

### City Manager at Alliance Keeps Cash in Treasury Expenditures Below Estimate And Improvements Made At Minimum Cost to Taxpayers.

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special)—With reports from many towns of depleted city treasuries, Alliance is congratulating itself that it is not in this class and gives credit for the sound financial status of the city manager plan of government, which was inaugurated last April. Under the new system, which is in charge of City Manager N. A. Kemish, the city has used in the first six months of the fiscal year only 42 per cent of the money appropriated for expenditures for the year. There is a balance of \$2,000 in the general fund at the present time, and in addition the city has used \$4,700 of this fund to pay paving costs on property which will eventually be paid back to the city in taxes, with interest. It has also spent \$3,700 out of the general fund for water mains, which, it is estimated, would have cost \$10,000 if the work had been let out by contract by an out-of-town engineer. City Manager Kemish is himself a civil engineer and supervised the work.

The electric light plant, city pumping station and other city institutions have been made largely self-sustaining and are operated on a much more economical basis than under the old system of a mayor and council.

### Three New Loan Firms Are Given Approval of State

Lincoln, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Approval of the organization of the State Agricultural Loan association of Omaha was given today by J. E. Hart, secretary of the department of trade and commerce today. The company is incorporated for \$500,000 by Albert L. Schantz, Elmer Williams and Dan Stephens. Approval was given also to the Merriam Agricultural Loan association with a capital of \$25,000, incorporated by A. H. Metzger, W. A. Metzger and D. W. Coffey. The Union Building & Loan association was also given permission to incorporate. It is an Omaha concern, incorporated by F. C. Herbeck, Emil Kraybill, Vaclav Tiser, L. V. Tiser, Charles Hermanek and Joseph Votava.

### Nebraska Battery Men Open Convention Here

Nebraska distributors of Exide storage batteries began a convention in the Hotel Fortenelle yesterday. At a banquet in the hotel last night H. E. Cant, secretary of the department of trade and commerce, P. W. Pileging, signal engineer of the Union Pacific railroad, were the principal speakers. The purpose of the convention was to instruct dealers in this territory in the proper care of batteries and methods of carrying on business and rendering service. A. W. Pierce, manager of the Kansas City branch of the Exide Storage Battery company, presided over the convention.

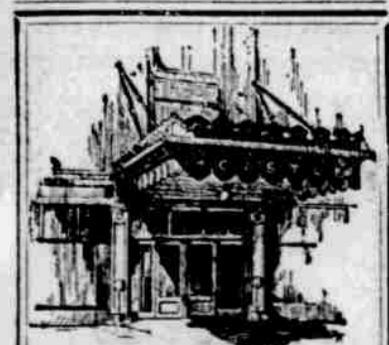
### Dandelion Plants Bloom In Pawnee City Yards

Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 15.—A near Christmas party was shown here when more than a dozen dandelion plants on the front lawn of W. D. Heartwell's town property burst into full bloom. The maximum temperature yesterday was 72 degrees, a record for the season of year here, so far as can be recalled.

### Road Conditions

(Furnished by Omaha Auto Club.) Lincoln Highway—Roads in good condition; little rough near Cedar Rapids. Lincoln Highway—West—Roads fine to Grand Island and west; road work near North Platte completed and road in good shape. O. L. D. Highway—Roads good to Lincoln and west; detour between Imperial and Chase in good condition. Highways—Cut-off—Roads in good condition. S. Y. A. Road—Excellent condition. Cornhusker Highway—Excellent condition. Omaha-Topeka Highway—Roads good. O Street—Roads—Excellent condition; road work now complete. George Washington Highway—Roads good to near City. Black Hills Trail—Roads good to Norfolk. King of Trails North—Roads good; little rough north of Omaha. King of Trails South—Roads in excellent condition to Hiawatha; Hiawatha to Leavenworth—Roads in good condition; detour between Leavenworth and Kansas City due to roads under construction. River to River Road—Good to Des Moines. White Pole Road—Good to Des Moines with exception of detour near Casey. I. O. O. Shortline—Roads fine. Blue Grass Road—Roads rough to Glenwood, with one or two detours; rest of Glenwood roads are good. Weather reported clear at every point, except North Atlantic and Denmark.

McKelvin an Urged-Me-Not Day. Lincoln, Dec. 15.—Endorsement of Forget-Me-Not day, Saturday, December 17, sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans' organization for the purpose of raising funds through the sale of the flower to benefit disabled ex-service men out of employment, was given in a statement issued today by Governor McKelvin.



## Hotel Castle

Comfortable rooms for permanent guests. The rooms here are noted for having all the conveniences of a modern home, and by virtue of the hotel service are much more pleasing to live in. Special rates for permanent guests—two or more people, with private bath, \$50 per month and up.

## The Fortune Hunter

By RUBY AYRES. (Continued From Yesterday.)

The Fortune Hunter walked into the drawing room and shut the door behind him. Anne was leaning back against some cushions in the corner of a settee; she looked weary and there were dark shadows around her eyes.

She had hardened her heart against him, and determined to keep up the barrier of constraint but something in the questioning smile he gave her broke down her strong resolution.

She was naturally impulsive, and she broke out tremulously almost before she was aware of it: "John, what is the matter with this house tonight? There is something—terrifying about it to me! As if something dreadful is going to happen. I dare say you'll laugh at me, but—oh, I'm sure—sure that I am right."

He stood behind the sofa looking down at her with eyes that tried to be only impartial, as he answered quietly:

"I think you're tired and unstrung. People often imagine things when they are not very well." She shook her head impatiently.

"It's not that—and you know it is not. It's something to do with you. I've felt it all day. It's as if—as if—oh, I can't explain myself—I can't."

"Don't try, my dear," the Fortune Hunter said harshly. "Be a fatalist like I am, and say, 'What is to be, will be.' Life is too short to worry about anything too much."

"Yes, I think you're right," she said slowly. "I only wish—I wish you'd taught me that—10 years ago."

"Ten years ago!" The Fortune Hunter echoed Anne's words blankly, then he flushed. "Oh, you mean that if you had been as wise as you are now, you would not have waited for me—is that it?"

She clasped her hands in her lap to hide their trembling, but her voice was even enough when she spoke.

"Yes—I think that is what I do mean."

There was a terrible silence. So it had come. The climax to which he had been so deliberately leading up was reached at last, and although the Fortune Hunter had sometimes thought that it would be a relief to have things finally finished one way or another, his heart seemed to stand still now as he tried in vain to find words with which to answer her.

"You mean—you no longer—care for me. You mean—you wish me to go away?"

His voice sounded strange to his own ears when at last he could speak, and the following silence seemed an eternity until she answered, "I think it would be best for both of us."

And then for a long time neither of them spoke, and the Fortune Hunter began to move slowly towards the door.

He felt like a man in a dream. This was the end of everything; nothing had happened to put things right in his marriage had come about, his luck had failed.

He put out his hand mechanically to open the door when Anne called his name across the room.

"John, please, come here—"

She had risen to her feet, and her face was as white as her frock when he turned and went slowly back to where she stood, but her eyes were unflinching as they met his.

"That was not true. What I said just now," she said, and her voice was shaking so he could hardly hear what she said. "All my life—because it seems all my life that I have known you—I have never told you a lie—never once deceived you, and I can't do it now."

Things have gone wrong between us. I know that, though I don't understand why. No, please don't speak, as he made a quick, little gesture.

"It's not—not easy for me to say"

what I want to. The last few days I've tried to make up my mind to send you away—to pretend I didn't care any more. . . . She drew a long sobbing breath. "I suppose I'm not a good actress—at any rate, I can't—go on trying to make you believe in a lie. I do care! Perhaps I ought to be ashamed to admit it, but it's the truth. I know you've lied to me, and I know you've deceived me."

She shook her head, moving back a step from him. "Oh, please, what is the use of denying it. I know—something in my heart knows and yet—I can't stop loving you. I've tried—I've wanted not to care, and it's so good, and so—I want—I want to make one last appeal to you—you don't know how hard it is for me, but—because I do feel that there is something behind it all that I can't properly understand; I want to ask you if we can't—begin all over—again?"

Her voice broke, and she dared not look at him, for fear that the tears would overflow.

The Fortune Hunter stood with his hands gripped behind him, and the veins stood out like cords on his forehead as he tried to answer her. Garry Cannon's words came back to him urgently.

"Tell her the truth, man—tell her the truth, and if she cares a hang about you!"

He looked down at her, his face twitching. Would she forgive him? She looked so sweet and desirable. How could she take such a vagabond as he was to her heart, and ever believe in him again?

A liar and an impostor. That was what he was, while she, who loved truth—

"I have never told you a lie—never once deceived you," she said to him just now; how, then, could he confess to the many lies he had told her—the many times he had deliberately deceived her?

He broke out desperately: "If you only try to trust me, God knows I love you—I'd give my life for you."

Then it's no good—we must either—go on as we are—or say good-bye. It's for you to choose, John—it's for you to say. But I thought—after all that had happened—"

She went back to her seat on the couch, and closed her eyes wearily.

(Continued in The Bee tomorrow.)

### Illiteracy Plea Fails to Break Farmer's Will

Three Men Born in Dodge County and Unable to Read Anything But German Lose Contest.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special)—The confession that they read only German in an appeal for a rehearing in the probating of their father's will, brought no additional results for Carl, August and William Alberts, when County Judge Winterstein allowed the will for probate at the second hearing.

When the will that leaves the three brothers \$1,500 each and two younger brothers 240 acres of Dodge county land was admitted for probate the first time, legal notice of the action was printed in the newspapers. Later the Alberts brothers came before the county court asking for another hearing. They admitted that they were born in Dodge county and a German paper is the only literature that enters their homes.

The brothers range in ages from 31 to 37 and had but a few years of schooling in parochial and public schools.

The brothers failed to prove that the father, August Alberts, 82, at the time of his death, was mentally incompetent. The attorney for the three brothers gave notice of appeal to the district court. In case this will is set aside, it is understood that a previous will, that allows them \$500 less, will be introduced.

A daughter testified that Herman, one of the younger brothers who gets a farm, received the land as reward for his services during the world war, when he served with the A. E. F. while the older brothers remained at home and made money.

Interest in the case is increased by the successful attempt made in Dodge county district court some time ago to defeat the Reed-Norval language law.

An all metal valve has been invented that grinds itself each time it is opened or closed.

### Competing Newspapers at Gregory, S. D., Consolidated

Gregory, S. D., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Gregory, which from the time it was founded has had two weekly newspapers, will have but one in future. The Rosebud Democrat has become the property of the Gregory Times-Advocate and has been consolidated with that paper. Mr. Cross, retiring editor and publisher of the Democrat, has purchased the Bone-steel Pilot-Herald and will assume active management of that paper.

### Another Attack on Landis.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Another bill designed to compel Federal Judge Landis of Chicago either to retire from the bench or give up the position of base ball commissioner was introduced today by representative Lee, republican, New York.

### Poultry Association Holding Show at York

York, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special)—The Central Nebraska Poultry association has opened its four-day show here. Ten counties surrounding York are well represented. Birds representing popular varieties have been placed on exhibit in large numbers.

An added feature is the farm flock, consisting of 10 hens and one rooster. Nineteen flocks, representing different varieties of birds, are on display. This form of exhibition has been extensive in the east, but this is the first time it has been shown west of the Mississippi, according to poultry men.

Of the 700 birds on exhibition, many have taken prizes at the state poultry show.

### Parole Denied Slayer Arrested in Nebraska

The Missouri state prison board yesterday refused to recommend a parole for Lee B. Bird, serving a term of three years in the Missouri penitentiary for killing Fred Reed, a Kansas City restaurant man, October 28, 1919.

Bird was arrested in Nebraska last year while he was out on bond, pending appeal of his case to the supreme court. He was arrested at Walthill, Neb., on a federal charge of bringing a stolen automobile into the state, and ordered held after a hearing before the United States commissioner here. He was turned over to the Missouri authorities after his sentence in the manslaughter case was affirmed by the high court.

### Rotary Club Establishes Skating Rink at Kearney

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Through efforts of the Rotary club, Kearney kiddies will have good ice skating this winter. A block of ground has been secured, properly banked up, and the power company will furnish water and light. Everything is already set for a good freeze. In past years the youngsters have gone to Lake Kearney or the Platte for their skating and several have been drowned. This prompted launching the movement for a safe skating rink.

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### Phone Company Asks Rate Hike

Application Filed for Increase To Take Care of Surcharges.

Lincoln, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The Northwestern Bell Telephone company filed application with the state railway commission today for a general increase of rates in Omaha and throughout the state.

Members of the commission, after examining the complicated schedule of rates asked, estimated that it would amount to about 10 per cent.

The company is making only 4 1/2 per cent on the "book cost" of its property, it says.

Since the war it has been collecting a surcharge of 10 per cent. This charge has been renewed from time to time by the railway commission. The last renewal would expire January 1. The company asks that this surcharge be allowed to run until decision is made on the permanent increases asked.

According to Omaha telephone officials, the increase sought is designed to take place of the surcharge which expires January 1. Rates, under the increase, thus would remain practically the same as they are now.

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