

as Perfected at a Special Meeting Held
in Salt Lake Today—State Gets
a \$25,000 Fee.

THOSE PRESENT.

Those who were present at the meeting were President Horace G. Burt of the Union Pacific; Secretary Alexander Miller, General Solicitor W. R. Kelly, Attorney Lawrence Greeng of New York, Attorney Le Grande Young, also Auditor Hills and Assistant General Passenger Agent Dan Spencer of the

Has Been the Law Since March Fourteenth Through an Inadvertent Signature by the Governor.

Some people know, the fee bill was introduced by Secretary of State Hammond, who knew of the projected increase in the capital stock of the Union Pacific Railroad company, and the probable increase in that of the Smelter trust, and who naturally desired the measure to go into effect early enough to state treasury to secure the extent that it would be necessary for the company to pay. The bill was introduced by Senator Howell, and as it was amended, after much discussion, passed to take effect immediately on its approval by the Governor. It had been original intent of the Legislature here the date March 25th, to give San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, which nearly all the members felt was of steadily interest, a chance to be introduced first, but as opposition arose to it, it was finally decided to have the bill take effect immediately on approval, leading members of the legislature stating that it was their understanding that the Governor would withhold his signature several days to give railroad people time to file their claims. This without doubt, was the aim, and while there was nothing wrong in waiting, and no positive action was made, Vice President Gilchrist had before he left the state that the state officials had more than kind to his understanding, and that they had filed their arguments ample time to save the extra money which they would have been able to upon to pay under the provisions of the fee bill.

At San Pedro, here, accident intervened, and more it was demonstrated how the bill had plans of mice and men, may be said again.

At the time the governor, desiring of the time to secure to the State the revenue which would come from the increase in the Union Pacific capi-

strike of the stablemen here has commenced. The men in several of the stables stopped work at noon today after they had been paid wages due them.

The number of strikes in other trades

Eyrum Kay, leaves for Granger, Wyo., to relieve car inspector Nick Nielsen who is absent on account of the illness of his wife at this place.

Postoffice Robbery Suspects.—Toledo, March 23.—Three men were brought here last night from Detroit and lodged in the city jail. The men were indicted in the West Toledo postoffice robbery.

postoffice robbery. One of them is said to have been positively identified as the noted "Topeka Joe," who has a long criminal record. He was arrested in Portland, Oregon, last fall, for a burglary committed at Wellsville, Virginia, and taken to the latter place, but escaped from jail and had not been heard from since until at present. A large scar on the shoulder apparently makes the identification complete.

Mother Poisons Her Children.
 CHAS. CITY, Mich., March 23.—Mr. Nathan Townsend, who lives near here, last night poisoned herself and her two children, a girl aged 8 years, and a boy aged 10, with iaudanum. All three died today. Family difficulties are believed to have impelled her to administer the poison.

France Decorates More Americans.
Washington, March 23.—Information has been received here that the decoration of the Merite Agricole has been conferred by the French government upon the following employees of the department of agriculture for service in connection with the Paris exposition: Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist; Maj. H. E. Alvord, chief of the dairy division; Col. G. B. Brackett, pomologist; W. A. Taylor, assistant pomologist; M. A. Carleton, cerealist; John I. Schulte, one of the associate editors of the Experiment Station Record. The decoration will be conferred upon James L. Farmer, assistant director of agriculture for the Paris exposition.