

JEFF DAVIS'S FEE TESTIMONY HOUSE COMMITTEE REFUSES TO LET HIM CHANGE IT.

Said it "Sunk Lands" Title Bill Became a "Fee" He Would Receive "A Large Fee" — Struck It Out Later, but is Still in Record — The Incident Causes a Stir.

These lands was known as the St. Francis Levee Board. The question of the State's title to the lands was passed on by Hoke Smith when he was Secretary of the Interior and later by Secretary Hitchcock of the same department and in both cases it was held that the lands belonged to the State of Arkansas.

PASTOR DEPARTS SUDDENLY

REV. V. M. PATTERSON GIVES UP HOWELLS, N. Y., CHURCH.

Quickly There Follows a Story of a Deserted Wife in Iowa and an Engagement to a Brooklyn Girl — Father of the Latter Breaks the Engagement.

WILL VETO ALL POLICE BILLS

If Police Money is Sent to Albany to Get Them Through.

When complaints were received a couple of weeks ago by Mayor Gaynor from patrolmen who wrote that they were being assessed at \$12 a head for a fund which was presumably being raised by the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association to put through the bill pending in Albany to raise the salaries of the force.

GATTI-CASAZZA ALSO TO GO

BACK TO ITALY AFTER ONE MORE OPERA SEASON.

Wants to Be Sole Director in His Last Year at the Metropolitan — Hence Dippel's Departure — "Girl of Golden West" and "Que Vadis" the Novelties.

100,000 NAMES FOR MORSE.

His Friends Propose to Help His Wife With Petition in Greater New York.

It is said in behalf of Mrs. Charles W. Morse that several prominent business men of New York have asked authority to finance a league to be known as the Morse Petition League. The object is to obtain in Greater New York before June 1, 100,000 names for the petition for her husband's release.

ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT TO ALL

TO PROMOTE HUMAN PROGRESS BY A FOUNDATION.

Bill in Congress to Incorporate a Plan for Bestowing Broad Charity for Mankind in General — No Information as to the Extent of the Endowment.

The stenographer's minutes in which Senator Jeff is thus recorded on the subject of a fee were taken at a hearing of the committee a week or more ago.

The committee objected to the revision on the ground that the Senator had altered not the phrasing of his testimony but its actual meaning.

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After deliberating for little more than an hour a jury in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court last night yesterday acquitted George Jones, the taxi-cab chauffeur who was indicted for murdering down seven-year-old Jennie Bernstein at Park avenue and 115th street on November 4.

Mr. Hornsby's home, near the White House, plundered in her absence.

Washington, March 2.—The home of Mrs. Rebekah Hornsby, widow of Isham H. Hornsby, who lives at 1718 I street, was entered by burglars last night and \$15,000 worth of jewelry taken.

Jeremiah Black of Pennsylvania says the burglars missed several thousand dollars worth of diamonds secreted in another place.

When the week workers heard of this they quit work in sympathy. They discovered after they went out all of the strikers had a 10 per cent increase in wages.

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