

60,000 AUTOMOBILES

State Records Show That Nebraska, with Population of 1,200,000, Has Many Automobiles

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 15—(By C. Q. DeFrance and Hugh L. Cooper, correspondents.)—State Treasurer Hall has filed a motion for re-hearing in the case of State ex rel Ridgell vs. Hall. This was decided against the treasurer last week. He assigns seven reasons why a re-hearing should be granted, and asks forty days' time for filing a brief.

The semi-annual report of J. S. Dales, secretary of the university board of regents, for six months ended November 30, 1915, shows cash transactions as follows:

June 1, 1915, bal. on hand, \$3,641.92
Nov. 30, 1915, collections,
6 months 148,391.12

\$152,033.04
Pd. to state treas. 150,033.04

Nov. 30, 1915, balance on hand \$2,000.00

The university regents' report for six months ended November 30, 1915 shows total expenditures of \$675,458.88 for the period, and available balances on hand amounting to \$1,268,430.65 for future needs. More than half a million of this is in the special building fund.

Nebraska is credited with being one of the wealthiest states in the union, according to government statistics, and the wealth of her people is reflected by the number of automobiles owned, there being one auto for every twenty persons. There are 60,000 autos in the state and the population is estimated at 1,200,000.

All the county assessors of the state as well as the county board members have been invited to meet in Lincoln January 19 and 20 for a state wide tax conference with Secretary O. E. Bernecker of the state board of equalization. The principal theme to be discussed will be taxation of lands under the sales value method. It is anticipated a large attendance will be had and much good is expected to be derived from this meeting.

State Auditor Smith received \$1,500 this week from the county treasurer of Saunders county to apply on its old insane fund indebtedness to the state. Saunders county at one time was one of the heaviest debtors to the state in respect to this fund, but is rapidly getting it whittled

down. Since Auditor Smith took his office last January, he has made a special effort to clean up this old indebtedness, and as a result the state general fund has been enriched by several thousand dollars.

Secretary of State Charles W. Pool this week was the recipient of a personal letter from Theodore Roosevelt requesting that his name be dropped from the list of republican presidential aspirants which are to go on the primary ballot at the April primaries. The letter was apparently written by Mr. Roosevelt himself on his private correspondence paper, with the single embossed line "Sagamore Hill" printed at the top. The letter is assumed to confirm the report that Teddy will not desert the progressive party to embrace the republican faith again.

Report of the state accountant's audit of the books of Clarence E. Harman, deputy food commissioner, for the three months ended November 30, 1915, shows cash transactions as follows:

September 1, 1915 balance on hand \$25,932.21
November 30, 1915 collections, 3 months 35,762.90

\$61,695.11
Paid to state treasurer. . . 36,091.08

Nov. 30, bal. on hand. . . \$25,604.03
Because State Treasurer Hall refuses to pay warrants drawn against the cash fund for this department, Commissioner Harman is paying expenses in cash until an adjudication can be had. The expenses for the three months were \$6,180.40.

WRECK ON NORTHWESTERN

George Thorpe of Crawford, a Well Known Wholesaler, Badly Hurt in Wreck at Van Tassel

Harrison, Nebr., Dec. 13—Several people were injured, three probably internally, when Northwestern passenger train No. 603 was wrecked near Van Tassel, Wyo., today. The train collided with an extra engine at a water tank.

Among the most seriously injured were:

John W. Newell, president of the Bank of Lusk, Wyo., back hurt.

George Thorpe of Crawford, back hurt.

Dr. Bilon of Fremont, cut about the face.

These three men probably sustained internal injuries. Several other passengers were injured slightly but were able to continue their journey.

Dusty's Dabblings

An ornery man needs a woman to boss him, but generally when a woman discovers that she can boss him she carries it too far.

A girl that regards her face as her fortune generally covers it so thoroughly with red paint that it is a hard job to tell what she is worth.

While it may be true, you can't make a woman believe that if she wore a union suit and a little heavier clothing in places, she wouldn't need a set of furs.

Heard on the street: "I was going to buy my girl a book for Christmas, but the other night I was down to her house and accidentally discovered that she has one."

My idea of real conservatism in the matter of self-indulgence is the care shown by the lad that tells the soda dispenser: "A Coca Cola, and not too strong on the coke."

Honesty, industry and sobriety, young man, are going to do more for your individual case than all the legislation ever enacted by touching on the tariff and the income tax.

About the best thing the man who is a fellow down town and a tightwad at home ever does for his family is to cash in and give his family an opportunity to spend his life insurance.

If you will just remember, about all of the great opportunities you have ever been offered came from some fellow that didn't stand a chance of losing anything except his voice.

Women are so careful about getting the exact shade of ribbon to match their dresses that it would seem that they would exercise a little more care in the selection of their store hair.

The old fashioned man used to go out of the theatre between acts to take a drink. At the show the other evening an Alliance man disregarded the rule by coming into the theatre between drinks.

Just listen to what a delirious, unmuzzled society reporter in the Laurel, Miss., Journal said about a bride and groom there: "At last the anxiety of the eager, gazing, restless crowd was quelled by the dazzling,

unmatchable beauty of the shimmering bride as she slowly and unconcernedly marched up the aisle leaning on the manly arm of the groom. The light from the oil seemed to gasp for breath as it looked down on the charming fairies. It no longer boasted of its own beauty, but sent forth a steady, dazzling light to reflect on the sparkling saint of the lovely bride." Oh, pickles!

Went After Convention

County Commissioners Wanek and Hashman departed Sunday for Columbus, and Commissioner Duncan and Secretary Fisher departed for the same town Tuesday, all to attend the state convention of county commissioners and county clerks, which was in session there the middle of this week. The object of the Alliance delegation was to secure the 1916 conventions of these bodies for Alliance.

"Why Smith Left Home"

The Junior class play which was so commendably staged Friday evening last week, at the Phelan opera house, was counted a great success—some saying it was the best ever shown in the home talent line and equally as good as some professional companies present. Among the company of young folks who so capably entered into the spirit of the play, making it a success, there were no favorites as to the manner they acted their parts. Miss Tressa Vandervoort, as secretary of the "Cook's Union", was "right there" when it came to letting people know "who she was"; Oral Harvey, as John Smith, and Neva Howe, as Mrs. John Smith, filled their places to perfection; none the least important was Miss Rose Carlson, who was "on the job" all the time in spying into the actions of her husband and those of her niece, Mrs. John Smith. Praise

should be given each and every one who so cleverly and dramatically acted out their roles, also to the class sponsor, Miss Wilson, and to Miss Gifford, teacher of dramatic art, who gave untiring effort to making the entertainment the success it was pronounced.

Between acts and before the first raising of the curtain, the high school orchestra, under the directorship of Paul Thomas, rendered some fine selections, and Vernon Hamilton pleased with several vocal numbers. The Chinese song by the Misses Helen Rice and Dorothy Bicknell was well received.

M. C. Beaumont of Hemingford, father of Mrs. Richard Kenner of Alliance, was in the city the last of the week for a short visit, returning to his home near Hemingford Sunday afternoon. While here he paid The Herald office a short call.

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