

EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

RE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries

WAR NEWS.

The sinking of the British warship Cornwallis by a submarine in the Mediterranean was announced by the admiralty. Thirteen men from the Cornwallis are missing and are believed to have been killed by the explosion.

It is officially announced that the Italian battleship Regina Margherita struck a mine and sank December 11. Six hundred and seventy-five men on board perished. Two hundred and seventy were saved.

A raid on the Anatolian coast by a Russian squadron is reported in a dispatch from Petrograd. The Russians sank forty Turkish sailing vessels which were carrying food to Constantinople.

In the mountainous section of Moldavia attempts by the Russians and Roumanians to recapture lost positions by means of counter-attacks were all repulsed, the Berlin war office announced.

Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign minister, announced at Berlin that, in his opinion, the entente reply to President Wilson's peace note, bars the possibility for the present, of further German steps to bring about peace.

Swiss newspapers assert that masses of German troops are concentrating near Basle. The Swiss general staff is convinced that an invasion of Switzerland is contemplated with a view to freeing Alsace from the French invader.

Destruction of allied merchant ships by enemy submarines is making the ocean transportation problem in the entente countries so acute, that even the fixing of maximum rates on coal transportation has failed to relieve the coal shortage in France and Italy.

A German commerce raider for the last month has been working havoc in the Atlantic ocean on entente allied shipping. During the period from December 12 to January 10 twenty-four vessels were captured by the raider, and it is presumed that most of them were sunk.

According to the Overseas News Agency, from the beginning of the war up to December, 1916, a total of 2,577 French and Belgian civilians had been killed by Anglo-French shells and bombs from airplanes. In 1916 147 children of less than 15 years of age were killed and 360 children were wounded.

GENERAL.

During the hunting season which began September 15, and ended January 15, ten hunters met violent deaths in the state of Washington.

The freight car shortage which in November was becoming increasingly serious has decreased nearly fifty per cent since that time according to figures for January 1.

Forty-seven lives were lost and over 100 persons were painfully burned by fire in Nebraska in 1916, according to the annual report of the state fire commissioner.

Seventy-three lives and fourteen vessels were lost on the great lakes during 1916, according to the annual report of the Lake Carriers' association. This casualty record is the most serious since 1913.

The Japanese battle cruiser Tsukuba was destroyed by an explosion in the harbor of Yokosuka. Fire on the Tsukuba caused the magazine to blow up. One hundred and fifty-three members of the crew were killed and 157 injured.

The ashes of Joe Hillstrom, who was executed last year for murder, were scattered from small balloons over the countryside near Salt Lake City, Utah, after a memorial service in the city hall plaza.

Wyoming will vote in 1918 on a constitutional amendment providing for prohibition. A bill providing for submission of the question to the people of the state has passed both houses of the legislature and has been signed by the governor.

Plans for the erection at Cody, Wyo., of a life-size equestrian statue of Colonel William F. Cody "Buffalo Bill," who died recently in Denver, have been launched by city officials. The monument will cost \$25,000.

The financial statement of Armour & Co. for the year ending October 28, 1916, shows gross sales of \$52,000,000, as compared with \$425,000,000 the previous year, and net profits \$27,000,000, against \$18,600,000 the year before.

Admiral George Dewey, the nation's Spanish war hero and by priority of grade the ranking naval officer of the world, died at his home in Washington, D. C. Admiral Dewey was born in Montpelier, Vt., December 26, 1837.

Fifty-seven men pledged over \$140,000 in a few hours at the convention of the Union of American Hebrew congregations at Baltimore to meet expense of synagogues and school extension work.

William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, in an address before the Ohio dry convention at Columbus, repeated his statement that it is time for leaders of political parties to begin fighting for the dry vote.

Another new British loan amounting to \$250,000,000 will be floated in this country by J. P. Morgan & Co. This is the third flotation including the Anglo-French, of British loans in the United States since the outbreak of the war.

Deer are being killed in such numbers in the United States that the day is not far off when none will be seen outside of the state estates and parks. Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the Zoological park at New York declared.

A union of news writers as one means to avoid misrepresentation of labor in the daily press was suggested by Hugh Frayne, of New York, state organizer for the American Federation of Labor, before the Labor Publicity organization at New York.

Sixty years in prison was the sentence imposed upon Lee Whithers, negro convicted of committing a murderous assault upon two Council Bluffs women, several months ago. In pronouncing sentence, Judge A. B. Thorneill remarked that if the crime had been committed south of the Mason and Dixon line it is likely the case would never have come to trial.

MEXICAN TROUBLE.

The Villa chief Zeferino Moreno and sixty followers were killed in the fight on January 10 at Pilar De Conchos, forty miles north of Parral.

Reinforcements from the south totaling 1,000 men under command of General Diegues have arrived at Torreon, Mexico, to assist the Carranza garrison there campaigning against Villa bandits.

It was stated in Mexico City by men high in the councils of the provisional government, that the result of the conference between the Mexican and United States commissioner, has been most satisfactory to Mexico.

The Mexican-American joint commission, which failed to effect an adjustment of the questions at issue between Mexico and the United States after a series of conferences that began four months ago, has been dissolved.

General Frederick Funston, on his return to Columbus, N. M., from a visit to the punitive expedition in Mexico, expressed the opinion that the menace of border raids by Mexican rebels and bandits has been reduced to such an extent that the regular forces are now sufficient for protective purposes.

WASHINGTON.

The federal white slave law was construed by the supreme court in two specific cases to prohibit interstate transportation of women for any immoral purpose, including private escapades, as well as commercialized vice.

The house has approved the immigration bill and it has been sent to President Wilson. Whether the bill will be vetoed by President Wilson on account of the literacy test, which in similar bills has led to vetoes, is not known.

Free distribution of 39,098,239 bulletins, pamphlets, circulars, reports and documents by the department of agriculture was made last year and the government's superintendent of documents sold \$22,277 worth of the department's publications.

A resolution ratifying agreements between the government and the states of South Dakota, Idaho and Montana, for selection of public lands for those withdrawn for forest reserves on approval of the secretary of the interior was adopted by the senate.

The increasing number of automobile exhaust asphyxiations prompted the bureau of mines to issue a warning against operating automobile engines in small garages with doors and windows closed. "In tests conducted," said the report, "the air in the garage was rendered decidedly dangerous after the automobile engine had been running fifteen minutes."

An effort to put the house military committee on record against universal military training failed, but resulted in the adoption of a resolution declaring that no radical change of military policy should be considered in framing this year's army appropriation bill.

Change of name of the Danish West Indies to "the Dewey Islands," in honor of Admiral Dewey was proposed in a joint resolution introduced by Representative Alle of Ohio.

An advance list of members of the next house of representatives, prepared by South Kimball, clerk of the house, and made public, gives 215 democrats, 215 republicans, 2 progressives, one prohibitionist, one socialist and one independent.

Secretary Daniels laid before the house naval committee his tentative plan for spending \$18,000,000 to equip government yards for ship building to hasten the strengthening of the navy.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

Feb. 6-7—Nebraska Association of Tilemen Annual Meeting at Lincoln.

Feb. 6-7—Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers' Association Convention at Omaha.

Feb. 7-8-9—Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' Association Convention at Omaha.

February 15—State Volleyball Contest at York.

February 20-21—Nebraska Clothiers Association Meeting at Omaha.

Feb. 26 to March 3—Omaha Automobile Show.

March 5 to 10—First Annual Auto Show at Lincoln.

March 6 to 10—Mid-West Cement Show and Convention at Omaha.

March 12-17—Annual Merchants' Market Week at Omaha.

March 18—District Meeting of Odd Fellows at North Platte.

Holt county hay dealers and shippers are up in arms because of their inability to secure enough cars from the several railroads to take care of all of their contracts. Matters reached a crisis when Frank Van, heavy shipper of O'Neill, filed an action in the district court to mandamus the Burlington to furnish him cars at O'Neill and Hay Point. Hundreds of tons of hay now are stacked up along the right-of-way at these two and other heavy hay shipping points in the county. General car shortage is the reason offered by the roads for not furnishing cars. An average of about thirty cars a day now is being shipped from Holt county points. More than 8,000 cars, or 80,000 tons, of hay were shipped from Stuart, Atkinson, Emmet, O'Neill, Inman, Stafford Wing, Page and Hay Point, the hay stations of the county, last year. The amount will be almost doubled this year. O'Neill and Inman are the two second largest hay shipping points in the United States, Newport, Neb., being the largest.

Preparations are being made by North Platte Odd Fellows to entertain the lodges of western Nebraska on March 18. At that time several hundred Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from all over the western part of the state will visit North Platte. Frank L. Gandy of Denver, grand sire of the world organization and executive head of 2,683,000 Odd Fellows, will be the guest of honor.

More sidewalks, paving and organization of a community center are to be pushed this year by the Crete Commercial club, according to action taken at the annual banquet. The club now has over 100 members.

The Grand Island brewery will make near-beer after May 1, according to the recent decision of the directors. Henry Faldorffs and Richard Goehring succeeded Martin Schimer and Henry Voss to the directorate.

A wolf hunt was held near Avoca a few days ago and two wolves were killed; several escaped. A scope of country five miles square was taken in by the hunters and over 200 men participated in the roundup.

Plans have been perfected for the construction of a new five-story hotel at Kearney, to cost at least \$150,000, and modern in every particular. Work on the building will begin early next spring.

Carl Schroeder near Avoca is the owner of a full-blooded pig with six legs. It was born last September and is strong and healthy. The pig is on an exhibition at the Schroeder farm.

Judge W. V. Allen spoke at a public reception and banquet which Madison citizens held to celebrate the return of Company H. Whistles blew and bells rang to complete the welcome.

Choice lambs on the South Omaha market reached the unprecedented price of \$13.90 per 100 pounds last week. This is the highest price ever paid on that market.

Seventy-six thousand dollars is the amount the York county board of supervisors estimate it will take to pay all expenses of the county for the year 1918.

A new potash company, with a paid-up capital of \$100,000, has been formed to operate another plant in the vicinity of Alliance.

Beginning with May 1, 1917, the town of Seward will have free delivery of mail.

There is close to 150,000 bushels of wheat stored in elevators and temporary bins at Keneasaw. Much of the grain has been on hand for months with no cars or at best one occasionally available for shipment. Several carloads of grain have been hauled overland to other railroad points, where cars can be had.

Charles Peters, one of the pioneer settlers of Stanton county, aged 80 years, was struck by a westbound Northwestern passenger train at Stanton and instantly killed.

Plans are being perfected to provide Lincoln with two new, modern hotels. Stock for a new hostelry to be built at Fourteenth and P streets, to cost around \$800,000 and to be twelve stories high, was put on sale a few days ago. A second new hotel to cost \$1,000,000 will be built two blocks south of O street, near Fourteenth, it is said.

The report of the manager of the Farmers' elevator at Petersburg showed net profits of \$6,700 and 250,000 bushels of corn, wheat, oats, rye and barley handled.

Within a very few years it is believed that most of the ambitious projects now supported by the Nebraska State Irrigation association will be realized in fact. Resolutions adopted at the meeting held in Bridgeport early in December embrace four projects, all of which either have been or will be initiated in congress this session by the introduction of bills. The state association adopted resolutions, which were forwarded to all members of the Nebraska delegation, urging an extension of the North Platte project to cover the Bridgeport unit, the construction of a school at Scottsbluff for agricultural, irrigation and mechanic arts education in connection with the experimental station there, an appropriation for the proposed irrigation project in Gosper, Phelps and Kearney counties and a law giving purchasers of water on the old canals along the North Platte river twenty years instead of ten in which to pay for their water.

The Bratton Union consolidated school, which is situated eight miles north of Humboldt in Richardson county, is now open and school is being held daily. The building is a modern brick structure, well equipped and lighted. The school opened on January 8, with an enrollment of seventy-one. Twenty-three are in the high school, twenty-eight in the grammar and intermediate room and twenty in the primary room. These pupils live on twenty sections surrounding the school house. The school is to be a social center, it having two rooms which can be thrown together. Two farmers' unions which met in school houses have united and meet at the Bratton school. The combined organization promises to be one of the largest in the state. Leaders have been appointed to develop junior organizations. A short course from the extension department of the University of Nebraska will be held in the building following the week beginning February 5.

The Omaha Commercial club is exceedingly interested in a bill before the legislature at Lincoln which is aimed to declare pipe lines common carriers, in view of the possibility of establishing a pipe line between the Wyoming oil fields and Omaha, and more particularly interested in the possibilities of piping oil to Omaha from Chadron, where some recent oil discoveries have been made.

Announcement was made recently that a new corporation has been formed to operate another potash plant in the vicinity of Alliance. This concern begins with a paid-up capital of \$100,000, all of which has been subscribed and paid up. It is understood that the stockholders are all Nebraska men, some of them being local capitalists in Alliance.

Louis Assman, charged with the robbery of the Winslow bank, was convicted of the crime by a jury at Fremont and was sentenced to the penitentiary for three to fifteen years. Thomas Calcord, charged jointly with Assman in the bank robbery, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to from three to ten years by District Judge Burton.

Cicera Allen, a conductor of Sidney, and Otto B. Jones, brakeman, of Cheyenne, Wyo., were shot and killed near Kimball by a man who was stealing a ride on a Union Pacific train. A. E. Carroll is the name given by the alleged slayer, who is being held at Kimball on a charge of murder.

The Hamilton County Farmers' Telephone association held its annual meeting at Aurora. Reports submitted show more than \$45,000 was the earnings of the company during the past year. This company is the largest mutual telephone association in the state.

Efforts will be made by the Omaha Christian Endeavor union to have the Omaha Commercial club guarantee the \$15,000 necessary to secure the 1919 biennial convention of the International Christian Endeavor association for Omaha, according to S. C. Wigg, president of the union.

February 6 to 9 are the dates set for the annual meeting of the Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers' association, which is to be held in Omaha. A number of important topics will be up for discussion at this meeting and an unusual large delegation is anticipated.

H. O. Waldon and G. F. Dunn of De Witt, who left a few days ago for Wisconsin, have purchased two carloads of fine Holstein cattle, which they will ship to the De Witt vicinity the first of next week.

The manufacturing campaign of the American Beet Sugar company at Grand Island has closed after a run of one hundred and one days. A total of 8,500,000 pounds of sugar were produced. During the coming summer months the work of remodeling, only partly done during 1916, will be completed.

Fairbury is to have a new \$100,000 hotel. A syndicate of Fairbury capitalists has been formed to finance the project. Work on the structure will commence early next spring.

Charles Sherman, aged 40, and his father, Samuel Sherman, were instantly killed and two other men were injured when an automobile in which they were riding, turned over near Grand Island.

A religious survey just taken of Norfolk indicates that the population of the city is something under 8,000, of whom there are 2,300 who have church affiliations.

J. B. Douglas of Tecumseh is a candidate for the appointment as a director of the federal farm loan board for the Omaha district.

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FIGHT FORCED DRILL

STUDENTS START A MOVE TO MAKE IT VOLUNTARY

LINCOLN STUDY IN SCHOOLS

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

A merry battle against compulsory drill at the university is promised in the organization of a group of pacifist students, who are determined to secure from the legislature a law making drill entirely voluntary, or to submit the question to a vote of the people by the initiative and referendum.

C. A. Sorenson, secretary of the legislative reference bureau, an alumnus, and Anton H. Jensen, a senior student from Blair, are the principal agitators, Jensen being president of the organization. Manfred Lilliefors and Waldfred Jacobsen, both from Omaha, are important members. They declare that the university has no right to force military conscription upon students, and they declare the only purpose of the drill is to make military propagandists.

Want Study of Lincoln's Life

Instruction on the life of Abraham Lincoln for Nebraska public schools will be provided for in bills agreed upon by Grand Army veterans.

"We expect the loyal and energetic aid of patriots," said Captain C. E. Adams of Omaha, Captain Trimble of Lincoln and Thomas Majors of Peru declared that the most ardent advocate they had yet met was Governor Keith Neville.

The chief executive declared unhesitatingly that he would give personal aid to the legislation, as well as to the flag bills, calling for more frequent and more ardent recognition of the stars and stripes.

"The governor's father and grandfather fought in the union army during the war," said the Omaha major, "and this splendid young American, their offspring, gave the measure his approval at once. It was good to see him declare himself."

Adjutant General Appeals for Funds

Adjutant General Phil Hall, of the Nebraska national guard, has mailed from his headquarters at Fort Crook to the chairmen of the finance, ways and means committees of both houses at Lincoln, an exhaustive biennial report and recommendations for the future of the state militia.

In this report is included an appeal for additional funds "in order that this state may meet the requirements of the federal act that will make the national guard a part of the national defense as well as a protection to the people of this state against riots and unforeseen calamities." The appropriations urged upon the legislature are itemized as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total \$164,140.

Sheridan County Farmers in Lincoln

Sheridan county farmers and business men, 170 strong, arrived in Lincoln on a Northwestern special train Monday evening, while a crowd of Lincoln people cheered and welcomed them to the city. The big delegation who were here to attend the sessions of organized agriculture, occupied half a dozen coaches, with a carload of baggage, and made the long trip from the far northern corner of the state in about twenty-two hours' time, leaving Rushville at 8 o'clock Sunday night. The farmers expressed themselves as more than pleased with the results of the expedition. They had not expected to secure so large a crowd in the first place, and the 170 men and women who finally signed for the trip was a surprise.

Would Condense the Ballot

A shorter ballot in voting for presidential candidates in Nebraska will be proposed in a bill to be introduced before the close of the session by Senator James W. Hammond, of Furnas. The senator is a practical printer and editor of the Cambridge, Neb., Clarion, and represents Gosper, Phelps, Furnas and Harlan counties in the Nebraska senate. The bill will still leave the names of the electors and the presidential and vice presidential candidates on the ballot, but in a much more condensed form.

First Bill is for New Capitol

The first bill to be introduced in the house at this legislative session is one by Representative Richmond to provide for a new capitol building at Lincoln. It authorizes a special tax levy of 1 mill for the purpose, running for a period of years until the total sum realized therefrom shall have reached \$3,500,000. The bill creates a capitol commission, of which the governor is to be chairman, including four other men appointed by himself and confirmed by the state senate.

E. O. Mayfield of Omaha has been nominated for the vacancy on the state board of control by Governor Keith Neville. The name of the Omaha man was sent to the senate for confirmation. Judge Howard Kennedy is the retiring member of the board of control. The law made it necessary for the governor to appoint a republican to the place. E. O. Mayfield, an employe of the Omaha World-Herald, who claims allegiance to the republican party, was a candidate.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

As Reported to House Majority Caucus and Approved by It

Accounts and employes—Hoffmeister, chairman; Rieschick, Dau. Agriculture—Meysenburg, chairman; Todd, Hughes, Manzer, Ewing, Knutson, Burrows, Benrens, Eric Johnson, Stream. Banks and banking—Murty, chairman; Dufoe, Nielsen, Jacobsen, Neff, Eric Johnson, Good, Lampert, Stearns. Cities and towns—Richardson, chairman; Keegan, LaBounty, Hunt, Shannon, Segelke, Beal, Anderson (Phelps), Stahr, Beuteler, Mosley. Claims and deficiencies—Fries, chairman; Meysenburg, Leidigh, Nielsen, Ward, Buehler, Nesbit, Folsom, Fuhs.

Committees on committees—(For the purpose of naming additional standing committees and the sifting committees—Taylor, chairman; Thomas Trumble, Anderson (Boyd), Hoffmeister, Swanson, Norton, Fuller, Dahl, Osterman, Kadke, Sass, Shannon, Bulla, Rieschick, Dufoe. Constitutional amendments—Thomas, chairman; Walter, Naylor, Flansburg, Keegan, Manzer, Tracewell.

Corporations—Trumble, chairman; Leonard, Gormly, Beal, Harris (Buffalo), Education—Olis, chairman; Taylor, Johnson, Swanson, Osterman, Olson, Shaffer, Ainlay, Bates, Miller, Richards. Engrossed and enrolled bills—Naylor, chairman; Walte, White.

Fees and salaries—Shannon, chairman; Knutson, Koch, Craddock, Stream, Fuhs, Conley. Finance, ways and means—Rieschick, chairman; Hoffmeister, Greenwalt, Ollis, Craddock, Fuller, Reifenrath, Peterson, Cronk, Meers, Good.

Fish, culture and game—Gormly, chairman; Schneider, Ewing, Koch, Tracewell, Hudberg, Cronin, Folsom, Fuhs. Insurance—Swanson, chairman; Murty, Hopkins, Trumble, Lemar, Axtell, Ward, Dalbey, Bates.

Irrigation, drainage and water power—McAllister, chairman; Olson, Regan, Fries, Reynolds, Swanson, Miller, Taylor, Dalbey, Conley. Judiciary—Norton, chairman; Fleetwood, Thomas, Kadke, Lovely, Walte, McAllister, Dorsey, Flansburg, Hostetter, Reiser.

Labor—Howard, chairman; Naylor, Goodall, Schaffer, Fred G. Johnson, Lindberg, Conley. Live stock and grazing—Dau, chairman; Bulla, Gormly, Beal, Harris (Buffalo), Parkinson, Behrens.

Manufacturers, retail and commerce—Crawford, chairman; Schneider, Jacobsen, Hostetter, Fred G. Johnson. Medical societies—Hoffmeister, chairman; Goodall, Reifenrath, White, Reneker.

Miscellaneous subjects—Dufoe, chairman; Johnson, Gormly, Beal, Harris (Buffalo), Reynolds, Parkinson, Hutton, Nesbit. Privileges and elections—Lovely, chairman; Jensen, Sidelar, Mills, Liggett, Beal, Gormly.

Railroads—Regan, chairman; Sass, Bulla, Leidigh, Schwab, Scudder, Moser, Reiser, Meers. Revenue and taxation—Osterman, chairman; Segelke, Trumble, Olson, Jensen, Gormly, Beal, Anderson (Phelps). Roads and bridges—Anderson (Boyd), chairman; Sass, Auten, Todd, Schwab, Harris, Reiser, Hunt, Stahr, Stegert, Dalbey, Fuhs.

Rules—Jackson, chairman; Norton, Peterson, Schaffer, Taylor, Dalbey, Conley. School lands and funds—LaBounty, chairman; Anderson (Boyd), Auten, Harris (Greene), Rickard. State institutions—Fuller, chairman; Sidelar, Greenwalt, Mills, Folsom, Reed, Lampert.

New Draft of Prohibitory Law

Under the provisions of the new draft of a prohibitory law made by the Nebraska dry federation committee, it will be lawful for heads of families to import for domestic use these quantities of liquor each month:

One-half gallon of vinous liquors, meaning wine. Or Three gallons or twelve quarts of malt liquor, meaning a case of beer. Or One quart of spirituous or other intoxicants, meaning whiskey, alcohol et alia.

This change has been made to meet the objections that the bone dry draft first prepared was not in accordance with the statements made to voters in the official setting forth of the side of prohibition in the pamphlet sent out by the secretary of state.

Opening Attendance Breaks Record

All attendance records at previous opening sessions of Organized Agriculture week at the university farm were shattered Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, 1917 opening days of this event. Between 800 and 1,000 men and women, most of them out-of-town visitors, invaded the university farm Tuesday morning.

Even standing room was not available at the first session of the Nebraska Corn Improvers' Association in the Plant Industry building, and an overflow crowd extended into the corridor. It is estimated that between 400 and 500 men attended this meeting.

Mayfield is Confirmed

The senate confirmed Governor Neville's nomination of Eugene O. Mayfield of Omaha to succeed Judge Howard Kennedy as a member of the state board of control next July. By a vote of 12 to 20, with one absent, the senate defeated a motion by Sandall of York to defer action one week and to appoint a committee of five to investigate and report. By a vote of 30 to 2 the nomination was confirmed.

Fish for the Bill of Fare

Fish to cut the cost of living, not fish to tempt the sporty angler's eye, is the utilitarian idea of State Fish Commissioner O'Brien, in his annual report to Governor Neville. He appeals to be allowed to stock the shallow and marshy waters of Nebraska with German carp, instead of trying to thrive to get bass and fancy breeds in vain to there. The sportsman would protest, he says, but the man who can't afford porthouse would welcome the suggestion. More crappies and more yellow bullheads is his idea.

The presidential electors who met in Lincoln last week to vote for Wilson and elect a messenger to carry the news to Washington have presented claims to the state amounting to \$249.80. The state law allows them \$5 a day and 10 cents a mile for the round trip, as they were required to meet Saturday and on the following Monday.

Nebraska farmers went in debt \$18,275,510 over and above the farm land obligations paid during the year 1916, according to the annual report of State Auditor Smith.

High Wind Damages State House

Members of the legislature were again reminded of the dilapidated condition of the state capitol when the hard wind from the north broke a pane of plate glass in the house chief clerk's office and sent the pieces crashing down on the floor. It sounded as though a part of the building might have fallen in. Fortunately, nobody happened to be where they might have been hurt by the flying missiles. The wooden counter in the office was scarred up considerably.

FLYERS ARE FOUND

SEARCHERS RESCUE AVIATORS LOST IN WILDS OF MEXICO.

FOUR DAYS WITHOUT WATER

Men Had But Two Sandwiches and Two Oranges to Live On From January the 10th to 19th.

Wellton, Ariz.—Lieutenant, Colonel Harry G. Bishop and Lieutenant W. A. Robertson, missing army aviators, exhausted from walking four days in the wilds of Sonora, Mex., without food or water, were found on January 19th, more than 200 miles south of the border by a civilian searching party from Wellton. Two sandwiches and two oranges each was all the food the men had tasted since they left the North Island aviation base at San Diego, January 10, on their flight, Robertson told the searchers.

Water, which they took from the radiator of the aeroplane after they landed on the east coast of the Gulf of California, was exhausted