

# GIGANTIC STOCK SWINDLE

Counterfeit Certificates Issued to Amount of \$4,000,000.

## A CLEVER SCHEME UNEARTHED

At Present Quotations the Bogus Certificates Would Represent Over \$4,000,000

Following the arrest of Charles Augustus Seton at Turkeystown, Md., in connection with the counterfeiting of 100-share certificates of Norfolk & Western common stock Samuel Humphries was arrested for complicity in that crime in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The capture of Seton led to many startling disclosures. It is now known that 500 counterfeit certificates were struck off, and that the lithographing was done unwittingly by the Hamilton Bank Note Engraving & Printing Company. At the present market value of the Norfolk & Western common the counterfeits cover \$4,300,000.

It came out that the Bank Note company itself disclosed the fact that the certificates had been lithographed by it after a conference of its officers held in the law offices of Lester, Graves & Miles, counsel for the company. Mr. Graves telephoned to the office of the Norfolk & Western Company Tuesday asking some one in authority to come to his office at once, saying that his presence was wanted at an important conference.

One of the chief officials of the railway responded. In Mr. Graves' office he found President Tonoyes of the Bank Note Company and Mr. Hemphill, Vice President of the Guaranty Trust Company, and one of the transfer officials of the railway company. Mr. Graves informed the railway officials that he had discovered that the counterfeit stock certificates had been made by the Bank Note Company for Seton on what appeared to be a legitimate order.

When Mr. Hemphill demanded to know the nature of the order Mr. Graves said it was in the form of a letter directed to Seton and signed "C. B. Franklin." The letter was typewritten on a sheet of Waldorf-Astoria letter paper and is said to have been dictated by Seton himself to one of the stenographers at the hotel.

No such man as C. B. Franklin has ever been President of the Norfolk & Western. The railway officials are convinced that it was Seton himself who wrote the letter on which the Bank Note Company executed his order.

## GIBBONS IN M. E. CHURCH

Cardinal Thero Attends Prohibition Meeting in Baltimore.

Cardinal Gibbons occupied a seat on the platform of the Eutaw Street Methodist Episcopal church, Baltimore, in which a public mass meeting was held under the auspices of the city committee of the Prohibition party. The principal address was made by William H. Berry, state treasurer of Pennsylvania. Mr. Berry spoke in "Civic Virtue," and made a plea for prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The committee found itself unable to secure a public hall large enough and was compelled to select the Eutaw street church. A member of the committee wrote to Cardinal Gibbons, who has consented to act as vice president, and asked him if he wished to have his name withdrawn. The cardinal wrote that "the holding of a civic meeting in a Protestant church does not excite any religious scruple in me." Bishop Luther B. Wilson of the Methodist Episcopal church was a vice president.

## Flames Damage Windsor Hotel.

A section of the Windsor hotel, at Montreal, Que., was destroyed by fire causing a loss of \$150,000. The fire started in the kitchen and destroyed the center square, which included the dining room, grill room, bar and other public rooms. The guests had plenty of time to remove their belongings and at no time was there anything like a panic.

## HADLEY IS SATISFIED

Has Secured Valuable Evidence in Standard Oil Hearings.

Attorney General Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri, who is in New York conducting the Standard Oil company hearing for the purpose of securing testimony to use in the suit to oust the Standard from Missouri, said:

"I am well satisfied with the results I have obtained in my investigation of the Standard control of the oil business in Missouri. I have secured some part of what I came here for, and I did not expect to secure everything. The testimony given by Mr. Jockel and Mr. Hardcastle, former employees of the Standard, and Mrs. Ida M. Butts, of Marietta, O., establishes to my mind the connection which I seek to show as existing in Missouri between the Standard of Indiana, the Republic Oil company and the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. These, I maintain, are constituent companies of the Standard Oil trust. The refusals to answer on the part of H. H. Rogers, E. T. Bedford, Wade Hampton and others I had examined go further it seems to me to bulwark my case than the evidence of my own witnesses."

## Roosevelt Urges Treaty.

President Roosevelt had a conference with some Americans. A. E. Coulter, who has resided in Santo Domingo, and W. H. Parish of Richmond, Va., who have in Santo Domingo property interests which are suffering by reason of the revolutionary proceedings in the island. The President suggested that they could promote their own interests and those of the United States by urging their senators to assist in the ratification of the Dominican treaty.

## OUTLOOK IS PROMISING

Payments Being Promptly Met. Mills Busy and Car Supply Better—Higher Prices for Steel.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Seasonable weather more than offset the effect on business conditions of increased strife between labor and capital. Low temperature and snow brought out the backward demand for heavy-weight wearing apparel and rubber goods, restoring the one lagging trade factor, and the other departments of jobbing and manufacturing continued vigorously engaged in preparing for the future, except where a few strikes protracted hesitations. This far these struggles have not affected any large percentage of the wage earners, while in other industries the higher scales effective January 1 have added to the purchasing power of many thousand workers.

Railway blockades cause complaint in several important centers, yet earnings for December were 8.2 per cent. larger than in 1901. Foreign commerce returns at New York for the last week showed an increase of \$1,233,052 over the exports a year ago, while imports decreased \$979,447, a trifling loss after the sensational gain of the previous week. Annual reports are surpassing expectations in most cases and settlements are made with desirable promptness.

Several advances in quotations of steel shapes testify to the pressure that is felt in some divisions of the iron and steel industry, and it is especially gratifying to note that there is no evidence of speculative influence in the gains of one or two dollars per ton for sheets, plates and wire products. Inquiries in these departments have merely surpassed the supply available for prompt delivery. Conditions show distinct improvement in the textile industries business, increasing as stock-taking is concluded, although buyers are still somewhat scarce in the primary markets for cottons. The raw material situation is considered a supporting influence.

Failures numbered 209 in the United States, against 221 last year and 51 in Canada, compared with 28 a year ago.

## BATTLESHIPS DAMAGED

Alabama Collides With the Kentucky in New York Harbor.

While the battleship squadron under command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans was proceeding to sea the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky ran aground in the lower harbor of the West Bank Light New York harbor.

The Alabama and Illinois were following next in line, and before they could alter their course the Alabama collided with the Kentucky, striking her a glancing blow. The Illinois just got clear of the tangle and proceeded down the bay, anchoring outside the bar with the flagship Maine.

The Kentucky was badly damaged. The Alabama remained by to render assistance in the Kentucky and Kearsarge, and wireless messages were sent to the Brooklyn navy yard for repairs.

The Kearsarge and Kentucky both were floated and started for sea, accompanied by the Alabama. The Kentucky, however, was ordered back, and returned to Tompkinsville for repairs.

A wireless message was received at the Brooklyn navy yard from the Kentucky, stating that the starboard side of the vessel above the water line had been quite badly damaged in the collision with the Alabama.

The squadron of battleships was bound for Hampton Roads, where the several divisions of the North Atlantic fleet now at home waters are to be assembled under Rear Admiral Evans, preparatory to sailing for West Indian and South American waters for the annual winter maneuvers.

## China in a Ferment.

Reports from the South and from the Yangtze Valley region show the anti-foreign sentiment to be very strong. China undoubtedly is in a ferment of political excitement, but the movement is directed as much against the Government as against the foreigners.

## MORALES A REFUGEE

Returned to San Domingo Wounded and Resigned Presidency.

Carlos F. Morales, the runaway president of Santo Domingo, is a refugee at the United States legation in Santo Domingo, wounded and bearing other evidences of the misfortunes which have pursued him since he fled from the capital three weeks ago. Morales was brought to the legation under cover of the darkness. He was helpless on account of his legs having been broken during his sojourn in the mountains west of the city. He appealed to United States Minister Thomas C. Dawson for a guarantee of safety.

Gen. Morales' resignation as president of Santo Domingo was tendered and accepted. He will leave this city on board the United States gunboat Dubuque bound for Porto Rico. Vice President Caceres, who has been acting as president since the time Gen. Morales fled from the capital, is now, according to the constitution, president of Santo Domingo.

The barn belonging to William Price, of Snyderstown, Pa., was burned. The loss will aggregate \$1,200.

## Cummings Against Passes.

When the Iowa General Assembly was called to order Gov. A. B. Cummings' biennial message was read. The document recommends legislation to control insurance companies and prohibit the issuance of passes by railroads.

L. B. Imboden and J. A. Mill, convicted of conspiracy to wreck the Denver Savings bank, were sentenced to States prison from nine to 10 years at hard labor.

# EIGHT DIE IN HOTEL FIRE

Rush of Flame and Smoke Causes Panic Among Guests.

## MANY LOWERED WITH ROPES

Captain of Firemen Meets Death While Trying to Save Life of Aged Woman.

Eight persons dead of suffocation or of injuries sustained in leaping from a "fireproof" hotel building, a score of persons injured, and a building damaged \$25,000 by fire, smoke and water is the loss caused by a disaster which befell the West hotel, Hennepin avenue and Fifth street, Minneapolis, throwing 700 guests and employees into a panic.

The dead: Fire Captain John Berwin, fell from the fourth floor while attempting to save a woman's life; W. G. Nichols, Minneapolis; Thomas Summerville, Springfield, Mass., salesman; J. E. Wolf, northwestern agent for Sperry & Alexander Company, of New York; Clinton B. Lamme, New York, traveling man; J. R. Peisinger, New York traveling man; Mrs. M. E. Hodges, Minneapolis; William Black, New York.

The fire was confined to the elevator shaft and the two top floors in one corner of the building, but a dense smoke pervaded everywhere and the wild excitement which followed the first alarm hurled people into halls and out on window ledges in a frantic attempt to save themselves.

There was so much choking smoke that guests, the moment a door was opened, were compelled to crawl out the windows to avoid suffocation. Many were hurt by breaking windows with hands or feet.

Capt. John Berwin of a hook and ladder company, having broken open a window on the seventh floor, which he had reached by means of scaling a ladder, stumbled on to the body of Mrs. Emilie Barlow, an aged woman. He strapped the unconscious form to his back and started down the ladder.

When midway between the seventh and sixth floors the strap broke. Bending over to balance the body for a moment, he then leaped, at the risk of his life, and threw the woman toward a projecting ledge on the floor below. Apparently being revived by the fresh air or by the shock, the aged woman grasped the projection and held on. Capt. Berwin lost his balance and fell to the pavement. He was instantly killed.

The excitement was so intense that J. B. Peisinger of New York and Mrs. M. E. Hodges of Minneapolis, who were not being encouraged by the fire in window ledges near the alcove in Fifth street, leaped from the seventh floor to the pavement. Peisinger's clothes caught fire and he tumbled, burning, through the air. He struck a railing near the Hennepin avenue side of the hotel.

## DEATH OF DR. HARPER

Was President of Chicago University and a Noted Scholar.

William Rainey Harper, president of the University of Chicago since its inception in 1891, regarded by many as the foremost Hebrew scholar in America and equally renowned as an educator and business man, died of cancer of the intestines at his home on the university campus. Although his death was known to be inevitable within a comparatively short time, the end of his life, due to physical exhaustion, came suddenly. He was 49 years of age.

Dr. Harper came of Scotch-Irish stock. He was the eldest of five children of Samuel and Ellen E. Harper, and was born in New Concord, O., July 26, 1856. He was a precocious student, and while yet a child entered Muskingum college, a United Presbyterian institution, where he took the degree of bachelor of arts at the age of 14. He took a post-graduate course at Yale from which he received the degree of Ph. D.

## Dr. Hamnett Honored.

January 10th at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., was almost entirely given up to celebrating the thirtieth birthday of Dr. Jonathan Hamnett, for 61 years an instructor at the college. In 1835 Dr. Hamnett, with two other young men, walked from Pittsburg to Meadville to enter Allegheny College. He was graduated in 1839, and in 1845 returned to be professor of Latin language and literature. His service as professor has been continuous since that date. He is personally known to every living alumnus of the institution.

## CAPITAL NEWS NOTES

Senator Foraker's bill to appropriate \$200,000 to mark the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in Northern prisons was passed by the Senate.

The President nominated John H. Stover to be postmaster at Waterville, O., and Henry H. Hawkins to be postmaster at Spring Forge, Pa. The Senate confirmed the nomination of Glen H. Salkeld to be postmaster at Perry, O.

## Torpedo Boat Destroyer Damaged.

During a heavy blow in Hampton Roads the torpedo boat destroyers Worden and Lawrence of the First torpedo flotilla, lying off Sewells Point, came together in collision. The Worden was rammed and had to be conveyed to the Norfolk navy yard by the Lawrence, which was uninjured. At the navy yard it was said the Worden's injuries were not of a serious nature. An investigation will be made.

# HORRIBLE DEATH

Officer Who Found Body of Woman Goes Insane.

Mrs. Lena Able, 27 years old, was murdered at her home, 652 Brownsville avenue, Pittsburg. Her throat was slashed in 16 different places. Then the dead body was dragged from the second floor of her home into the cellar and thrown into a corner. A kerosene lamp had been smashed beside the body, which was frightfully burned.

Andrew J. Able, 29 years old, husband of the murdered woman, was committed to the Allegheny county jail by Chief Deputy Coroner Harry W. Lowe, on a charge of murder. Able was arrested at the morgue, where he came to view the remains of his wife. He told so many conflicting stories about his whereabouts at the time of the affair that Lowe was led to believe that he knew about the crime.

Officer James B. Boyle, a sub-policeman who was on the beat on which the Able house is, helped to carry out the body of Mrs. Able. The sight was so revolting to him that a few hours later he was a raving maniac and had to be taken to the insane ward of St. Francis hospital.

## CIVIL SERVICE INCLUDED

Governor Pennypacker Issues a Supplementary Call.

Gov. Pennypacker issued a supplementary call for the coming extra session of the Pennsylvania legislature, so as to include uniform primary elections, a civil service system for state offices and the regulation of campaign expenditures among the subjects that may be considered by the legislature. He also amends his previous provision for a bill to permit the consolidation of Pittsburg and Allegheny, so as to enable the legislature to adopt a constitutional bill to that effect.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

The Kentucky Legislature formally elected Judge James H. Payator to the United States Senate, succeeding J. C. Blackburn.

After having been unanimously nominated by the Democratic caucus for State Treasurer of Maryland, Murray Vandiver was re-elected.

Mrs. Anthony Morrow sued for divorce at Coshocton, O., alleging that her husband, a farmer, tried to sell her three children for \$20.

Susie Johnson, 60 years old, of 21 Cass avenue, Allegheny, died at the Allegheny General hospital from burns received at her home on January 3.

The pope, following the precedent established by the Madrid conference of 1880, has asked Austria and Spain to propose religious liberty in Morocco at the coming conference at Algiers.

It is announced that the hospital provided for in the will of the late traction magnate, Charles T. Yerkes, will be built at once, and will be located in the Bronx district of New York.

Herbert S. Hadley, attorney for the state of Missouri in the prosecution of the Standard Oil company, says a crime has been committed against his state.

The State department has been advised from Nicaragua that the Albers brothers, Americans, who have been in prison there, have been pardoned.

The strike of the chorus girls of the Grand Opera house, which was ended by Director Conried giving them an advance in wages, they agreeing to waive claim to recognition of their union.

The Northwestern Hemlock Association has decided upon another increase in the price of hemlock lumber. The raise will vary from 50 cents to \$1.50 per thousand feet.

All matters relating to the Panama canal and the government of the canal zone and the management of the Panama railroad will be investigated by Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals.

Jewelry valued at \$10,000, belonging to the wife of Dr. A. Ravogli, of Clinton, a suburb of Cincinnati, was stolen, according to a report made by her to the police.

## Negro Weds White Girl.

William Bruyn, a negro and Frances Courter, a white girl, returned to Washingtonville, N. Y., from Newburgh and announced that they had been married. The girl's father knocked them both down and the angry villagers attacked Bruyn and threatened to lynch him. He escaped, but later he and the girl were placed in jail.

## Sentiment Against Chinese.

The Chinese minister at Washington has telegraphed his government that any satisfactory legislation on the exclusion question is improbable. He says that the majority of the Congressmen favor greater liberality, but that the influence of the laboring class is too strong against the Chinese.

War Cost Russia \$1,050,000,000.

The budget statement for 1906, shows that it will be necessary to raise \$210,500,000 by credit operations to balance the estimated receipts and expenditures. The latter include \$292,500,000 for the liquidation of the expenses of the Russo-Japanese war. For the first time the total cost of the war, \$1,950,000,000, is revealed.

## FATAL DUEL.

Sheriff Killed by Man He Defeated at the Polls.

Sheriff W. J. Thompson of La Plata county, Col., was killed by Policeman Jesse Stensel of Durango, in a pistol duel on the main street of Durango. Stensel is fatally wounded.

There has existed a feud between two men since the late election when they were both candidates for the office of sheriff.

# PATTISON IS INAUGURATED

After Taking Oath He Reviews the Parade in Snow Storm.

## HE REVIEWS INAUGURAL PARADE

Recommends the Passage of the Original Brannock Law and Other Reform Measures.

John M. Pattison of Cincinnati, was inaugurated governor of Ohio at noon January 8, with the greatest demonstration ever witnessed in the state. Mr. Pattison is the first Democratic governor to be inaugurated in Ohio since 1850. During the ceremonies attending the inauguration fully 50,000 visitors were at the state capital.

Mr. Pattison was escorted from the executive mansion to the executive office by a troop of the Ohio National guard. At this point Myron T. Herrick, the retiring governor, escorted Mr. Pattison to the inaugural stand in the rotunda on the capitol, the men walking arm in arm. Gov. Herrick then presented Mr. Pattison with the governor's commission and the oath of office was administered by Chief Justice William Z. Davis. Gov. Pattison then delivered the inaugural address in which he urged economy, reforms in state affairs, and made a strong plea for good government.

During the inaugural ceremonies Gov. Pattison was surrounded by a distinguished company. His personal guests were seated on a platform set aside for their use.

After the ceremonies were concluded at the capitol Gov. Pattison and ex-Gov. Herrick entered a carriage at the head of the parade in which about 5,000 marched, including two companies of the United States regulars. On reaching the reviewing stand, they alighted and entered the stand, which was occupied by several thousand spectators. Gov. Pattison, who is in ill health, reviewed the parade from a glass cage in the reviewing stand. He stood on foot warmers during the greater part of the time.

The inaugural ball was held at Memorial hall and a smoker was tendered by the newspaper men to the incoming and outgoing officials. Gov. Pattison was unable to take part in all the ceremonies. Lieut. Gov. Harris was inaugurated in the senate chamber immediately after Gov. Pattison assumed office.

During the morning there was a driving snowstorm in the capitol, about six inches of snow accumulating. Marching was difficult. The thermometer registered 18 degrees above zero.

In his message, Gov. Pattison says: "As the temperance question was one of the issues in the last election I recommend that the original Brannock bill as passed by the house and amended by the senate, or one similar in purpose, be enacted."

President Roosevelt's efforts for national supervision of insurance should have your approval—such national supervision as will surround the policy holder with additional safeguards and lessen the cost of his insurances.

"In order that the voters of Ohio may retain a representative government, it is necessary that some provision should be established, if possible, making it a condition for a man's vote to be counted on election day, that he shall show a certificate that he was present and voted at the primary election preceding such general election."

"There should be some uniform law in reference to the selection of candidates by all parties and this should be by primary elections all held at the same time. What is known as the Dans law, which was passed to prevent the people of the state from expressing their opinions at the polls, should be repealed."

"While only one of the political parties advocates the passage of a law abolishing railway passes, this sentiment is clearly in accord with the views of the members of all parties. Neither free passes nor free transportation should be given to anyone."

He also insists upon enforcement of the laws for observance of the Sabbath; that there should be a strengthening of the banking laws of the state in reference to private and state banks; that they should be made strong enough to protect the interests of the people.

## Want Health Officer in Cabinet.

The legislative council of the American Medical association formally adopted resolutions recommending that a Department of Public Health be established with a representative in the Cabinet, the repeal of the canton law, government control of wandering consumptives and the establishment of sanitariums where they could be cared for by the government.

## To Improve Municipal Affairs.

The Municipal Voters' League of Chicago has issued a call for a conference of the various non-partisan organizations now existing throughout the country for the promotion of better municipal government by practical participation in city elections. The conference is to be held in Chicago January 11 and 12.

## P. R. R. Lets \$2,000,000 Contract.

Contracts involving an expenditure of about \$2,000,000 were awarded by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The work will include improvements of the various non-partisan organizations now existing throughout the country for the promotion of better municipal government by practical participation in city elections. The conference is to be held in Chicago January 11 and 12.

## Seventeen Missing.

Seventeen persons are missing, and are believed to have gone to their death when 13 houses on Rockland street, Haverstraw, N. Y., toppled over into a pit 60 feet deep. Twelve of the persons missing were occupants of the fallen houses, five were among the rescuers who were to the aid of neighbors after the first house fell, and were carried down when the 12 other houses went crashing over the precipice. The wreckage quickly caught fire and those who were in the mass were either crushed or burned to death.

## Exclusion Act in Force.

The case of Hong-Wing against the United States, involving the Chinese exclusion act, was decided in favor of the United States in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati; the court holding that the act of April 7, 1904, continued the exclusion act in force, Congress having full power to do so. Attorneys for the Chinaman maintained that the exclusion act was void and that the Chinaman could not be deported.

## Ben Harris, the negro charged with killing Polk at Berings Mill, Tex., was lynched at Moscow, Tex.

# REFORM IN NEW JERSEY

Governor Calls for Correction of Laws Which Permit Over-Capitalization.

The 136th session of the New Jersey state legislature opened January 9. The most interest centered in the attitude of the Colby-Fagan Republicans in the house, who put up Austin Colgate as their candidate for speaker against Samuel K. Robins, the regular Republican nominee. Robins was elected.

Gov. Stokes in his message advocates the granting of limited franchises, urgently recommending legislation to remedy what he describes as the evil of over-capitalization. Public utility corporations should report to some state official as to the cost of constructing and extending trolley lines, water, gas, electric light and telephone plants, or pipe lines, and bonded indebtedness and capitalization could then be made up on this basis.

## SHOT AT PEACE MEETING

Foed Breaks Out Again When Principals Get Together.

A general fight occurred in the mountains of Wayne county, Ky., between James Bell, his two brothers, Alfred and Wayne, and Levy Deans on one side, and John and Ben Deans and Porter Price on the other, in which Wayne Bell was shot and instantly killed and James and Alfred Bell and Porter Price fatally wounded. Pistols and shotguns were used by the combatants and about 50 shots were fired.

There is a feud of long standing between the Bell and Deans factions and the parties had met to arrange a settlement when the trouble arose. Some of the Deans are in the Wayne county jail. Efforts are being made to keep the survivors from meeting.

## FAMILY OF SEVEN CREMATED

Unable to Escape From Second Floor of Burning Dwelling.

Isaac Saylor, his daughter, Mrs. Peter Martin, and her five children were burned to death at their home in Pleasant View, Juniata county, Pa. Charles Saylor and his wife of Altoona, who were visiting at the Saylor home, escaped.

Charles Saylor and his wife occupied a room on the first floor, while the five victims slept on the second floor. Mr. Saylor was awakened by screams and found the house in flames. He and his wife escaped through a window, but were unable to render aid to the seven members of the family upstairs. The children who fell victims to the flames were Edna, aged 12 years; Earl, 10; Alice, 9; Stella, 6, and Charles, 16 months.

## AGED 135 AND SMOKED

Negress Who Remembered Washington's Soldiers Dies.

Mary McDonald, a negress, who claimed to be 135 years of age, is dead at the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons in Philadelphia.

According to Mrs. McDonald and her surviving relatives, she was born November 11, 1770, in a settlement known as Frogtown, near Valley Forge, Pa. She often told of the scenes in and about the camp of Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78. Mrs. McDonald was of robust physique and was an inveterate smoker up to a short time ago.

## CHADWICK APPEAL REFUSED

Little Hope of Escaping Ten-Year Sentence to Penitentiary.

The motion for a rehearing of the appeal for a new trial on behalf of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, of Cleveland, was denied in the United States court of Appeals at Cincinnati. The Court of Appeals some weeks ago sustained the judgment of the District court at Cleveland, which found Mrs. Chadwick guilty of conspiring to wreck a National bank and sentenced her to serve 10 years in the Ohio penitentiary.

The matter is closed so far as the United States Circuit Court of Appeals is concerned.

## Morgan's Rate Bill.

A new measure for the regulation of railroad rates was introduced by Senator Morgan. The bill makes it unlawful for common carriers to demand or receive more than a reasonable compensation for transporting freight or passengers, or from giving unreasonable preferences in rates or charges or in facilities either to shipper or passenger or locality, and provides for the recovery of any such unreasonable charges or damages sustained as the result of such preferences in any United States District Court.

## White Heirs Want Land

Bring Suit to Recover Property Deeded to New Castle 50 Years Ago for Wharf Purposes.

A suit in ejectment was brought at New Castle by the heirs of James D. White to recover possession of land on the east side of Water street, between that street and the Washanock river. It is alleged that the land, when deeded to the city 50 years ago, was to revert to the White estate if it was ever used for other than wharf purposes. The land is said to be worth \$30,000 and has about 400 feet frontage.

Prof. Henry Feigar Brooks, former superintendent of schools at McKeesport and Uniontown, was brought into the Fayette county court for sentence on a charge of embezzling about \$2,000 collected as tuition while superintendent of the schools at Uniontown. The court stated that the evidence revealed no mitigating circumstances and the condition which confronted Brooks sooner or later confronted all transgressors. The judge sentenced Brooks to pay a fine of \$100 and two years and 10 months to the penitentiary. Attorney McKean then filed a long list of exceptions and announced his intention of carrying the case to the Supreme court at once for final disposition.

The reform board of county commissioners of Beaver County, has mapped out a course of rigid economy and say they will put a stop to "graft" about the court house. A rule has been made that all officials and clerks in the court house must file formal requisition for tablets, pencils and other supplies, which will only be given out in quantities sufficient for the use of the office. It is alleged that almost every Beaver lawyer has for years supplied himself with stationery purchased by the county.

At Chester, J. Frank Challenger, secretary of the Delaware County Trust Company was arrested on a charge of embezzlement. An examination of the books of the company showed a shortage of \$10,000. Challenger confessed. He said his speculations were due to the fact that he lived beyond his income and that he alone was to blame. He was held in \$10,000 bail for court.

Just as he was about to leap into the Youghiogheny river from the Connelville-New Haven bridge a stranger giving his name as Thomas Gorden, a glassblower of the Southside, Pittsburg, was seized by passers-by, turned over to officers and locked up. A ticket was purchased for him and he was sent back to Pittsburg.

Because he refused to obey the order of the court to never again set foot in Fayette county soil, George McBeth of Bradwood, convicted at the December term of attempting to vote illegally at the last election in Connelville, is back in the county jail. The court suspended sentence after McBeth's conviction.

A branch of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath association was organized in Butler, Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., presided, and addresses were made by Rev. Hugh Leith, Zionsville; Rev. William D. Oiler, D. D., Butler; Rev. William J. Grimes, Connoquessing; Rev. T. T. Mutchler, Philadelphia, and Rev. J. P. Sharp, field secretary of the association.

The Rand Powder company has bought the Charles A. Jones farm of 230 acres, near High House, in Gersman township, Fayette county, and it is said, will in the early spring begin the erection of a plant to replace the one annihilated near Fairbairn by the explosion of September 9, 1905.