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GRAIN GROWERS ARE MADE GLAD

Manitoba Government to Establish Line of Public Elevators

BRANDON, Man., Dec. 16.—Hon. G. R. Coldwell announced at the Grain Growers' convention that owing to the failure of the premiers to achieve any co-operation in the matter, the government of Manitoba had decided to adopt the policy of accepting the principle laid down by the grain growers of establishing a line of elevators as a public utility owned by the people and operated for the people. The government was prepared, he stated, to co-operate with the association in carrying out that policy and working out a plan to that end, and asked that a committee from the association prepare and file plans and meet the government to prepare a bill to present to the next legislature, which would not meet until some time in February. The session could be delayed a week or so if there was not sufficient time to prepare the bill before the first week of February.

Mr. Coldwell's announcement was a complete surprise to the convention, and the delegates were unable to restrain their enthusiasm as he proceeded to explain the decision which the government had arrived at. The minister of education was frequently interrupted by impatient delegates who interjected questions, but when he sat down the delegates rose in a body and cheered enthusiastically, many being moved to tears.

When order had been restored President McCualg said he knew it was difficult for the delegates to hold themselves in their seats. They were very much indebted to Mr. Coldwell for the announcement he had made, and he, like many others he knew, failed to find words to express himself at this time. As an association they had been struggling and asking for this matter in particular for the last two or three years, and while it seemed to be discouraging at times he had always felt that if the farmers would only continue and unite, they would succeed. Now, gentlemen, we have succeeded. We feel thankful for the success, and as Mr. Coldwell has just put it to you, it is a very important move; it is a very important question. He has asked that we name a committee to meet with the government in order to make a thorough and complete success of this government ownership."

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barkley, from Westholme are visiting in Victoria and are staying at the Empress.

JAPAN ENFORCES A FACTORY LAW

Shorter Hours For Workers in the Kingdom of the Mikado

A factory law for Japan will be enacted at the forthcoming session of the Diet according to advices received today by the steamer Montenegro which brought draft copies of the proposed law, a law prepared seven years ago, being first moted in 1896.

The clauses of the proposed law throw interesting sidelights on the position of the factory worker of Japan. The bill, framed with consideration of the owner and worker—so the preamble says—making provision regarding the construction and arrangement of factories, ages, working hours and general treatment of employees. It provides, too, for compensation for those killed or injured, in which connection the story of how a match factory in the south recently rewarded the bravery of a girl employee which cost her life by giving five dollars to her family is of interest.

Some Provisions.

The law as outlined gives a wide latitude, enforcement being left to local governors. "It is prohibited to employ children under 12 years of age of either sex owing to considerations of education and health; but apprentices under the age of twelve already employed may be retained in order not to disturb the existing condition of the factories. In special circumstances the administrative authorities are authorized to give permission to factories to employ children above 10 years of age." Yet factory owners are making protest and deputations are going to Tokyo to lobby against the proposed law.

'No general restriction is placed on the number of working hours of the factory employees, but the government is authorized, when deemed necessary, to restrict the hours of labor for boys or girls under 16 years and women by means of an Imperial ordinance, exception being made in cases of national calamity or other special circumstances demanding a temporary prolongation of working hours. Girls over 14 years of age and boys of similar years are no longer to be permitted to work together. To the younger employees, to all under the ripe age of 16 years of age, boys or girls, must not be worked more than 12 hours a day. If worked ten hours they must have 45 minutes rest during that time, and if worked ever ten hours an hour must be given them. Children under the age of 14 years will not be permitted to work through the night. Invalids may not be worked the full ten hours. For infraction of the law factory owners will be liable to fines to a maximum of $500.

Objections Raised.

Proprietors of match and glass factories are raising objections to the factory law. The plaint of the match factory owners is that their employees are mostly children, usually over thirty per cent of each plant being of tender age, many lads, scarcely more than babies work beside their mothers in match factories. The Osaka Mainichi of Osaka says the glass factories of that city, 195 in number, will be seriously affected by the new law. The factories making glass in that city alone employ 4,115 employees of whom 250 are young apprentices, and of these 1,250 are under 12 years of age. By an arrangement with the Glassworkers Guild the factories have been unable to work their employees more than twelve hours a day for some time.

Mr. Wada, manager of the Fuji Spinning company, speaks cynically regarding the proposed labor law as not going far enough. His factory, he said, employes no operators under 16 years of age ,and allows four days rest each month instead of the two prescribed by the proposed law. As for restricting the working day to twelve hours nature does that.

Brothers to the Ox.

When all is said and done Japanese industrialism is a soulless machine, and workers in the Mikado's land are in effect "brother of the ox." Their men toil in the shafts of carts pulling loads instead of horses at wages scarcely enough to provide food. Woman, being the cheapest vassal, suffers most. With her babe on her back, she will carry baskets of coal to the bunkers of steamers, toil with her husband, yolked together in the shafts of a freight cart. Of the 720,000 factory workers of Japan the number of women and girls total no less than 370,000. The wages of the worker are small. In Tokyo, where higher wages are probably paid than elsewhere in Japan, a carpenter gets but 50 cents a day, a bootmaker 25 cents, a laborer 20 cents. Men and women may be seen toiling together, carrying bricks to scaffolds, toiling at pile drivers by the canal side, and all for a wage of from 15 to 20 cents a day. A bricklayer, whose fellow workers are paid $5 a day on this continent gets 45 cents per day in Japan. Stone cutters, whose daily wage here is $4.50 gets 32 cents. Coal miners toil deep in the mines for 21 cents a day. The government factories offer no better to the worker than the private concerns. In the tobacco factories of the government where scores of young girls are rolling cigarettes the wages range from 9 to 12 cents a day. The government pays its workers in the printing shops from 15 to 25 cents a day for the men and 12 to 13 cents per day for the women.

Socialism On Increase.

Labor troubles are growing and socialism is on the increase. Two years ago there were great strikes in the copper and coal mines, rioters damaging thousands of dollars worth of property. Yet wages are on the increase in Japan. True, foodstuffs, etc., have increased in price to a greater extent; but wages are on the increase. The statistics issued by the Japanese government in the Financial and Economic Annual state that the daily wage of a farm laborer, the coolie who toils waist-deep in the ooze at the rice fields, has risen from 18 1-2 sen (9 1-4 cents) in 1895 to 34 sen of 17 cents at the present time. In nearly all of 55 kinds of labor there has been an increase of a hundred per cent in the fourteen years from 1895 to date. Meanwhile the advance in the price of rice, barley, wheat, salt, etc., of all the staples that man, and woman too, requires for food, has been fully 125 per cent.

To lighten the labor of the child worker in the factories, though the members of the Diet are to consider the new factory law which provides that these children may not be worked more than twelve hours a day and must be at least 12 years of age, hereafter, when they are called to the toil.

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTH

Local Shriners Will Visit Their Brethren at Dawson City

If arrangements can be satisfactorily made Gizeh Temple of Victoria will make a pilgrimage to the brethren in far Dawson City. An invitation from the Golden City of the North has been received here and a committee has been named to go into all details and arrange for transportation. The date for the pilgrimage has not yet been fixed but will be announced later. The invitation has been accepted and it is certain that the local temple will be represented.

The matter came up for consideration at the annual meeting of the Gizeh Temple held at the Masonic Temple building on Thursday evening. A large amount of routine business and a number of petitions were dealt with. The reports of officers showed a large increase in membership during the past year and the financial report indicated substantial increase notwithstanding large donations to the charity fund.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Illustrious potentate, Robert F. Green; chief robban, E. A. Welch; assistant rabban, W. W. Burk; H. P., Steve Jones; oriental guide, W. H. Handley; treasurer, W. L. Challoner, re-elected; recorder, E. E. Leason, re-elected; representative, A. E. Forbes. Retiring Potentate George H. Clinton, was presented with the jewel of the order, the presentation being made by Past Potentate Angus McKeown. The installation of officers was performed by Past Potentate F. J. Armstrong, assisted by Past Potentates Angus McKeown and George M. Perdue.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Arab greetings were extended consisting of dates and sand.

V. & S. FREIGHT IS COMING REGULARLY

Repair of Great Northern Railroad Between Vancouver and Seattle Improves the Local Service.

That from this date forth Victoria merchants who order goods from Eastern manufacturing points by the Great Northern and the Victoria Terminal & Ferry Co., will receive their consignments through without delay is the effect of an announcement made yesterday by Frank Van Sant, the local manager. He stated that he had received a wire to the effect that the line was clear from the east to the west and that it was unlikely that the distressing delays which had been occurring since the beginning of the month would be experienced again this winter.

Mr. Van Sant explained that the chief trouble was between Vancouver and Seattle. The road-bed of this section had been undermined in a number of places by the recent exceptionally heavy floods. Repairs had been made which it was thought would last but more rains came after the road had been in operation but a few days and the service was put out of commission a second time. Now, however, the breaks had been mended in a permanent manner and Mr. Van Sant felt safe in promising the patrons of his road a speedy and uninterrupted transit for all goods so shipped.

KEEPS PACE WITH PROGRESS

But Some Booksellers Are Slightly Hazy Regarding Works They Sell.

"The Canadian west is growing rapidly," remarked a well-known Toronto bookseller who was in Victoria a few days ago, "and it is perfectly remarkable how well the bookstores keep pace with the larger stores of the big eastern cities. I have visited stores in small western Canadian towns and found, after a search, books that I never expected to find.

"The great difficulty, however, is in the fact that very often booksellers or his clerks, fail to keep themselves posted as to the books and authors and often a very lamentable ignorance is shown.

"In Winnipeg I went into the largest and best equipped bookshop in that city and asked the proprietor, who happened to come to serve me, if he had 'Rosmersholm,' by Henrik Ibsen.

"He looked at me blankly for a moment and shook his head negatively.

"'No,' he said, 'don't think I ever heard of the man or the book. What is it, novel or poetry?'

"I told him it was a play and he went back to his office to look it up. When he came back he declared the book wasn't listed. I said that it surely was listed and when I looked with him I found the book very quickly.

"'Oh,' said the bookseller, 'I thought you said 'Henry Gibson.' I'll send for this book for you at once.'

"It is told of an old-time bookseller right here in Victoria that when a stranger entered his shop and asked for Voltaire he stated that he never carried Voltaire because he couldn't agree with his views.

"The stranger, not wishing to enter into a controversy then asked:

"'Have you Fraed?'

"'Indeed I have,' replied the strong-minded bookman, "and it doesn't help a particle!"

"There are plenty of instances. Another one that I recall happened in Toronto. A friend of mine entered a bookstore and asked the girl clerk if she had Washington Irving's Sketchbook. The girl hunted aimlessly for some time and returned with the information:

"'We haven't it in stock ma'm but here's Brown's sketchbook interleaved of others.'"

Aimed at White Slave Traffic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A bill aiming at the complete suppression of the "White Slave" traffic, and imposing imprisonment and fines for any person importing women into this country for immoral purposes or harboring them after they arrive here, was reported out of the immigration committee today. The measure is a substitute for the two bills introduced by Representatives Bennett and Sabeth, and intended to cover the ground of the bill prepared by Chairman Mann, of the interstate commerce commission. A maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment and a fine of $5,000 is provided for violation of the proposed law. Any alien found within a house kept for immoral purposes in this country, as manager, inmate or employee may be deported. Any one returning to the United States following such a deportation is made guilty of a misdemeanor.

MAIL SERVICE BAD IN NORTH

Skeena Settlements Allowed Only Seventy-Five Pounds Fortnightly

KITSELAS, B.C., Dec. 16.—The following appears in the Big Canyon Weekly of this date: "Poor Mail Service:—Last winter, the weight of mail allowed every month from Kittimaat was seventy-five pounds total for Kitsumkalum, Little Canyon, Lakelse and Kitselas.

"This winter, with over two hundred more people getting their mail at Kitselas, the total weight for all of the above towns is just the same as last winter.

"In all of the above places, there has been a large increase in the number of people getting mail over that of last winter, yet the Dominion Government cannot see its way clear to grant one additional pound of mail over that of a year ago.

"This weight is not sufficient to serve the people of these towns with all of their first class mail. And it is impossible for the people to get one newspaper or magazine in during the winter.

"Two and three years ago, when only a few pioneers were in the country, it was bad enough that those few should be deprived of the papers and magazines they had subscribed for, but now that hundreds who are settling in and building up this new country should be deprived of their reading matter during the long winter months is a rank injustice to the people here, and a discredit to the country at large."

PHOENIX COMPANY

Atlanta Shortage Already Taken Into Account—Policy-Holders Are Reassured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The shortage of about $50,000 reported at the Atlanta Agency of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn by the state insurance department will make no difference, the department says, in the general condition of the company as recently reported. The alleged shortage was taken into account when the general report was made.

The department says that not more than $20,000 can be realized on the property turned over by Harry Stockdell, the former general agent at Atlanta. Stockdell was Atlanta agent of the company for twenty years, but his successor was appointed a week ago.

Henry Evans, chairman of the executive committee of the Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, for the directors, makes the following statement:

"I will believe the company has besides the large resources in unearned premiums and with liabilities fully stated, a capital intact of $1,500,000 and a net surplus of $500,000, and I am personally ready to buy the stock of the company on that basis.

"The work of house-cleaning and rehabilitation is going on as rapidly as possible, and to our satisfaction. The Phoenix policyholders are safer today than they have been for years past."

FAST VOYAGE

Allan Liner Tunisian Takes Broom From Newer Ships For Liverpool-Halifax Run.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—Breaking all the old time records between Liverpool and Halifax, and beating out the time made by the turbiner Victorian and other steamers to this port this season, the Tunisian, the one time queen of the Atlantic fleet ,steamed into port at 3.30 this afternoon. The Tunisian is the Christmas boat, and has a large number of passengers, the majority of whom are destined for the western provinces. The Tunisian also has the largest mail ever landed in Halifax, consisting of four thousand packages. She has seven hundred and eighty packages of express and 1,150 tons of cargo.

The Tunisian sailed from Liverpool at eight o'clock last Friday night, and the following were her runs: Saturday, 254; Sunday, 350; Monday, 345; Tuesday, 343; Wednesday, 357; Thursday, 373; Friday, 378, to Halifax, 44.

There was gloom on board the ship, despite all her record-breaking, as "Nigger," the big black cat, died on the voyage out. For nine years, "Nigger" has been in the Allan service. He was on the old Bavarian, and when that steamer was wrecked he was rescued and transferred to the Tunisian, where he has remained ever since. The body was wrapped up in a canvas bag and conveyed to the deep.

Fire in Guelph.

GUELPH, Dec. 17.—Fire this morning completely gutted the four-story building on Market Square, occupied by John Davidson, furniture dealer, Dunigan's poolroom and the club. Loss about $20,000, fully covered by insurance.

Chinese Naval Commission

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Associated Press was today informed officially that the Chinese naval commission, headed by the regent's brother, Prince Tsai Chun, had not entirely abandoned its projected visit to America, as was reported here yesterday. According to their arrangements, the commissioners, after reporting to the government on their European experiences will cross the Pacific for a tour of America.

Another Zelaya in Trouble

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Fortune gave the Zelaya family another prod this afternoon, when a jury awarded Miss Juliet Hero $2,000 damages against Dr. Annibal Zelaya for breach of promise. "It might as well have been $5,000," said the relative of the Nicaraguan dictator when he heard the verdict. "I have no money and can't pay." Under the law, unless Zelaya settles he can be committed to jail for an indefinite period. Miss Hero sued for $100,000, alleging that Zelaya promised to marry her while a medical student here. Two years ago, however, his courtship waned.

Albertans Visit East.

CALGARY, Dec. 17.—The annual Christmas migration from Southern Alberta to eastern Canada is now on in earnest. Many communities are sending such large contingents to the east that a special car is required to accommodate parties desiring to travel together. These eastern bound farmers have the money with them to enjoy a good time, and their quiet display of wealth will do much toward causing a marked increase in the influx of eastern capital and agriculturists to this district. Stories of 1909 crops that will be taken east will sound like fiction to easterners.

Mr. Chamberlain Writes.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Joseph Chamberlain, who again is a candidate for the House of Commons in Birmingham, has written the preface of a political pamphlet, in which he strongly supports the position of the House of Lords in rejecting the budget. As an election cry Mr. Chamberlain adopts "abolition of Cobdenism, not of the House of Lords."

Gets Free on Technicality.

BARRIE, Ont., Dec. 16.—To the surprise of everyone, the charge of perjury against Clara Guthrie in connection with evidence given at the inquiry into the case of the double fire which destroyed her parents' home and also the music hall block on November 17, was dismissed this afternoon by Judge Wismer, and Miss Guthrie was also discharged. It was owing to the neglect on the part of the officials in not having the record of the inquest proceedings made in strict compliance with the statutes. A stenographer was employed, but the law says it is the duty of the coroner himself to put the proceedings in writing or hand over an exemplification of them.

UNUSUAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

When the News Editor of a daily newspaper rolls up his shirt-sleeves and adjusts his eye-shade for the day's work, his mind is prepared to receive anything from cat-fights to universal war with equal equanimity. Nothing surprises him in his official capacity. In his private capacity—during the hour and fifteen minutes of the twenty-four hours when he isn't on duty—he may permit himself to comment quietly upon this or that piece of news. But even then it is ten chances to one he will remark on the piece of news from the professional standpoint, and if, for instance, advices from the Far East indicate that matters there are coming to a head the News Editor doesn't think of the meaning of such developments to the world at large. His mind is occupied with speculation as to whether the advices indicate "trouble in the Balkans" and whether or not the prospective trouble will mean "a good story."

Many a strange tale comes over the News Editor's desk in the course of the day's work. For instance, here are a few gleaned from the news harvest of last week.

In Staffordshire, England, two old-age pensioners, Thomas Javons, 75, and Mercy Willis, 74, were married as the result of a romance which sprang up between them when they met one another at the local postoffice where they collected their pensions.

At Hackney, a suburb of London, the child of a man named Samuel Hoskins was christened in cold water by the clergyman of the parish in which the parents resided. Later the baby died of pneumonia and at the inquest the coroner declared that the christening was the cause of death.

Mrs. Louise Cornell, a cook-lady, of Toronto, drank iodine in mistake for another liquid and owing to the fact that she had previously illuminated herself very highly with Scotch whisky, doctors were able to save her life.

At Athol, Mass., two thieves broke into a bank and took $1,000. When the town policeman followed them to arrest them they bound him, carried him to the jail and locked him into the cell he would have placed them in. Then they escaped.

Hinman Knowlton, a 17-year-old boy of South Framingham, Mass., was found guilty of shooting his parents wholly without his own knowledge. It was proved that the boy had committed the crime during a spell of somnambulism.

A Mrs. Emily Woods was found guilty in the Thames police court in London, of hanging a child on a nail on the wall by a dog chain.

The state fisheries boat Commodore Perry towed a gruesome yawl-crew into Erie. In the boat were nine men sitting upright and one lying prone. Each looked out with glassy eyes through a coating of ice and all were frozen stiff and stark.

At Williamson, Va., two mountain women gave their lives to allow their men folks to escape from a sheriff's posse. When the officers came on to the house the women went to the front and held them at bay with rifles while the men they sought escaped to the woods from the rear. Both women were shot to death in the battle.

The mayor, councillors and officials of the borough of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England, were duly weighed in by the chief constable last week in accordance with a custom that dates from the time of Edward I.

Near Meridian, Mississippi, a negro stoker on a locomotive travelling forty miles an hour, suddenly went mad and attacked the engine driver. The two struggled in a death grip while the train, unguided, swayed and dashed around curves, up-hill and down. Finally the driver in an excess of strength, flung the stoker from the cab and slowed the train down.

It came out at the trial of Louis Lelongt, a Parisian bootmaker, that he had entered the employ of a bank which he held responsible for the loss of his savings, purely with the intention of revenging himself. He succeeded in stealing $15,000.

Missing Men Return.

Vernon Howe, the son of a millionaire lumberman of Minneapolis and formerly a prominent Yale athlete together with his companion Jack Cuningham who left Kamloops three months ago to inspect timber limits in the Clearwater district have turned up safe and sound at the 1000 Mile House, Cariboo road. Alarm had been expressed for their safety and search parties were sent out.

LONGER SESSIONS

McGill Board Would Lengthen the College Term.

Longer sessions at McGill are recommended by the Board of Governors of the Montreal institution. Such, of course, would affect students continuing the courses when here and in Vancouver at the parent institution.

A serious discussion of the advisability of increasing the length of the session in all the faculties of McGill to eight months is a feature of the annual report of the Board of Governors, which was adopted. For the present session lectures opened on October 1 and will run to May, a period of about seven months.

"It is the opinion of the principal of the University that in most departments of work the session should be extended, as soon as may be practicable, so as to secure an addition to the existing period of lectures," says the report. "This does not mean more lectures, but lectures distributed over a longer teaching session. An eight-months session in all the faculties, with a break at Christmas and Easter, would enable the University to go forward with a united front as one homogeneous whole. Such an extension would undoubtedly add to the efficiency of the teaching, and though some students might be drawn away to centres where the courses are shorter the gain in standards of attainment would probably counterbalance any contingent loss in numbers."

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HOUSE TALKS ABOUT NAV

Engrossing Question Pus Its Way Into Budget Discussion

SOUTH YORK MEMBER PROPOUNDS SCHE

Government Bill to Be In duced After Christmas Holidays

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—The quest Canada's participation in the defense of the Empire was the theme of those who participate both sides of the house in the b debate today. The premier has up his mind to bring down his posals in the shape of a bill, will be placed on the order pap morrow and introduced on Janu when the house re-assembles aft holidays.

The spirited manner in whic naval defense matter erupted di ed the general interest felt th Dr. Sproule told Sir Wilfrid L that the country was willing to in imperial defense burdens, b was left to W. E. Maclean to the most characteristically inter speech of the session. At time Maclean can wax really eloquen he appealed to the premier to fr policy on generous lines, with t sult that he would have the mous support of the whole co He outlined a scheme of nava fense participation. In the first a contribution at once of $20, for two super-Dreadnoughts, to lowed by a reciprocal trade ar ment with other colonies impo tax of all foreign products, a p age of this tax to be devoted t imperial naval defense.

J. R. Stratton, who followed night with his maiden speech, a an amusing cross-fire with A. C. The ex-provincial secretary of was dilating on the governmen policy, which was sure to be s tory to the country when down.

"What is that policy?" aske Boyce. Mr. Stratton was non- for a moment. Then he "What was the resolution pass animously last session?"

"Oh," came back Mr. Boyce, government's policy contained resolution?"

The incident ended in a laugh.

Mr. Stratton came out in op to any direct contribution to defense. He did not think th a true Liberal policy. On the topics of a budget character, Mr ton dwelt exhaustively and ca strongly against the export materials, which should be turn the finished article on Canad He was followed by Mr. McC Norfolk.

There are a great many still to come on the budget, a talk is almost certain to go morrow and extend into the n

Sir Wilfrid was asked today Foster if he had made up his to what seat he would sit for, East or Ottawa. "If that que swer," returned the premier. renewed tomorrow I will give

Hon. Mackenzie King announ day that a government bill introduced this session amend industrial disputes act. The h journed until January 12, one longest holiday recesses on re

Mr. Gordon (Nipissing), in a bill to amend the criminal c a view of stamping out the silver ore in the mining which are becoming very freq the present time when silver on a person it is difficult to theft proven on account of possibility of tracing from wh the ore was taken. The am provides that the onus of where he obtained the ore upon the suspect in whose p it was found.

Col. Worthington then dre tion of Mr. Speaker to the made to him (Worthington), by the minister of militia, cording to a law of scripture bound to answer a fool acc his folly." Had that not withdrawn? suggested Col. W ton. Sir Frederick Borden sa no objection to withdrawing mark, and the incident closed

Mr. Armstrong introduced amend the act establishing a sion for the conservation of resources, which received fi ing. It seeks to prohibit the or members of officials of mission from acquiring by purchase any water power national resource. Mr. Arms ded that he had not the sli tention of casting any effect the commissioners, but he th amendment was not only in interest but also of the comm

Mr. McDonnell called the of Hon. L. P. Brodeur to th the car ferry Bessemer No. Stanley with the loss of ne lives. Hon. Mr. Brodeur res omission to notify him that ter would be brought up. known he would have had h ment officials inquire into th

David Marshall asked wh had been petitioned from the of Port Stanley in regard t navigation, but Mr. Brodeu that it was impossible for to carry all these details in

Change of Name

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—In avoid confusion in dealing public, steps have been tak Postal Telegraph Company the name of the New Eng graph Company, over whose Postal Company operates in to that of the Postal Compa

Loss on 'Frisco Sto

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.— mon stock of the St. Louis Francisco Railway, recently A. B. F. Yoakum and his from the Chicago, Rock Is Pacific Railway, cost the bu a share, or in gross amount Since the Rock Island five bonds issued to make the or chase of St. Louis and San require their redemption at Wall Street learned today been necessary for the Rock