

# POSTMASTERS MUST PASSEXAMINATIONS

Barleson Announces Nesbys of First, Second and Third Class Will Have to Undergo Tests.

# SOUTHERNERS ARE PEEVED

Bourbon Congressmen Say Wilson Seeks to Get Bipartisan Support by Move.

Washington, March 7.—Postmaster General Barleson announced today, that after April 1, the appointment of all postmasters of the first, second and third class would be subject to competitive examinations. Nominations will be sent to the senate as in the past, but in making selections the president will be guided by the results of examinations and will send in the names at the head of the lists. Whether the civil service commission, under which fourth class postmasters are now named, will conduct the examinations, has not been determined.

The president's forthcoming order will provide for a form of modified civil service classification under which all vacancies, whether caused by resignation, removal or death, will be filled by competitive examination. Those already in the service will continue without examination until the expiration of four years' terms, beginning with their last appointment, and will then, it is understood, have to undergo the competitive test.

A hornet's nest was stirred up by the announcement at the capitol where scores of members were in their offices preparing to leave for home. The order was roundly denounced because some of the democratic leaders and several members construed it as a move to get combined democratic and republican support in a politically uncertain house.

Democratic leader Kitchin of the house delayed his departure for North Carolina to go to the post-office department to register his protest.

Other congressmen, who visited Mr. Barleson, went on the latter's invitation, to discuss the new plan of systematizing postal accounting by establishing central auditing postoffices in county or district groups. This subject was overwhelmed, however, when the news of the civil service order was broken.

One southern member asked if the postmaster general had called them there to ask their views or to tell them what had been done.

"I am telling you what is going to happen," he replied. The postmaster general is quoted as having told them that it was too late to protest as the order had been determined upon and would be carried out. He intimated that he was not the author of it, but that it was a measure of efficiency and economy.

Another member suggested that the order would put many republicans in office, as many of the more active assistant postmasters are republicans retained by the democratic postmasters and still another wanted to know what would happen if one man certified from the examinations were a negro. The postmaster general, according to those present replied the examination would have to take place and there would be "special privileges to no one."

A western democrat asked why the order, if issued at all, should not provide for notifying the three highest in the examination as eligible to postmasterships, as was done when the fourth class postmasters were blanketed into civil service. The postmaster general said congress had the opportunity of legislating to that effect but did not do so.

Some members complained that the order would take out of political life some of the most active supporters of the representatives in congress.

A majority of the republicans joined with democrats recently in reflecting a proposition for putting all postmasters under the civil service, when an amendment to that effect was offered to an appropriation bill in the house, although Republican Leader Mann and a few others favored it.

Mrs. T. B. Lacy departed yesterday afternoon at her home in Glenwood after a visit for a short time in this city with her mother, Mrs. Frank S. Brinkman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goodwin, residing some eight miles south of the city, departed this morning for Omaha, where they will have their little son examined by a specialist in that city.

# BILL WOULD LIMIT COMMISSION ON LOANS

Lincoln, Neb., March 12.—Limitation of the amount of commission on loans of \$3,000 and under to 2 per cent and on loans above that amount to 1-1/2 per cent is provided in the Beal bill, now on third reading file in the lower house. The measure also provides that where 6 per cent interest is charged there shall be no commission payment. The bill, which is attracting much attention, reads as follows:

Section 1.—It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or partnership, association or corporation to make any loan on plain indorsed or guaranteed notes or due bills or otherwise, secured by mortgage on real estate, individually or as agent or representative for any other person, firm, partnership, association or corporation and charge or receive therefor, as commission or brokerage, for making such loan, any money or consideration, the value of which shall exceed 2 per cent per annum on all loans up to and including \$3,000, and 1-1/2 per cent per annum on all loans in excess of \$3,000. Provided, however, that when the rate of interest charged on such loan shall exceed six per cent per annum, no commission or brokerage shall be charged.

Section 2. Any person or the representative of any firm, partnership, association or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, or be imprisoned not more than thirty days.

# JOHN LIND PAYS THE PENALTY IN ARCHER'S COURT

This morning John Lind, claiming his residence as Omaha, and a member of a bridge gang of the Burlington, was present in the court of Judge M. Archer to answer to a charge of being drunk as preferred by Chief of Police Barelay. Lind was picked up yesterday on the street and had a large and well assorted cargo of red eye liquor on board when escorted to the sheltering refuge of the city hall, where he sojourned over night. He stated that this was the first time he had ever been under arrest, although he had resided in Omaha for the past twenty-eight years. In view of the fact that this was the first outbreak of this kind that Mr. Lind had been charged with in this city the court gave him a fine of \$5 and costs, amounting to \$8, which he settled for and went on his way rejoicing and vowing to steer clear of the flowing bowl in the future.

The police records for the month of February have been compiled for presentation at the meeting of the city council this evening and show that six arrests were made during the month and five cash fines paid to the court and one committed to jail. The last year has shown a great improvement in the methods of securing the fines and costs, and has paid the salary of the police judge almost every month, and left a net balance over this sum to go into the police fund.

# JOSEPH DROEGE RETURNS.

Last evening Joseph Droege, who for the past four months has been at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Lincoln, recovering from an operation, returned to his home in this city. Mr. Droege is feeling much improved in health and his host of friends will be pleased to have him back at home. Mrs. Droege met the husband in Omaha yesterday afternoon and accompanied him on home. The operation performed seems to have been very successful in every way and has brought an improvement in the health of Mr. Droege that it is hoped will continue until he is once more restored to his full health. It has been just four months since Mr. Droege entered the St. Elizabeth hospital for treatment.

# Despondency Due to Constipation.

Women often become nervous and despondent. When this is due to constipation it is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

C. M. Chriswiler of Nehawka was among those visiting in the city Saturday for the day with his relatives and friends.

W. R. Young, the auctioneer, and wife, came up last evening from their home in the vicinity of Murray to spend a few hours in this city attending the performance at the Parnelle theater.

# BAGDAD FALLS INTO HANDS OF BRITISH ARMY

Former Capital of Empire of the Caliphs Wrested From Turks Early Yesterday.

# ENDS GERMAN HOPES FOR NEAR EASTERN DOMINION

London, March 11.—General Frederick Stanley Maude, in command of the entente forces in Mesopotamia, telegraphed today the welcome news for the British of the occupation of Bagdad, the chief Turkish city in Mesopotamia and formerly the capital of the empire of the Caliphs.

Denials Not Received. No details of the capture have yet been received, General Maude's story of the operations carrying events only up to Saturday morning, when the British, after effecting a surprise crossing of the Diala and bridging the Tigris, had driven the Turks back to within three miles of Bagdad. It is evident, however, that the Turks have been unable to offer any serious resistance since the fall of Kut-El-Amara.

They were said to be hurriedly summoning reinforcements from other theaters of the war where Turks were engaged, but the distance to be covered was so great that additional forces were unable to arrive in time to save the city, which, after Mecca, occupies first place in the Mohammedan minds.

Ends German Hopes. The fall of Bagdad, besides ending German hopes of near eastern dominion, based on a Berlin-Bagdad railway will reverberate throughout the Mohammedan empires and, it is believed will more than rehabilitate British prestige in the far east, damaged by the earlier loss of Kut-El-Amara.

Perhaps no more welcome news could come at a time when the British public, for the first time, owing to the effects of the war in a greatly reduced food supply, besides being thrown into depression by the revelations of the Dardanelles report. Further news must be awaited before it is known whether captures of Turkish troops or guns, either before or at Bagdad.

# The Pneumonia Season.

The cold, damp weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask anyone who has used it.

Earl Hassler, who is now located at Osceola, Neb., where he is engaged in the drug business, was an over Sunday visitor in the city, spending the day at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hassler, departing this morning for Osceola.

Mrs. R. H. Fitch and children departed this morning for Randolph, Neb., near where they expect to make their home in the future. Mr. Fitch is preparing the home for the family there, and while their friends will regret very much to lose this estimable family from their midst they will extend to them their best wishes for a successful life in their new home.

# PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned, administrator of the estate of David L. Amick, deceased, will sell at public auction, at the Amick farm, three and a half miles northwest of Murray, three and a half miles southwest of Mynard, and eight miles southwest of Plattsmouth, on Tuesday, March 20th, 1917, the following described property, commencing at 1:30 o'clock p. m. sharp:

Fourteen head of cattle, consisting of registered Hereford bulls and cows. All farm machinery, wagons and buggies belonging to the said estate.

Several tons of hay in the stack, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Also about 1,500 bushels of corn in the crib.

This is all good stuff and will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, or approved note bearing 8 per cent interest. All property must be settled for before being removed from the premises.

T. L. AMICK, Administrator. Wm. E. Young, Auctioneer. C. G. Fricke, Clerk.

# CARRANZA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MEXICO BY LARGE VOTE

Mexico City, March 11.—General Venustiano Carranza was today elected president of Mexico by what is believed to have been the largest vote ever cast in the republic.

Although the voters had the privilege of writing in or declaring any name they desired, General Carranza received all but a few scattering ballots. The estimated vote cast runs all the way from several hundred thousand to 1,000,000.

Congressional contests were bitterly fought. The campaign efforts of the different candidates in the federal district last until the early hours of this morning and the streets were littered with dodgers and handbills. Conditions at the polls throughout the district were orderly and there was a steady stream of voters during the day. Troops were not in evidence, the soldiers casting their votes in their barracks.

Mexico will now have a constitutional president for the first time since 1911, when Francisco Madero received more than 300,000 votes. General Victoriano Huerta called an election in 1914 and declared himself elected, but later nullified the election on the grounds that an insufficient number of votes had been cast.

His election to the presidency marks the climax to the efforts of General Carranza, who took the field against Huerta February 19, 1913, after Huerta had seized the executive power. The election today was simplified by the fact that there is no vice president under the new constitution. It will be some time, however, before the returns of the congressional election are known, although the candidates on the ticket of the constitutional-liberty who backed Carranza were running strongly in most districts.

# Local News

From Friday's Daily.

Adam Meisinger of Cedar Creek, was among those attending the theater last evening, motoring in from his home.

Bert Philpot of Weeping Water motored up this morning to spend a few hours here looking after the interests of his automobile business.

Mrs. Georgia Creamer, who has been enjoying a short visit with relatives and friends at Jamesport, Mo., returned this morning on No. 15.

Mrs. Harry White of Sioux City, came in this afternoon to enjoy a short visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Batten and other relatives.

Mrs. M. A. Dickson came down Saturday from Omaha to enjoy a visit for a few days in this city with her many old friends.

Miss Orpha Baker and Edith LaRue of Murray were among those going to Omaha this morning, where they will visit for a few hours in that city with friends.

Mrs. Hans Tams and daughter were among those going to Omaha this morning, where they will visit for the day in that city looking after some matters of business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Warshaw and little son, who have been here visiting at the home of Mrs. Warshaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rotter, for a few days, departed this morning for Glenwood for a brief visit before returning to their home in Iowa. They have just returned from an outing in the southwest.

Nicholas Halmes of Weeping Water motored over yesterday afternoon to spend a few hours in the city visiting with friends and looking after a few matters of business.

Mrs. Isaac King of Superior, Neb., arrived last evening to enjoy a short visit in this city with her brother, John W. Crabill and family, and her sister, Mrs. W. G. Brooks and family.

Charles A. Miller of Brunswick, Neb., better known as "Whitey" to a large circle of old friends, arrived last evening to enjoy a visit here with the relatives and friends in the old town.

Henry Horn drove in this morning from his home west of the city to spend a few hours looking after some business matters with the merchants.

Leonard Meisinger departed this morning for Omaha, where he will take in the performance of "Chin-Chin" at the Brandeis theater this afternoon.

Uncle Ben Beckman, accompanied by his grandchildren, Willie and Earl Lintner, came up this morning from their home near Murray to spend a few hours with friends and look after some trading.

# NEHAWKA NEWS.

S. I. Sprague and family have moved onto a farm near Weeping Water. Fred Shomaker and Henry Thiele were Omaha visitors Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens, Mary and Clara, spent Sunday evening at the Goodman home.

The Lou Chappell family have moved into the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gerking.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Harshman autoed to Ashland Monday with their little son Wilmer to consult Dr. Mansfield.

Leroy H. Ost left today for Tulare, S. D., where he will farm for himself the coming year. He ordered the News sent to his address.

Miss Grace Chappell will give up her position in the Nehawka post-office, and will keep house on a farm for her brother. Grace has been a very conscientious worker in the office, efficient and courteous to all.

Robert Caldwell and family shipped their household goods to Omaha Thursday where they will be stored until sometime next fall. Mr. Caldwell has a position in Omaha with a building and construction company. Mrs. Caldwell and children will visit her parents and other relatives in Pennsylvania until fall.

Vilas Sheldon is the owner of a new Lexington touring car, and it is a daisy. While in attendance at the auto show in Omaha last week he took a fancy to this car and drove it home with him. It draws attention the moment it is seen, and whenever he stops it on the street people gather round to inspect it.

# WEEPING WATER REPUBLICAN.

Mrs. Cora Bedgley returned Thursday from Genoa. She reports a hard rain and snow storm at Genoa Wednesday.

Dave and Will Foltz of South Omaha were visiting their farm here the first of the week and shaking hands with old-time friends.

Miss Mattie Bourke of Omaha was visiting Mrs. D. E. Jones last week. Miss Bourke lived here years ago and is now a trained nurse and lives with her mother in Omaha.

Jim Gilmore left Tuesday for Custer county with a car load of stock and farm tools belonging to Charles Spangler. Jim will work for Mr. Spangler in Custer county this year.

J. R. Fodge of Thomas county visited his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Tierney, a couple of days the first of the week and also old-time friends here. Mr. Fodge was a former citizen of Weeping Water.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Will Hayes of near Elmwood were in town last Thursday on some first of March farm business with John McKay, who purchased 80 acres of the Hayes land.

Herman Kleitch of Palmyra was in town a few days the first of the week looking after some business matters and visiting his many old friends here. He reports the family all well and things going O. K. on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were on their way from Missoula, Mont., where they have been residing, to Joplin, Mo., to make their home. They have been in the grocery business in Montana, but expect to enter the S. W. Cogliner & Co. tent and awning business in Joplin.

Mrs. Frank Bokeman received the sad news Sunday of the death of her sister, Mrs. Orren Pierce, at Imperial, Neb. No further particulars have been received. Mrs. Pierce was formerly Miss Pearl Rockwell, well known here, where she grew to womanhood. Steve Rockwell, brother of the deceased, left Monday morning for Imperial.

# A Billious Attack.

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out the stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

Wanted—A man and wife, without children, for farm work. Apply to F. H. Johnson, Weeping Water, Neb., Route 1. 2-26-tfd&w

P. H. Meisinger came in this afternoon from his farm for a short stay in our city.

A complete showing of Men's and Young Men's

# New Spring Hats

—including Stetsons and Knox.

Soft hats and derbies in all the season's newest shapes and colors now here in a big assortment on display. See them in our windows.

The styles and shades this season are handsomer than ever, and these we have are guaranteed absolutely correct. Best of all, these new hats aren't nearly as expensive as you perhaps thought they would be.

**Better get under one today!**

## C. E. Wescott's Sons

"Everybody's Store"

Please Take Notice! On and after April 1st, 1917, we shall be obliged to advance prices on all men's overalls 25c per pair.

# Come in and See the New Hats!

Early Spring Styles as Low as

## \$1.69

—better than Basement Bargains

Our display window will show some of the New Models, as they come in classy trimmings of Embroidery, Ornaments of Straw, Beads and Narrow Ribbon, Chinese Novelties always the best.

A change of models in our display window every other day!

New Styles in Corsets priced from

## \$1.00 to \$6.00

# EMMA PEASE

## SILOS AMERICAN HOLLOW TILE

10x35	58 Tons	\$184.00
12x35	90 Tons	198.00
14x40	138 Tons	256.00
16x45	215 Tons	325.00

Thousands in use. Warranted 5 years. None Better. Agents Wanted.

## American Silo Supply Co.,

No. 213 Traders Building, Kansas City, Mo.

Val Gobelman from north of Union A. B. Fornoff came in this afternoon from his home near Cullom to visit with friends and looking after a few matters of business after some trading.

Philip Thierolf

VALUE GIVING CLOTHING

# Announcing Our New Arrivals!

In the way of classy spring arrivals, last week was the climax, things surely came our way, including the stork.

Your new spring suit came, just the one you have been waiting for, whether you are a man or a boy, whether you want clothes with a "snap" or a conservative distinctive pattern, its here, and asks your inspection.

The new hat you have been needing is also here, with style far ahead of any you've seen or imagined. From Greens to Blacks all sizes and models.

And shirts—Nuff said, they'll sell themselves, if you come in and have a look.

How about a tie for each day in the week, it costs no more and they are always new.

We will sell you any of this stuff except the baby, and GIVE you nothing, except value and satisfaction.