LITTLEFIELD ON RAILWAY RATE BILL. **Believes the Pictures of Distress** On the Question Are Entirely Too Lurid.

REMEDIES ALREADY EXIST.

Stevens of Minnesota Takes Different View That it Would Not Work Any Hardship.

Washington, Feb. 5.-Before the railroad rate debate began in the house to day two bills were passed. One provided for setting aside townsites in the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana; the other authorizes the further expenditures of \$60,000 for county improvements from the sale of town lots in Lawton, I. T.

An hour to oppose the railroad rate bill was yielded to Mr. Littlefield of Maine.

Mr. Littlefield belleved the pictures of distress on the rate question were entirely too lurid. The proposed legisation went too far and he should vote against it. He had been willing to go as far as the president had recommend-ed in 1994 and 1995. Not a member of the house, he maintained, could say the house, he maintained, could say what is a reasonable rate. This was one of the great and tremendous diffi-culties the bill presented and indicated the vast and arbitrary power that was to be vested in a political tribunal. In the zeal with which both political partles were running a legislative race they had gone far beyond the presi-

they had gone far beyond the presi-dent's desires. A remedy for nine-tenths of rate evils, he said, now exists in all couris under the present law and the com-mon law. Under the proposel bill a curious and incongruous condition was proposed. When the commission deter-mined whether a rate was reasonable. It was acting in a judichi capacity; when it prescribed a rate for the fu-ture it would be legislating, and when it administered this finding it acted in an executive capacity. This was a combination of three functions of gov-ernment-executive, legislative and ju-dicial-in one single body. Mr. Littlefield said the commission had been overruled two-thirds of the time.

A number of senators listened to Mr. Littlefield's argument, including Sen-ators Foraker, Perkins, Millard, Kean, Fulkely, Rayner, Piles, Scott, Gallin-ger and Alee. Developing his

Developing his contention that under the bill the commission could regulate the differential between the long and short haul, Mr, Littlefield said he was unwilling that a political commission should say whether or not the New England cotton manufacturers should or should not be wiped out. He would, he said, demonstrate for their own recthe utter incapacity of the state commerce commission to admin

ister rates. Mr. Stevens of Minnesota said the "buge and awful" things which had been depicted would not result from the enforcement of the legislation. The committee which considered the bill was unanimous that it would not work hardship.

On the other hand, there was overy indication by the popular demand for relief that conditions now are not satis-

factory. The bill, he said, was a com-promise and was not perfect. Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio criticized the claim that there was any popular de-mand for the legislation. What there

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and he thinks it can be concluded, all proposed amendments disposed of and the bill passed that day before adjourn-ment. Those favoring the bill during the day were Stevens of Minnesota, Lamar of Florida, Underwood of Alabaina, Gaines of Tennessee, Harwick of Georgia, Davidson of Wisconsin, fibodes of Missouri, Pou of North Caro-Weber of Ohio and Rives of Illi-1018

RAILWAY TAXATION BILL.

A bill for the taxation of all railway A bill for the taxation of all ranking property in Arizona and New Mexico according to the same plan under which other property in the territories is taxed was introduced in the house today by Representative Hamilton (Michigan), chairman of the house com-mittee on territories. The bill pro-vides that railways shall be subjected to the changed system of taxation after Jan. 1, 1907.

Jan. 1, 1907. The Santa Fe railway pays an annual flat rate of \$175 a mile in Arizona. This is estimated to be equivalent to what the regular territorial tax would be on a valuation of \$5,000 a mile. In New Mexico the Santa Fe pays on a valua-tion of about \$4,000. In the territorial tax Southern Pa-

as about \$4,000. As the territories the Southern Pa-pays on a valuation of about \$7,000 lie. These same lines are said by bers of the houst committee or In cifle s mili ritories to be paying taxes in Califormin and Taxes on valuations twice is great as those used as a basis for stimting their taxes in the two territories. The alleged discrimination in favor The integed discrimination in favor of the railways has been one of the chief arguments advanced in support of the joint statehood bill. When ask-ed today if the introduction of this railway taxation bill was an admission that the joint statehood bill would fail, prominent administration men in the house said they expect ident statehood house said they expect joint statehood, but that the failure of joint statehood will not prevent a readjustment of taxes in the two territories.

RAILROAD WRECK.

MOST DISASTROUS

Northern Pacific Freight Train **Crashes Into a Passenger** Near Helena.

FOUR ARE KNOWN TO BE DEAD.

The Wreckage Took Fire and Others May Still Be Buried Under It.

Helena, Feb. 6 .- The most disastrous railroad wreck that has taken place in the vicinity of Helena for many years occurred last night shortly before midnight, two and a half miles west of Helena. A runaway Northern Pacific freight

train crashed into a passenger train on the same line, wrecked it completely. set fire to it and up to 3 o'clock this morning four whose identity is assured, were known to be dead, with a prob-ability that two more, whose names it is impossible to learn, may have been

is impossible to learn, may have been burned in the wreck. The known dead are: J. N. Robinson Missoula. Charles Brickle, conductor passenger. J. A. Jessup, express messenger. Foster Senecal, merchant of Elliston, Brakeman Edward Brown was seri-ously injured but an examination shows not fatally. None of the passengers

ously injured but an examination shows not fatally. None of the passengers who escaped with their lives were seri-ously injured. The story of the accident shows it to have been most remarkable. The pas-senger train passed through Austin, about eight miles west of Helena on time. Following it was a long freight train made up of box and flat cars load-ed with lumber and shingles. At Aus-tin the engine was uncoupled from the freight to take water and the train was left standing on the track. There is a steep grade east of Austin and by some means the freight train got started down the hill. The passenger train, when it arrived

down the hill. The passenger train, when it arrived at the Montana Central crossing, stopped, when the engineer heard a sound behind him that warned him of danger. He started his train, but it had danger. He started his train, but it had gone but a few feet when the freight crashed into the rear car. There were but two cars in the train, a combina-tion express and mail and passenger car and a day coach. The two cars were smashed and thrown into the ditch. The engine on the passenger be-came uncoupled from the cars but dif not leave the track and Engineer Pel-ty managed to keep ahead of the fly-ing freight. The freight went probably 500 feet when it, too, went off the track. In a few minutes fire started and four hours the cars and the lumber burned flercely. The crash of the collision was heard.

The crash of the collision was heard The crash of the collision was heard by persons living in the vicinity who immediately started for the wreck. When they got there an seven met their gaze. The combination car was on fire and pinned under a mass of wreckage was Jessup. He was con-scious and herole efforts were made to release him from his situation. Finally the fire got so hot that the rescuers had to give up the task. Jessup, still conscious, cried: "It is hard to lie here and burn to death." He struggled to release himself as the fire took hold of his limbs, but the effort was fruitless and after a few-screams of agony unconsciousness came to him. In the meantime the few unin-jured passengers exerted themselves to

jured passengers exerted themselves to rescue those who were unable to help

themselves. J. S. Robinson, of Missoula, was found beyond human aid, lying under a car. A short distance away. Charles Bickle, the conductor, was found. He



DESERET EVENING NEWS: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1906.

working order by next summer when the great crush of immigrants comes.
Last year the Italian immigrant commission sent Chevalir Rossi, a labor expert to study conditions in the United States. He traveled all over the country, paying special attention to the south and the far west.
He reported immigrants were the prey of padrones, who let them out in bulk at small wages to railroad companies and contractors. He joined with a committee of Italian Americans in recommending the bureau.
On Feb. 3 the commission voted \$2,.000 a year "or more" if needed to subsidize a labor exchange in New York. This appropriation must be approved by the government, but no trouble is expected on that score. Chevaller Rossi will remain in New York until the exchange is started, when he will go on to Eucons Ayres to investigate labor conditions in Argentina.
According to present plans the far order will be incorporated by a number of Italian merchants, bankers and professional men. It will make connections with employers of labor in the west and south, and will see that wages are fair and conditions good. It will try to induce all immigrants landing at the battery to work with the padrones.

drones. More especially the exchange will work to start immigrants into farming for themselves. For this work and for the work of obtaining employment no fees will be charged.

FUNSTON WANTS MONEY

FOR CAPT. DAKIN'S FAMILY. San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Brig.-Gen. Frederick Funston, commander of the department of California, made known yesterday his intention of writing to the war department to suggest that Congress be asked to pass a bill appro-priating \$10,000 each to the families of Capt. Charies Deakin and Hoseman Thomas Hennessey, both of engine company No. 4, who gave up their lives in the fire on board the army trans-port Meade in the early morning of Feb. 1. The appropriation will be asked on the ground that both men lost their lives in the effort to save the govern-ment property from destruction. San Francisco, Feb. 6 .- Brig.-Gen.











Time Table

7:35 p.m.

8:15 a.m. 8:50 a.m.

10:25 a.m.

1:45 p.m. 3:59 p.m. 5:09 p.m.

8:10 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

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was had been manufactured out of whole cloth in Congress. There never had been such a "fake" issue launched. The question of rebates constituted the only legitimate complaint being made. "And yet," he continued, "the gen-

"And yet," he continued, "the gen tlemen who reported this bill have absolutely dodged every question of the slightest importance to the shippers of this country."

What they had reported, he said, not What they had reported, he said, not one of them could tell exactly. Every one thought it meant a different thing, and the whole thing was to be left to the construction of the courts. "And yet It was born at the dawning of a political millentum in this house. All the angels sang together on the day this bill was converted and some the

this bill was reported and sang the same tune." Mr. Grosvenor said he should pro-

pose an amendment to correct what he-garded as the real evil. His amendment would prevent sailroad companies or officers from owning productive in-terests along their lines.

The bill in operation, he said, would ill all competition and the result kill all competition and the result would be exactly the same as the ef-fects of the old pooling bill-with uni-form rates. He said the center of the country would not suffer, but that it would be the extremities of border states. Having expressed himself on the bill, Mr. Grosvenor concluded: "And I shall aid in getting it out of this house as speedily as possible."

this house as speedily as possible." Mr. Davidson of Wisconsin advocated

At the conclusion of the day Mr. Hep-burn, in charge of the measure, said it. looked now as though debate would conclude at 3 o'clock Wednesday. The reading of the bill will begin at once,

MAUDE ROBINSON KING.

Declines to Accept Bequest and Will

Contest for Widow's Share.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 6.-Mrs. Maude Robinson King, wife of the late James C. King of Chicago, traction magnate and many times millionaire, has declined to accept the \$109,000 bequeathed her in her husband's will and will contest for to accept the \$100,000 heigheathed her in her hisband's will and will contest for her widow's share or one-half of the en-fire amount of the estate, variously esti-mated to be worth from \$2,00,000 to \$20,-00,000. The will was admitted to probate in Los Angeles today and Randolph W. Miller of this city, named as executor of the property of the estate in Los Angeles county, which is valued af about \$200,000. This amount is mostly in cash and secur-ities deposited in local deposit boxes. As executor of this sum Miner has given bend for \$1.270,000, the largest surety ever placed in this county. The Northern Trust company of Cricago was named in the will of Mr. King as trustee for the residue of the estate.



also was dead and his body was taken out of the range of the fire. The sight that met the gaze of those

The sight that met the gaze of those first on the ground was an awful one. Exposed to full view with blazing shingles all about him and blazing mass of red-hot coals, was the body of an unknown man. It was slowly consumed until all that was left was the skull and outstretched were two stumps that a few hours before had been arms. It is not thought it will be difficult to establish the identity of the two unfortunates who are supposed to have been consumed in the fire. There are, according to the passengers suppoed to have been eight passengers, on the train. If there were eight two are still unaccounted for. Brakeman

are still unaccounted for. Brakeman Brown said he was not sure whether there were seven or eight. What made it difficult to rescue those pinioned beneath the wreckage was the fact that when the freight crushed through the passenger, a car a shingles became detached from the freight train and fell on the combina-tion coach. The shingles caught fire almost immediately and made such a hot fire and burned so rapidly that nothing could be done to save those imprisoned. imprisoned.

CHICAGO SALOONS.

Corporation Counsel Against Compelling Their Closing on Sundays.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Corporation Coun-sel Lewis made a hurried trip to Springfield last night in the hope of persuading the supreme court of the state to refuse to consider a petition for a writ of mandamus, compelling Mayor Dunne to close the saloons of Chicago on Sunday.

Chicago on Sunday. Col. Lewis was served with the peti-tion yesterday as well as the applica-tion to the supreme court for leave to file it. The latter carried notice that this morning the petition would be pre-cented to the supreme court

his it. The latter carried house that this morning the petition would be pre-sented to the supreme court. The petition, which asks the supreme ceurt to order Mayor Dunne to close Chicago saloons on Sunday, is signed by 10 citizens, headed by the Rev. Wil-liam A. Bartlett. It states the peti-ticners are citizens of Chicago, inter-ested in the good name of the city and the maintenance of law and order therein, and "in particular are interest-ed in securing the observance of and obedience to the laws of the state, re-quiring the closing on the first day of the week commonly called Sunday, of all tippling houses or places where inquor is sold or given away." The statement is made that it is a matter of common knowledge that the majority of the saloons are open on Sundays in the face of the state law forbidding it, and that Mayor Dunne

forbidding it, and that Mayor Dunne has made no attempt to stop it,

ITALIAN LABOR EXCHANGE.

Government of Italy Contributes \$20,-000 to Establish One in New York.

New York, Feb. 6.—The Italian gov-ernment has just contributed a subsidy of \$20,000 a year for an Italian labor ex-change in New York. This is part of an organized attempt by Italian citizens of the United States, combined with the Italian authorities at home, to best the padrone system and to keep the Italians from piling up in New York. The exchange will be incorporated un-der the laws of New York state by Ital-ian citizens, and probably will be in



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