

HERDMAN IS OUT FOR BRYAN

Favors Sending Former Candidate to the National Convention. WOULD HELP KEEP HIM IN LINE FOR TICKET

Thinks It Would Help Matters Wonderfully If Bryan Would Drop Free Silver, but Will Not Believe He Will

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 12.—(Special.)—E. E. Lee Herdman, financial agent of the democratic party in Nebraska, clerk of the supreme court and said to be leader of the reorganizers, made a statement this morning that he was for Mr. Bryan as a delegate-at-large to the national democratic convention. At the same time he stated that there was only one obstacle in the way of the democrats nominating a winning ticket. That obstacle would be eliminated if Mr. Bryan would drop the free coinage of silver idea. Later Mr. Herdman expressed the belief that Mr. Bryan would not do this.

In telling why he was for Mr. Bryan as a delegate Mr. Herdman said: "I have no objections to Mr. Bryan as a personal grounds and I believe that the national convention will accomplish more good if every element is represented there. It would be far better to allow Mr. Bryan to present his views on the floor of the convention than otherwise, because in that event he would be more apt to support the nominee."

Mr. Herdman said further that because of Mr. Bryan's personality and because of his influence with the rank and file of the party that he would make himself felt in the convention. Mr. Herdman predicted that the eastern democrats would welcome Mr. Bryan with open arms if he would discard the single issue of bimetallicism. With Parker of New York at the head of the democratic ticket he would be sure of democratic success, on the ground that there were many republicans who had been disaffected through the adoption of what he termed the disorganizing policies of the president.

"Herdman will not get the Nebraska delegation to the national convention," continued Mr. Herdman when asked as to the millionaire's chances in this state. "The democrats of Nebraska, despite the claims that have been made for Herdman, will never approve of his candidacy. While many of the principles his supporters advocate are all right, they have done more to demoralize journalism in this country than all other influences combined."

Boyd County Land Case. By the announcement of Sanford Parker as a candidate for the office of land commissioner a new issue that has become more and more important each year has been injected into the campaign. This is concerning the Boyd county land case, a familiar history in Nebraska. An effort will be made to have every candidate for governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer and land commissioner, officers that compose the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, to state whether he will insist that the land in controversy shall be deeded to the settlers now upon it or whether it shall remain as a part of the permanent school fund.

Sanford Parker is one of the attorneys who are representing the settlers in the case now in the supreme court. He has so far prevented the land from being turned over to the settlers, and thereby lost to the permanent school fund, is Land Commissioner Follmer, for the law requires that the deeds to the land shall be signed by the land commissioner. This Mr. Follmer has repeatedly refused to do. With Mr. Follmer, Treasurer Mortensen has taken a stand, and against him are arrayed Governor Mickey, Attorney General Prout and Secretary of State Marsh. These three given to Mr. Follmer should not employ counsel in his efforts to secure the land to the state and turned the case over to Attorney General Prout.

Attorney General Prout got Mr. Follmer and his attorney, Judge Ryan, out of the case. When these two were knocked out of the Alexander Bluff case by Judge Westover, it was agreed that the judge would come to Lincoln last October and hear testimony in three cases, namely, Arthur McRight, Stephen Tanner and Frank J. Heidman. Judge Ryan filed a bill of exceptions, stating what had transpired in the Boyd county case, in order to get the case in the supreme court, and upon serving it upon Attorney General Prout he received this in return, signed by Mr. Prout:

The within paper was handed to me on the 12th day of October, 1903, by Hon. Robert Ryan, who assumed to be the attorney for one George D. Heidman, and on the 15th day of October, 1903, I returned the same to said Ryan without further suggestion than that the undersigned in the attorney general of the state of Nebraska, that said state is the only party in interest as defendant in said Boyd county, where said action is now pending, on demurrer to the bill of exceptions filed therein by said officer; that no other person or attorney has any right or authority to appear in said case for any purpose whatsoever on behalf of said defendant.

Military Board Meets. The State Military Board met last night with these members present: Adjutant General Culver, Colonel McNeil and Colonel Ehrhardt. These voted to endorse the action of Governor Mickey in issuing the discharge papers to Brigadier General Barry, allowed a few other bills and then adjourned. Colonel Talbot was not present, but some one told the board that he, too, endorsed the action of Governor Mickey in the Barry matter. In the meantime the inspection of the guard by General Dag-

gett has begun, and it is reported that several more spots have been found. Fire Escape Crusade. Deputy Labor Commissioner Bush has started out again on his fire escape crusade and other matters, and this time he will inspect the colleges of the state to see whether they are properly equipped with means of escape in case of fire. He will visit these towns: Bellevue, Bethany, Central City, Crete, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha, University Place, Wayne and York. It has been reported that in many of the colleges in these towns there is no fire escape of any description.

Keep Off the Grass. The vigilant police force of the state house swooped upon four boys playing ball in the state house yard this morning and made the first arrest under their new stars. The boys were hauled before Commissioner Follmer, who advised them of the ways of the world and one thing and another, and then discharged them. The arrest was made under the recent ruling of the board that hereafter and henceforth no man, woman or child shall set foot on the green grass of the state house yard, for the reason that little paths will be started and the yards will be disfigured. The janitors, who were recently accused of sitting around in the corridors of the buildings, have taken on new life since donning their stars with the result there never was any place as well policed as this.

Endorsement for Burkett. Both the Fire Ward Republican club and the Union Veterans Republican club tonight adopted resolutions endorsing Congressman Burkett as a candidate for the United States senate. The Veterans attempted to do this at a meeting held Monday night, but as there was opposition the matter was postponed.

At the next meeting Edward Sizer, in a speech asking that Burkett be endorsed as a senatorial candidate, denied that he, Sizer, was a candidate for congress. His greatest desire, he said, was to serve out the remainder of his term as postmaster in an acceptable manner.

Endorse Andrews' Action. The action of Chancellor Andrews in accepting the Rockefeller gift was tonight endorsed by Farragut post, Grand Army, in a resolution which stated the chancellor was of the highest type as a citizen and a patriot. The resolution denounced those who accused the chancellor of not acting in good faith and commended the chancellor for accepting the gift.

BOY JAIL BREAKER AND BURGLAR. Youngster of Thirteen Years Escapes Three Times in Two Weeks. NORTH LOUP, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Burr Larkin, a 13-year-old boy, was taken to the Industrial school at Kearney this morning. He has been at the school for some time, but two weeks ago gave the officials the slip and started on a tour of the country. He was arrested at St. Paul and dug a hole through the walls of the lockup. He was next heard from at Cushing, where he again eluded the officials.

Coming to North Loup, where his parents reside, he and his brother, two years younger, started out on a predatory tour through Mira valley and Davis creek, breaking into several houses where the owners were absent. They secured between \$30 and \$40 in cash and various other items of merchandise of more or less value. The younger boy was returned to his parents.

North Bend High School Orators. NORTH BEND, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The local oratorical contest of the North Bend high school to select a representative to North Bend in the State Oratorical contest to be held at Columbus, March 20, was given in the opera house last evening in the presence of a large audience. There were eight contestants for the honors, representing the best talent of the high school. The program also included excellent renderings in vocal music given by Prof. E. E. McFroud and Miss Virginia B. Francis. The judges of the contest were Dr. Nalm of Lincoln, Prof. Martin of Fremont and Prof. Charles Arnot, county superintendent of public instruction.

The decision of the judges was unanimous in favor of Roy B. Carr for first honors and Lois Guttery second honors. Mr. Carr impersonated Mark Antony in Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" and will represent North Bend high school in the state contest at Columbus with a presentation of the same role. Cash prizes of \$5 were awarded the successful contestants and the successful contestants had all expenses paid on the Columbus trip.

Farmer's Wife Commits Suicide. STANTON, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. John C. Eswen, wife of a prominent farmer living two miles south of town, has committed suicide by hanging herself to a clothes press in her bed room. Dr. Underburg and Coroner Dern were hastily summoned, but the facts were so plain that no inquest was considered necessary. Mr. and Mrs. Eswen were in Stanton Wednesday evening and visited with Henry Lambrecht and family. They went home about midnight and ate a lunch before retiring. There were two beds in the room and Mr. Eswen slept in one and his wife in the other. A member of the family called their parents and Mr. Eswen was horrified to see his wife hanging to the clothes press, she having used an article of her clothing to commit the act of self-destruction. She was 45 years old and the mother of nine children. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Suit Against School District. BEATRICE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—A petition for an injunction against the School Board and the Building committee in school district No. 45, Grant township, was filed in district court yesterday by Fred W. Schroeder and Gerhard Fargmeier. About two years ago a school house in this district was destroyed by fire, and the district was thereafter divided. The directors are now erecting a new school building on a new site and the plaintiffs contend that they have no authority for so doing and that they have no funds available for that purpose. The order of injunction was issued in chambers by Judge Babcock, and the case will be tried at the next term of district court.

Traveling Men for Roosevelt. HASTINGS, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—A large number of enthusiastic traveling men met in the parlors of the Bostwick hotel and organized the Southwestern Nebraska Commercial Travelers' Roosevelt league, for the purpose of promoting the nomination and election of Roosevelt for president. The headquarters of the league will be at Hastings. Mayor Miles was elected president; John McGrath, vice president; B. F. Kingsley, secretary and treasurer. The following were elected members of the executive committee: F. A. Bollock, C. D. Hewitt, W. H. Tolin, H. B. Miles, W. F. Chamberlin, J. D. Mines, George Roman, James Fowthorpe and W. J. Biles.

New Building and Loan Association. TECUMSEH, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The Tecumseh Building and Loan association has been organized. A board of nine directors was chosen and power given the board to elect officers of the association. F. A. Bradage was chosen president, A. O. Shaw vice president, Roscoe Anderson secretary and F. E. Bodie treasurer. Some thing like 400 shares have been subscribed and the limit of the present series has been placed at 750. Twenty-five cents to be paid on each share per week and it is

believed they can be matured at \$100 in from five to six years. There are several applications for loans.

MICKY SELECTS THE DELEGATION.

Saunders Republicans Permit Governor to Have His Own Way. OSCEOLA, Neb., March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican county convention was held at the new Auditorium building this afternoon. E. L. King was chairman and D. R. Lead, secretary. Absolute harmony prevailed. Governor Mickey, who was present, was allowed to select his delegates to the state convention without a dissenting voice, and he selected the following: E. L. King, S. W. Gushue, J. D. Edwards, A. C. Donaldson, G. A. Smith, John McLeeth, T. W. Blake, P. O. Chindgren, a full set of alternates, and the following to the congressional convention: T. Buckley, Pete Lindberg, Oliver Westcott, A. H. Hendrick, W. H. Shepard, James McBeth, G. Hendrickson, R. McConnell, S. H. Wisely, Senatorial convention: A. H. Bergreen, George Presson, Wm. Stokes, Gilbert Johnson, Liberty Clark, D. R. Lead, C. C. Hall, James McLeeth, A. H. Hendrick. Resolutions were adopted endorsing President Roosevelt, Governor Mickey, Congressman Hinshaw, Peter Mortensen, E. J. Burkett for United States senator, and of confidence in the death of Senator Hanna.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The republican county central committee has been called to meet in this place on next Tuesday. The campaign will then be formally opened in this county.

MRS. CODY DENIES THE CHARGES.

Will Fight the Colonel's Suit for Divorce to the Last Court. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Cody states that the charges preferred in Colonel Cody's petition for divorce are untrue. She will fight the case to the last court. Mrs. Cody has employed attorneys of this city to defend her. The answer day has been set for April 2 and the case will come to trial about the last of this month at Cody, Wyo. She will go to Cody, Wyo., and attend the trial. She does not want a divorce and will only try and prevent Colonel Cody from securing one. The universal opinion in this city is that Colonel Cody has no ground for a divorce.

Court in Cass County. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—At the close of the testimony in the case of the State against John Green, in which the defendant was charged with the larceny from the person of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Chambers, the sum of \$67, Judge Jensen instructed the jury to find for the defendant. George Ribby of Omaha changed his plea of "not guilty" to "guilty" of daylight burglary at the Perkins hotel in this city. His partner in the crime, Gray Yates, also pleaded guilty to the charge of petit larceny, and while serving his sentence escaped from the jail Wednesday morning.

Boy Shot While Hunting. COLUMBUS, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Will Neimitz, an 18-year-old boy, while shooting ducks yesterday received part of a charge of shot in his face and neck from a hunter named Marty. They were in blinds on opposite sides of a small lake, and neither knew of the presence of the other. After being shot Neimitz emptied his gun at the same flock of ducks which Marty had fired at and was successful in bringing down a pair of ducks. He then started home to have his wounds dressed. Some of the shot penetrated to a depth of two inches. His condition is not serious.

Electric Lights for Harvard. HARVARD, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of the city council a proposition from J. J. Keef for a twenty-year franchise for an electric light plant was considered, under certain conditions, and present conditions seem to indicate that the permit will be given and Harvard citizens be on the high road to prosperity with their neighboring towns and cities who have granted such franchise, and in for a twenty-year "acrap" and an electric light company that may eclipse the cheaping prices and poor oil of the kerosene combine.

Officers Reward for Stolen Team. HASTINGS, Neb., March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Adams was today notified by E. B. Eganmy, a freeman of Kansas, that a team was stolen from him yesterday afternoon. A man representing himself to be a collector came to the barn and hired a team to drive into the country, saying he would return by midnight. He has not returned. The sheriff has given notice that a reward of \$50 will be paid for the apprehension of the thief and the return of the horses.

Holt County Republicans. O'NEILL, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The Holt county republican central committee met Monday, and, after discussion of the matter of holding a convention for the selection of delegates, a resolution was adopted that the committee select the delegates. The Holt county delegation consists of fourteen members and goes to the convention instructed by Judge Kinkaid for a reminder of the convention will be called later to select the delegates to the state and senatorial conventions.

Death Follows Vaccination. PIERCE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Mearl Drebert, the 16-year-old son of John Drebert of this place, died last night at the Methodist hospital in Omaha of lockjaw, or tetanus, which resulted from vaccination. The boy was taken to Omaha two weeks ago that he might have the advantage of the best medical aid. He fought bravely for life, and at times it was thought his chances for recovery were favorable. The body will be brought home tomorrow for burial.

Bond Over for Burglary. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—When arraigned in Justice Archer's court today the young man who is known as John Doe waived examination and was bound over to the district court, his bond being fixed in the sum of \$500, but, being unable to furnish the same, he was sent back to jail. The charge against him is daylight burglary. It being claimed that he boldly broke and entered the store of Louis F. Langhast at Elmwood and stole four pairs of trousers.

Discussing Religious Questions. TECUMSEH, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—A debate on religious subjects is in progress in the Universalist church in this city. They will continue for several evenings.

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The opening subject was, "Resolved, That the scriptures teach that man is wholly mortal and unconscious from death to the resurrection." Rev. Yancy Wilson, an Advent Christian evangelist of Santa Ana, Cal., took the affirmative and Rev. J. R. Sutton, a Latter Day Saint, of Joplin, Mo., the negative. The discussion of this subject will continue for several evenings. The debates have attracted several preachers from nearby towns to this city.

NEW WITNESSES PROVED IN ERROR.

Tarley Trial Reaches Its End with Defense Much Weakened. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The Tarley trial, which today was completed this morning and the entire day has been spent in the arguments before the jury.

The state was able to completely disprove the statements of the new witnesses to the effect that Keyser Allen, one of the first men there, had laid the axes on the tracks on the inside of the fence, which tracks indicated that Bliss was walking away from Turley when the latter fired his first shot. James Stiller, Charles Boody, George Cox and Keyser Allen, who were called to the stand, all made the crime with the body, assisted in carrying it to the farm house and remained with it the entire afternoon, and that he was not at the place where the new witnesses stated he had told them he had made the tracks. Mr. Allen, on cross examination by the defense, only made his declaration more certain, declaring that neither on that nor at any time since nowhere had he ever made such a statement or talked with the witnesses who alleged he had, and they must be mistaken.

County Attorney Horth closed the argument for the state this evening.

Hastings Country Club Officers.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—At a recent meeting of the Country club, officers were elected for the ensuing year and several improvements decided upon. The officers elected were: President, G. H. Pratt; secretary, George S. Hayes; treasurer, G. W. Tibbets; treasurer, C. C. Lane; executive committee, C. H. Whalquist, Oswald Oliver and S. L. Stichter. At the same meeting it was decided to build an extension to the club house piazza, to cost about \$500 and to purchase thirty-five acres more ground, which will make the tract owned by the club fifty acres. Two new tennis courts will be laid, the golf links improved and several new field features added.

Ice in Loup Goes Out.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The ice in the Loup river went out yesterday and night before. No damage resulted, as most of the large ice had been broken up with dynamite. The bridge over the Platte river is still out, but the supervisors are making the repairs as fast as possible. The merchants are losing much trade from the south side of the river.

Cass County Mortgage Record.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Chattel mortgages to the amount of \$10,000 were released today, making the largest amount released in any one day in the history of Cass county. During the month of February those released amounted to the sum of \$13,232.29 and those filed \$14,470.

Telephone Company Elects Officers.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the City Telephone Company Independent Telephone company, held at Blue Springs, the following officers were elected: A. R. Morris, president; A. S. Reiff, vice president; J. B. Graham, secretary; Dr. W. L. Albin, treasurer.

Arthur Wisniewer Wins Medal.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—In the silver medal contest held at the Congregational church Thursday evening Arthur Wisniewer won first place and Miss Edna Kennedy, second. There were six contestants in the class.

Will Vote on Bond Question.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—A proposition to bond the Tecumseh school district in the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school house will be voted on at the regular spring election, to be held on April 5.

Tecumseh Organizes Gun Club.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The Tecumseh Gun and Rifle club has been organized, with a capital stock of \$150. The club will incorporate. The object is to protect the game of Johnson county according to law.

South African Manager Anheuser-Busch Brewing Assn. Cured of a Severe Cold by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"During my trip in the Transvaal I contracted a heavy cold. I am pleased to state that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gave me prompt relief and after continuing its use for a few days was entirely rid of the distressing indisposition," says Mr. Albert E. Stansby, manager of Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, Cape Town, Africa. This remedy has a world-wide reputation for its cures of colds and can always be depended upon.

Martin Goes Home to Fix Wires.

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Martin arrived from Washington today. His presence in the Black Hills at this time is due to the fact that a vigorous fight is being made against him by one faction of his party.

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the last school census. Accordingly, the board has elected Jacob Boyer trustee officer and he will be at once procured to diminish the number of absentees.

Andrews Talks at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The local Roosevelt league held a special meeting this week and completed its organization by electing the following vice presidents from the various wards: George T. Brown, J. A. Gardner, A. T. Bratton and J. W. James.

Found Dead in Hotel.

FREMONT, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The dead body of a man was found early this morning in the hallway on the second floor of the old European hotel on Main street and was later identified as that of J. McChintock, a former resident of the Standard Cattle company of Ames. He came here a week ago and rented a room in the building. For several days he was sick and scarcely able to get out, but during the last two or three days has been about the streets and drinking heavily. Nothing is definitely known about him since the fact that he went by the name of McChintock at Ames. On account of the appearance of the face the physicians recommended that a post-mortem examination be made, and an inquest was held this afternoon. He is apparently about 45 years old, with light hair and heavy blonde mustache, being about 5 feet 9 inches and weight about 160 pounds.

Omaha Men in Trouble.

ROGERS, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Three young men, supposed to have come from Omaha, drove into town last night in a covered wagon and put up at the City hotel, where they had supper and beds for the night. This morning they got up early, hitched their team and drove to Schuyler, neglecting to pay their bill at the hotel. The landlady telephoned the police at Schuyler and he promptly locked them out and collected the bill and expenses, and the men were allowed to proceed.

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Arland Briggs a Worthy Boy.

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Octogenarian's Birthday Party.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The friends and neighbors of Mrs. Wenzel Drabos, one of the oldest women in West Point, tendered her a birthday party last Tuesday, she being 82 years of age on that day. Mrs. Drabos is one of the few remaining pioneer women of this city, and, although of such great age, is hale and hearty and promises to live many years.

Robbers Enter Postoffice.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—During the night the postoffice and saloon at Meadow Grove, Neb., were entered by robbers. They ransacked the postoffice, but were unable to get anything of value, but were able to get four which was stacked up in the store. At the saloon the burglars got six bottles of whisky. There is no clew. It is thought, however, that the work was done by local talent.

Firemen at Banquet.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—A banquet was held in the fire department rooms Thursday evening by Hose company No. 2. Covers were laid for thirty-five and half a dozen were made during the evening by Mayor Schulz, Fire Chief H. L. Harper and members of the company. It was one of the most enjoyable affairs held by the company for some time.

Dr. Kerr is Improving.

BELLEVUE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Dr. Kerr, president of Bellevue college, is slowly recovering from his recent serious illness. He is gaining strength gradually and yesterday took a short drive. It will be some time, however, before he can take up his regular duties. It is quite probable that he will take a complete rest at some health resort in the east.

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Firemen at Banquet. BEATRICE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—A banquet was held in the fire department rooms Thursday evening by Hose company No. 2. Covers were laid for thirty-five and half a dozen were made during the evening by Mayor Schulz, Fire Chief H. L. Harper and members of the company.

Dr. Kerr is Improving. BELLEVUE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Dr. Kerr, president of Bellevue college, is slowly recovering from his recent serious illness. He is gaining strength gradually and yesterday took a short drive.

Delegate to District Convention. BEATRICE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—At a largely attended meeting of Beatrice council No. 124, Knights and Ladies of Security, last night Mrs. Eunice H. Wilber of this city was elected delegate to attend the district convention to be held here April 25, and Mrs. Della Burlingham alternate.

Blind Pupils at Hastings. HASTINGS, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The pupils from the Nebraska City School for the Blind exhibited here last night under the auspices of the city schools at the Methodist Episcopal church before a large audience.

Large Shipment of Eggs. BEATRICE, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The largest shipment of eggs handled in this city for a long time by the Beatrice Produce & Cold Storage Co. was received yesterday.

Hastings Elects Trust Officers. HASTINGS, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Investigation by the school board shows that there is a discrepancy of 1,092 pupils between the present roll of attendance and

Another Cheap Excursion to the Southwest.

March 15 the lowest rates of the year will be in effect to the Southwest. Rates from