt.

"There were 146,000,000 pounds of salt, owned by private individuals, in the bonded warehouses and afloat on the River Hooghly August 15, all of which was from the United Kingdom, Hamburg, Bremen and Aden, and at the end of August there was hardly a pound of salt of Indian manufacture to be found in Calcutta."

BEE-STINGS BANISH PAIN.

Bit of Cocaine Before They Puncture Rheumatism Fixes.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Cured of rheumatism by the stinging of a bee, a Delaware county woman has substituted a bee hive for her medicine chest. State Zoologist Surface, who first scientifically demonstrated that rheumatism may be cured by the sting of a bee, received a letter the other morning from the fortunate victim, telling how she had been cured. The woman, whose name Dr. Surface declines to disclose, states that her legs are entirely free from rheumatism since she has applied the bee-sting remedy.

"Every time I wash," she goes on, however, "I am troubled for a few days afterwards with rheumatism in my arms and shoulders. But I have found a way to overcome this. I have provided myself with a hive of bees, and after my week's washing I allow myself to be stung by bees on the parts where I have the rheumatism. The effect is marvelous; the rheumatism goes almost as quickly as it comes."

After stating her case further the woman asks Dr. Surface what he would suggest as a remedy for the pain caused by the bee sting. The doctor immediately wrote to her suggesting that she inoculate her arms and shoulders with a very low percentage of cocaine before allowing her bees to get busy.

"His Daughter's Voice."

Jackson, Mich.—While passing a saloon A. C. Oliver heard a phonograph giving a song in his daughter's voice, one that he had made a record of himself. He went inside and claimed the machine and took it home. The phonograph was taken from his home by a man while Oliver and his wife were visiting in Ypsilanti.

BOYERTOWN FIRE

There Has Been 167 Bodies Removed from the Ruins of the Burned Opera House.

SCENE VIVIDLY DESCRIBED

The Main Exit Became Choked by Struggling Mass of People and Hundreds Behind Them Burned.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 15.—When nightfall put a stop to the work of recovering the dead from the ruins of the Rhoades opera house where Monday night's holocaust occurred, the official roll of victims numbered 167. Whether any more bodies are buried beneath the ruins cannot be positively stated, but it is the belief of those who had charge of the work that all of the dead have been removed and that the total list of victims will not go above 170. The ratio of women and girls to men and boys is about nine to one.

The calamity is terrible when it is realized that the population of the place is about 2,500.

The Rhoades Opera house was located on the second floor of a three-story brick building. The first floor was occupied by a national bank and several stores and the third floor was used for lodge rooms.

The entertainment hall was a large room about 50 feet wide and 75 feet long. It had no gallery. There was a stairway at the front of the building and a narrow exit in the rear of the stage. Fire escapes were built on both sides and on the front of the building.

So far as can be learned, there were about 425 persons packed in the room, most of whom were adults.

The entertainment was nearly over, the audience waiting for the curtain to go up on the last part when something went wrong with the calcium light apparatus that was perched on a small platform near the front entrance of the building and back of the audience.

Hearing the hissing sound and the slight commotion in the audience, one of the performers raised the curtain from the floor. In front of the curtain and serving as footlights, was a tin tank perhaps eight feet long, three inches wide and three inches high. It contained coal oil and about ten lights. In raising the curtain, the performer accidentally turned this tank over and it fell to the floor within a few inches of those persons in the front row.

The Rev. Adam A. Weber, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, for the benefit of whose Sunday school, the entertainment was being given, tried to pick up the tank with the assistance of others, but before they could do so, the oil flowed out and caught fire. Then came the inevitable cry of "fire," and what followed has been impossible to accurately tell. Eye witnesses say that the audience rose en masse and the one impulse was to reach the front door. All attempted but few got out. The seats in the center of the hall were of the usual folding variety, while those along the side of the hall were loose chairs. In the scramble to get out many persons fell over the chairs and were never again to regain their feet. Those who did reach the front entrance found it jammed. One of the double doors had been bolted shut so as to better enable the ticket taker to take up tickets. No more than two persons could pass this door at one time and after the first half dozen got through the narrow passage, it became clogged with the struggling mass of humanity, men, women, boys, girls and chairs were tangled up in a solid mass that no one from the outside was able to disentangle. In the meantime some one discovered that there were fire escapes on each side of the building and dozens made their exits by those avenues of escape and gave the alarm. The fire bell was rung and the whole town was aroused and went to the rescue. All this time the flames from the oil tank were creeping toward the terrible mass of people, who were frantically shrieking and fighting to get out. The noise was terrific and few heard the cries of those who found the fire escapes.

While the frenzied people were fighting to get down the front steps the calcium light tank exploded and fire was spread over the entire mass of people. This added horror was more than the feeble rescuers could stand and in order to save their own lives, they were forced to flee down the fire escapes.

On the front steps outside the door men pulled frantically to open a way for the wedged in people but not more than half a dozen were rescued in this manner.

The explosion of the calcium tank and the flames from the front of the stage which had by this time reached the struggling people made further rescue impossible.

When the flames were extinguished and the rescuers entered the building, a horrible sight met their gaze. Bodies were piled in one solid mass, six feet high on the second floor. So solidly were they wedged that pick axes and crowbars had to be used gently to separate the victims.

French Parliament Opens. Paris, Jan. 15.—The opening session of the French parliament was held Tuesday afternoon with the usual formalities.

ONE YEAR MORE IN CUBA

President Roosevelt Gives Definite and Positive Directions.

February 1, 1909, Must See Government Again in Hands of Cubans—Sooner if Possible.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The following letter from President Roosevelt to Secretary Taft made public Tuesday definitely settled the question as to the time when the Cuban government will be turned over to the islanders.

"I approve the report of Gov. Ma- goon and in your letter thereon and they will be transmitted to congress together with a copy of this letter. I direct that the installation of the president and congress of Cuba to be elected next December and the turning over of the island to them, take place not later than February 1, 1909. If it can be turned over earlier, I shall be glad, but under no circumstances and for no reason will the date be later than February 1, 1909."

Havana, Jan. 15.—President Roosevelt's declaration that the turning over of the government to the new Cuban president and congress must occur not later than February 1, 1909, was given out at the palace Tuesday too late for publication in the afternoon papers. The news, however, was rapidly circulated throughout the city, and was received everywhere with expressions of the keenest satisfaction and confidence in the determination of President Roosevelt to carry out his pledge to restore the republic at the earliest possible moment. While some doubt exists relative to the possibility of a complete revision of the registration lists in time to hold the municipal elections in June, the American officials unanimously agree on the practicability of President Roosevelt's programme.

A JAPANESE CRISIS.

Resignations of Two Discordant Members of Cabinet, Accepted by Emperor, Settles Trouble.

Tokyo, Jan. 15.—The resignation of the entire cabinet was narrowly averted Tuesday. The premier, Marquis Saionji tendered his resignation to the emperor Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, but his majesty declined to receive it, while the alternative resignations of Yoshio Sakatani, minister of finance, and of Isaburo Yamagata, minister of communications, were accepted.

Masahisa Matsuda, minister of justice, will combine the portfolio of finance, and Kihara, minister of the interior, will combine that of the minister of communications.

This leaves the cabinet without any new element and removes the disputants, who have been the disturbing factors for some time past.

The whole matter is now believed to be settled. There probably will be some changes of items in the budget and probably the government may decide not to increase taxation, but instead reduce the appropriations for the army and navy. It is possible that it may be decided to issue a loan to cover the deficiency.

They Discussed Currency.

Washington, Jan. 15.—A general discussion of currency affairs took place at a meeting of the senate committee on finance Tuesday. The suggested ideas ranged all the way from the Aldrich bill to the central bank plan of Senator Hansbrough. Mr. Hansbrough said that if the Aldrich bill was to be reported it should be so amended as to place the supervision of the issuance of the emergency currency in the hands of a board to be appointed by the president instead of under the supervision of the comptroller of the currency, the treasurer of the United States and the secretary of the treasury.

Guarding a Kentucky Town.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 15.—A special from Flemingsburg Tuesday says that 12 men armed with Krag Jorgensen rifles, are guarding the town and turn pikes leading here to prevent a threatened attack by night riders. Tobacco is being received at all warehouses but the city council ordered that buyers cease purchasing and this has been done. The request of several days ago to Gov. Willson for troops has been refused. Several of the society of Equity members are among the guards.

Indiana for Fairbanks.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—Republicans of Indiana in district convention Tuesday selected members of the state committee which will manage the coming presidential campaign in Indiana. Each district convention unanimously adopted resolutions heartily endorsing Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks for the presidential nomination. The administrations of President Roosevelt and Gov. Hanly were commended. Senators Beveridge and Hemenway were endorsed.

Platt Must Submit Papers.

New York, Jan. 15.—Counsel for Mae Wood, who brought suit for divorce against Senator C. Platt, secured an order from Justice Newberger Tuesday directing the senator to turn over all letter and papers pertaining to the case to the plaintiff's attorneys for inspection. Upon the granting of the order the papers were submitted to the court. Miss Wood asserts she was married to Senator Platt in 1901. The senator denies any wedding.

PROVING INSANITY

Thaw's Attorneys Are Relentlessly Showing the Mental Defects of His Ancestors.

JEROME BLOCKS TESTIMONY

Physicians and Nurses Not Allowed to Reveal Knowledge They Acquired in Their Professional Capacity.

New York, Jan. 15.—The attorneys to Harry K. Thaw at his trial Tuesday began relentlessly to build up the case of legal insanity which they have interposed in his behalf as a defense for the killing of Stanford White. The two principal witnesses of the day were Prof. Charles H. Koehler, of Winona, Minn., who acted as instructor to Thaw in the Wooster, Ohio, University, in 1886 and Mrs. Amy Grossette of San Mateo, Cal., who attended Thaw as a trained nurse at Monte Carlo in 1897. They both told of the young man's eccentricities and declared that his manner always was irrational.

Dr. John T. Deemer, of Kittanning, Pa., one of the Thaw family physicians, also was heard, as were the attendant physicians of three institutions for the insane where members of the Thaw family, on both paternal and maternal sides, were confined. District Attorney Jerome by unexpectedly invoking the sacred privilege of physician and patient blocked much of the testimony as to unsoundness of mind in the Thaw family, but the calling of witnesses and the questions they were allowed by the court to answer left the desired impression upon the jury.

There was a delay of half an hour beginning the trial Tuesday, Justice Dowling having been caught in a subway blockade down town. John T. Deemer, Thaw family physician, was the first witness called to the stand. His home is at Kittanning, Pa. Dr. Deemer testified he treated Harry Thaw for St. Vitus dance and measles. He repeated this testimony and told also of having attended members of the Copley family, the mother's branch of the defendant's antecedents. Dr. Deemer said a brother of the older Mrs. Thaw turned an imbecile.

Dr. Deemer was asked as to the present mental condition and whereabouts of John Ross, a paternal cousin of the defendant, but District Attorney Jerome objected on the grounds that the doctor obtained his information while acting in a professional capacity and it would require a waiver from his client before he could testify. Justice Dowling sustained the objection over the protest of Mr. Littleton, who declared it did not lie in the mouth of the prosecuting officer to raise such an objection. On cross-examination, Attorney Jerome drew out the fact that Henry Copley, while incapacitated for mental work, was never confined.

Dr. William S. Butler, of Roanoke, Va., former assistant physician at the Western Lunatic Asylum, Stanton, Va., where Horace S. Thaw, a paternal cousin of Harry Thaw was confined, was the next witness. When he was asked as to Horace Thaw's condition up to the time of his death, Jerome again objected and was sustained. The district attorney also successfully objected to the introduction in evidence of the commitment papers prepared when Horace Thaw was admitted to the asylum on the ground that it was hearsay. Mr. Littleton took an exception to this ruling.

Dr. L. S. Foster, of Norfolk, Va., formerly of the Eastern state hospital for the insane at Williamsburg, Va., where William S. Thaw, another cousin of the defendant, was confined, next was called to the stand. Dr. Foster was asked to identify the records of the asylum as to the admission of William S. Thaw, and did so. When the record was offered in evidence, Mr. Jerome objected on the ground that it was incompetent testimony and was sustained.

Permanent Injunction Against Grocers. Denver, Jan. 15.—In the district court Tuesday, Judge Allen granted a motion of the state to make permanent the injunction against the grocers combine issued several weeks ago. An appeal was announced.

IN SESSION AT GOLDFIELD

Nevada Legislature Assembles and Hears Governor's Message.

No Movement Made Toward Introducing Legislation—Texas Ranger Law Under Consideration.

Carson, Nev., Jan. 15.—The special session of the Nevada legislature, called by Gov. Sparks, met at noon Tuesday. After organization, Gov. Sparks' message was read. In the senate the appropriation bill for the session was passed. The only important action taken was the passage of a resolution referring all bills that may be introduced relative to state rangers, constabulary or military, to a special joint committee. The governor will from day to day send any special message that becomes necessary.

There was no attempt to introduce any measures in the assembly and from the action Tuesday morning, it seems that the senate will take the lead in the matter of attempting to regulate the affairs between miners and the unions.

Gov. Sparks, it is thought, will endeavor to influence the passage of a state ranger law similar to that of Texas, as he has the Texas law at hand and it has been read to a number of members. It is likely to meet with strong opposition in the lower house where the labor union has a strong representation. Senator Moorehouse, formerly of California, now located in Goldfield, is in attendance representing the Goldfield chamber of commerce. This organization is supporting Gov. Sparks in his action. Both houses adjourned at 1 o'clock until Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

COL. GOETHALS REPORTS.

Head of Panama Canal Commission Before House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Washington, Jan. 15.—With a view to eliciting at first hand all possible information regarding the organization of Panama canal construction and the rate of progress being made, the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce Tuesday had before it Col. Goethals, U. S. A., chairman of the Isthmian canal commission and chief engineer of construction.

Col. Goethals was questioned at length concerning the Gatun dam, but said that a definite method of construction had not been adopted. After a recent visit to the Wachusett dam he said the commission would not attempt to duplicate that dam.

The work of building the canal, Col. Goethals said, was progressing more satisfactorily than he had expected. The rainy season had interfered with transportation and with other works.

Will Not Increase the Fine.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The amount of the fine and the length of the term of imprisonment to be meted out to officers and directors of corporations by violating the law with respect to money contributions for political purposes furnished material for a lengthy debate in the house Tuesday, in connection with the consideration of the penal code bill. All amendments to increase the penalty or enlarge the scope of the law, however, were voted down. When adjournment was taken at 5 o'clock, 86 sections of the 342 had been disposed of.

Making It Hot for Asiatics.

Johannesburg, Jan. 15.—Pursuant to the determination of the government to make the transvaal so hot for Asiatics that those now in the country will be driven out and further immigration come to an end, fifty prominent Asiatics were arrested here Tuesday. Among the prisoners are the chairman of both the British-Indian and Chinese associations and committeemen of those organizations.

Blame Roosevelt in Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—In the course of an interpellation in the reichstag Tuesday in reference to the high rate of discount charged by the Imperial bank, Count Von Kanitz, conservative, suggested that President Roosevelt's "threats against the trusts" was responsible for the critical financial situation existing to-day throughout the entire world.

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