

Farmers Given Aid by Expert

County Agent One of Factors Making for Prosperous Agriculture in Nebraska.

Responsibility Is Heavy

That the county agent, once the laughing stock of farmers who termed him a "greenhorn," has come into his own in Nebraska by conditions in Adams county.

By PAUL GREER.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—One of the factors making for prosperous farming in Nebraska is the county agent. He, more than the banker, is the father confessor of the farmer.

In the office of Elliott R. Davis in the Adams county court house this morning was a group of farmers of the kind always characterized as "substantial." They wanted to talk over matters with their county agent. There were 7,400 such calls last year, and it has meant much to successful agriculture to have this source of expert advice close at hand.

His own specialty, however, is live stock. He has been a farmer all his life, is a graduate of the agricultural college, and has back of him the tradition of his father's 37 years as a pure bred cattle man in Furnas county.

At a few places in Nebraska there is what appears to be an organized movement to do away with county agents. The cost to the taxpayers of maintaining such an office is about \$4,000 a year, which amounts to 46 cents out of every \$100 paid for taxes in Adams county.

Work Praised. "The county agent is the best thing that ever happened for Adams county," said Neil Dunn, president of the First National bank at Hastings.

Refunding Bill Passed by Senate, 39 to 25

Washington, Jan. 31.—The bill authorizing the refunding of the \$11,000,000 foreign debt into securities maturing in not less than 25 years was passed tonight by the senate.

Lincoln Woman's Club Plans to Build \$100,000 Club House

Lincoln, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The Lincoln Woman's club at its meeting last evening perfected articles of incorporation for a building association and will take steps to complete plans for the construction of a \$100,000 club house.

Omaha to Be Headquarters of Nye-Schneider-Jenks Firm

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 31.—General headquarters of the Nye-Schneider-Jenks Grain corporation, will be removed from Fremont to Omaha March 4 next, according to announcement by local officers today.

Muratore Resting Easily.

New York, Jan. 31.—Lucien Muratore, leading tenor of the Chicago Opera company, who underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday, spent a comfortable night and was resting easily today, his physicians reported.

Copper Mine Reopens.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 31.—Work was resumed today at the Pennsylvania mine of the Anaconda Copper Mining company with a shift of 400 men.

Juvenile Judge Seeks to Succeed Jefferis



W. G. Sears Seeking G. O. P. Nomination in Congress Race

Says Personal and Political Friends Have Long Urged Him to Become a Candidate.

Willis G. Sears, for 18 years judge of the district bench, announces his candidacy for the republican nomination for congress in the Second district.

He paid a filing fee to the county treasurer late yesterday afternoon, the filing to be forwarded to the secretary of state at Lincoln, as required by law.

"I've been on the bench for one-quarter of my life. I guess it's not too late to make a change," the judge drawled in his own picturesque fashion, when interviewed on his congressional aspirations.

Jailed for Keeping Twins From School

Mrs. Loretta Schreiner Takes Court's Order Nonchalantly and Goes to Cell.

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Loretta Schreiner of this city was sent to jail for 10 days by Judge Waldo Wintersteen for failing to send her twins, Laross and Lavisa, 8, to school.

The judge was not impressed with these excuses and told Mrs. Schreiner she would be sent to jail if the twins were not in school the next morning at the regular hour.

"I don't care," was the reply. "I'd just as well go right now." The court accepted the offer and ordered Mrs. Schreiner taken to the county jail.

The twins will be cared for by the county while the mother reconsiders her policy.

This is the first case here of a mother being sent to jail for not sending her children to school.

Princess Matoika at N. Y.

New York, Jan. 31.—The steamer Princess Matoika, which was disabled at sea Sunday during the heavy gale, passed into Quarantine today under its own power.



You quit yourself a card from the bottom of the pack, you sharper!

The Looters By Percival Gibbon BLUE RIBBON fiction in Next Sunday's Bee

West Coast Shaken by Upheaval

Shifting Axes of Earth Causes Rock in Pacific Ocean to Slip Millimeter and a Half.

No Tidal Waves

New York, Jan. 31.—The earth, in its whirl through space, got off center a few moments today and shifted its "poles" or axes, to fit the new center of rotation.

Then, that it might not be traveling on a "flat wheel," so to speak, a few million tons of solid rock, somewhere off the western coast of the United States in the bed of the Pacific ocean, "slipped" a millimeter and a half to even things up.

This is the manner in which professors of geology and seismographic observers account for the violent earth vibrations which demoralized instruments in observatories yesterday. Thus far the exact location of the huge "slip" has not been determined.

Absence of a record disruption of the visible surface of the earth or of the huge tidal waves which usually radiate from the scene of an earthquake, lead observers to believe that the "slip" occurred miles below the bed of the ocean.

Its violence was attested by the quivering seismograph which in some instances were thrown from the recording rolls, while a "strong machine at Berkeley was set in motion for the first time in many years."

"No doubt the earth was readjusting itself," said Professor J. J. Lynch, seismograph observer at Fordham university here.

The Andes, along the Pacific coast in South America, and the chain of rocky deformations which join the two continents, disappearing into the sea off southern California, are continually lifting, falling and "slipping," according to the seismologist and geologist.

Many of these disturbances take place in mid-ocean, the only visible evidence being the lines trailed by a seismograph hundreds of miles distant. One of the most notable examples of such a paroxysm occurred in December, 1920, and scientists still are cudgeling their brains to explain it.

Office Budget Bill Passed by House

Washington, Jan. 31.—The independent office appropriation bill carrying \$494,304,238, most of which is for use by the veterans bureau, was passed yesterday by the house and senate. For the bureau the bill appropriated \$377,474,622, and the only change in this feature was the elimination of a provision which would have limited the number of camps at which training schools might be established to Camp Sherman, O.

Some of the items making up the \$100,000,000 appropriation for the shipping board came in for sharp attack, the house defeating, 171 to 117, a democratic motion to recommit the bill for restricting the board's advertising expenditures to \$500,000. In addition to \$900,000, carried for advertising the board has available \$800,000, thus giving it \$1,700,000 for advertising.

Senate Makes Change in Refunding Bill

Washington, Jan. 31.—A provision in the allied debt refunding bill which would have given the proposed debt commission authority to "adjust and settle all claims of the United States has, hereafter, may have against any foreign government," was stricken out today by the senate.

This was the first change to be made in the bill over the objection of republican leaders. The vote was 39 to 35, 13 republicans joining with the solid minority in supporting the amendment which was offered by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana.

The author of the amendment asserted, and senators agreed, that under the language of this provision, the commission could proceed to settle and accept securities for all claims that the United States might have against the German government, including the claim arising out of the maintenance of the American troops on the Rhine.

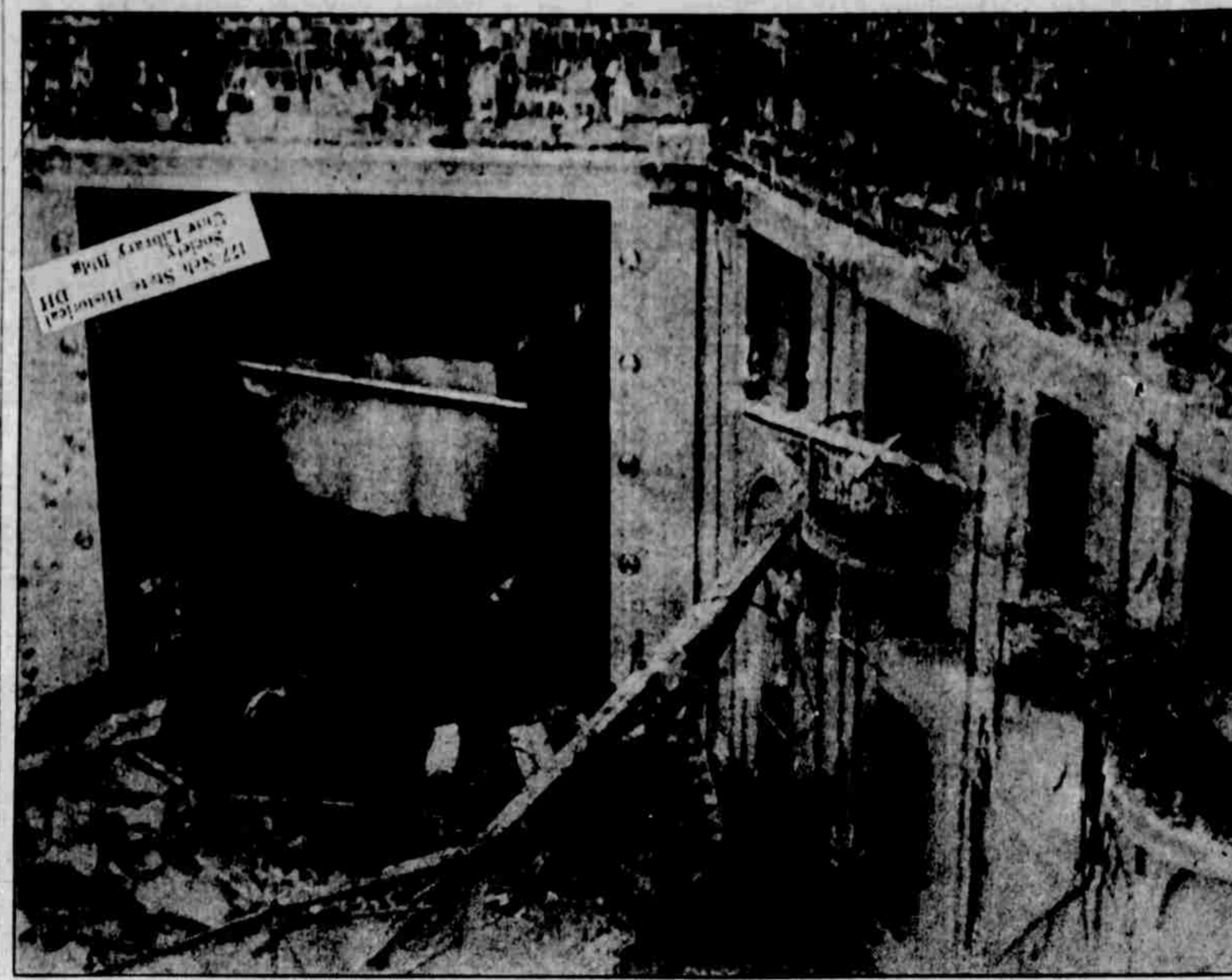
Rail Earnings Too Low for Freight Rate Cut, Says Hines

Washington, Jan. 31.—Walker D. Hines, former director general of the railroad administration, today called as a representative of the public by the Interstate Commerce commission in its rate investigation, testified that in his opinion railroad earnings were too low to allow general reduction of freight charges, and that business activity would not be stimulated by such a step, if taken.

Mr. Hines estimates that "in the public interest it is probably necessary for the railroads to spend on betterments and facilities at least \$1,000,000,000 a year for some time to come."

Beatrice Judge Fines Omaha for Lacking New Auto License Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 31.—L. W. Smith of Omaha pleaded guilty this afternoon before Judge Ellis to the charge of operating a car without a 1922 license, and was fined \$25 and costs, which he paid. Smith and Robert Butler were arrested here Monday night when officers found a Winchster rifle, a Colt's revolver and two-gallon empty container in their car. No charge was brought against Butler.

Pictures of Washington Theater Disaster



View in the Knickerbocker, looking toward the stage and showing where wreckage crashed down into the orchestra pit.



View shows exterior of Washington's tragedy theater and streets crowded with anxious watchers, and patrolled by marines.

Funerals Held for Victims of Crash

Memorial Services Planned—Freight Shed Collapses From Weight of Snow.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Washington today held the first of its many funerals for the 97 who perished Saturday night when the roof of the Knickerbocker theater collapsed under the weight of snow, and memorial services were announced by a number of churches and other organizations. Social functions and business conferences ceased in honor of the dead, and the theaters, again in operation, sheltered manager audiences, while hospital staffs continued to treat the more than 60 injured still confined. A number of official and unofficial investigations also got under way and others were announced.

Meanwhile, late today, another building, one of the long sheds of the freight depot of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, collapsed two minutes after eight men who had been employed there had checked out. No one was injured. Damage to the shed and the freight it contained was estimated at \$20,000. The structure, one of the walls of which gave way, it is believed, due to the effects of melting snow on the sloping roof, was built in 1904. Firemen and police immediately began an investigation.

Edward H. Shaughnessy, second assistant postmaster general, who was one of the most critically injured in the Knickerbocker collapse, (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Man Kills Wild Bobcat With His Bare Hands

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Dublin Mayor Is Re-Elected

Alderman O'Neill Returned to Office for Another Term by Overwhelming Vote.

Dublin, Jan. 31.—Alderman O'Neill, who has been the lord mayor of Dublin for four years, has been re-elected overwhelmingly. He has had a remarkable period of office. His house was frequently searched by the crown forces when it was believed that rebels were hiding there. At one time he applied for a military guard to protect him and a detachment of auxiliaries remained in his place for weeks.

After the truce the Mansion House, his official residence, became the center of Sinn Fein activity and the daily offices were reopened there.

Belfast, Jan. 31.—(By A. P.)—Sir William F. Coote, yesterday was re-elected lord mayor of Belfast.

Arbuckle Trial Arguments May Extend Into Thursday

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—Argument in the case of Roscoe Arbuckle on his second trial on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, may be postponed until Wednesday afternoon, while rebuttal witnesses called by the state occupy the stand. The arguments may extend into Thursday, it was indicated early today.

District Attorney Brady announced that the state was awaiting the arrival of a witness from Chicago, whose name he would not state, whose testimony will be offered in rebuttal to that of Mrs. Florence Bates, Mrs. Bates stated that Miss Rappe, while employed as a model in a Chicago store, was seized with an illness similar in its symptoms to that she suffered at the party in Arbuckle's room.

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Gasoline Tax Beaten in House

Administration Loses Hard Fight to Levy on Auto Fuel by Vote of 67 to 31.

Means Big Road Expense

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The bill, as originally went through the house contained reductions amounting to approximately \$2,793,000.

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Oppose Road Appropriation. Certain members in the house declared today they favored abolishing the roads appropriation when the bill comes back from the senate, and will insist that the \$750,000 added by the senate be eliminated.

In the event such a fight is waged and succeeds in the lower house, and the senate insists that the roads program continue, it means a long deadlock until one of the two branches capitulates or a compromise is effected.

Had the gasoline tax been accepted and the tax on real property for road building eliminated, the state tax levy for 1922 would have been reduced approximately 40 per cent.

Now, unless the good roads program is abandoned, the levy will be cut only about 30 per cent.

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The report to be submitted to congress when the Ford proposal is sent to the body, either Wednesday or Thursday, still was before the secretary in an incomplete form. For that reason, it was explained, any discussion of the question by the cabinet at today's meeting will be based upon an oral presentation of views rather than the written report.

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The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Omaha, Lincoln, and other regional locations, listing temperature and conditions.