

NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

Most Important Happenings of the World Told in Brief.

WASHINGTON NOTES

The house passed the naval appropriation bill, adopting the program for the fiscal year 1910 just as it was reported by the committee. Dr. P. Ritter, the Swiss minister to Japan, has been named to succeed Leo Vogel, at present minister of Switzerland at Washington. The house of representatives declared vacant the seat of George L. Lilley, now governor of Connecticut. Gov. Patterson of Tennessee vetoed the state-wide prohibition bill passed by the legislature. It was semi-officially announced that Robert Bacon will succeed Elihu Root as secretary of state and he in turn will be succeeded as assistant secretary by John C. O'Laughlin. The senate did its part toward raising the salary of the president of the United States to \$100,000 and those of the vice-president and speaker of the house to \$15,000 a year each. President Roosevelt sent to the governor of California a telegram and letter urging the California legislature not to pass anti-Japanese measures. Congressman Willett of New York made an attack on President Roosevelt so full of vilification that the house compelled him to take his seat. Elihu Root was chosen for senator by a caucus of New York Republican legislators, and Senator Reed Smoot was named for re-election by Republican members of the Utah legislature.

PERSONAL

When John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, appeared before the annual convention of that organization in Indianapolis, the 1,300 delegates cheered till they were hoarse, and many of them were affected to tears. John G. Robinson, a millionaire oil operator of Smithfield, W. Va., was arrested on a charge of forging his wife's name to a ball bond. J. Pierpont Morgan bought the sword Washington wore when he resigned as commander-in-chief of the army. Rear Admiral Sperry arrived at Villefranche and was received with salutes and entertained by officials. P. J. Kieran, former president of the Fidelity Funding Company of New York, who is held responsible by many over the country for the loss of funds, and whose whereabouts have been unknown to the public for several months, went to Pittsburg, surrendered himself to the authorities and gave bond in two cases. Charles S. Deuen was inaugurated governor of Illinois for the second time.

GENERAL NEWS

Floods that are general throughout the Transvaal and the northern part of Natal caused 173 deaths. Several persons were killed and many hurt in a collision between two sections of a Pennsylvania railway train near Johnstown, Pa. The death sentence of Herman Bilik of Chicago, convicted of poisoning Mary Vrzal, was commuted to life imprisonment by Gov. Deuen. A large pier and quantities of merchandise burned at Galveston, Tex., the loss being \$425,000. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William J. Bryan, filed suit for divorce from William H. Leavitt, in Lincoln, Neb., alleging non-support. The first national convention of the unemployed met in St. Louis. San Francisco business men who recently made a trip to the Orient, all strong protest to the California legislature against the proposed anti-Japanese legislation. What are believed to have been earthquake shocks were felt in Cincinnati and its suburbs. Persons venturing on the unusual forms of amusement devices at Coney Island do so at their own risk and cannot expect to recover damages for injuries sustained under general conditions, according to a ruling of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York. The United States Pacific fleet sailed from Valparaiso and Coquimbo, Chile, for Callao, Peru, where it will spend a fortnight. A shortage of \$13,000 in the city auditor's office at Kansas City was disclosed following the installation of a new system of accounting. Six miners were killed and eight others seriously if not fatally injured by an explosion in the Stone Canon coal mine at Chancelorville, Cal. United States Senator James P. Clarke was elected to succeed himself at a joint session of the legislature of Arkansas. John W. Grubb, for 20 years professor of mathematics in Lombard college, Galesburg, Ill., committed suicide by taking strychnine and cutting an artery in his wrist. Three persons afflicted with leprosy were exhibited before members of the New York Academy of Medicine. The militia of Clinton, S. C., was called out to prevent the lynching of a negro who had attacked a white woman. According to a statement made by Gov. Gillett, there will be no legislation against the Japanese at this session of the California legislature.

J. H. Brooke, an English explorer, met death at the hands of the natives of Tahiti. Jay Gould, champion amateur court tennis player of the world and son of the millionaire railroad director, George J. Gould, is likely to become a probation officer in a New York police court. A pair of surgeon's forceps, accidentally sewed up in the abdomen after an operation 11 years ago, caused the death of Miss Mary G. Donovan of Philadelphia. The operation in which the unfortunate mistake occurred was performed by a surgeon of that city of high reputation, who has since died. The number of dead in the crib fire horror at Chicago was estimated at 70. It was believed the disaster was caused by a workman dropping a torch on dynamite. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison published a statement declaring they would not ask for clemency in the contempt of court matter and severely denouncing Justice Wright and his decision against them. Fire of unknown origin destroyed the men's building of the Mahoning county infirmary at Canfield, O., and 15 of the aged inmates received burns more or less serious. The prohibition forces of Tennessee scored another victory when the house passed the bill prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in this state after January 1, 1910. Alvin Boline of Ottawa, Ill., shot his wife and fatally wounded her mother in the latter's home at Galva, Ill., and then committed suicide. An alleged conspiracy of stockmen to drive a stock company from South Dakota was revealed by the confessions of men under arrest. Mrs. Susie M. Burdette, widow of the late Joshua Burdette, a wealthy pioneer merchant of Creek county, Oklahoma, who was the victim of a mysterious assassination at Eufla, Okla., in 1906, filed suit for the recovery of \$500,000 insurance upon Burdette's life. The Union Tobacco society after months of preparation and preliminary meetings received the final touches of the promoters at Louisville and as a result the tobacco growers of Kentucky, Indiana and Wisconsin are welded into one body with a central administration. Prof. T. A. Jagger, Jr., of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an authority on volcanoes, predicts a terrible eruption of Mount Etna within 18 months. The members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations united in the dedication of a memorial window to Rabbi Isaac M. Wise at Temple Keneseth Israel in Philadelphia. The business portion of McCracken, Kan., including the Jesse hotel, was destroyed by fire. A plot to assassinate Detective Gabriel Longobardi of Chicago because of his activity against the Black Hand, was exposed by an Italian woman. Flares ranging from \$150 to \$500 have been imposed upon St. Petersburg journals for publishing articles based on statements in foreign newspapers to the effect that agents of the Russian police had participated in terrorist crimes. Over the veto of Gov. Patterson both houses of the Tennessee legislature passed the senate bill which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles of a schoolhouse in Tennessee and is in effect a state-wide prohibition act. It is effective July 1, 1909. The jury in the case of Gov. B. B. Comer of Alabama against the Montgomery Advertiser awarded damages of one cent for libel. The governor demanded \$25,000. Four men were killed and ten others injured, one fatally, when several tons of dynamite in one of the buildings of the Forcite Powder works at Lake Hopatcong, N. J., blew up. Mrs. Ingles and four of her children were burned to death in their farmhouse 12 miles from Lang, Sask. Gov. George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, a Democrat, was elected United States senator by a Republican legislature, and Charles J. Hughes, Jr., was elected senator by the Colorado legislature. Consideration of the bills denying Japanese the right to own land or to be directors of corporations was delayed for one week by the California assembly at the request of President Roosevelt and Gov. Gillett. That the United States is not a Christian country was the spirit of a resolution passed by the delegates to the twenty-first council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Philadelphia. Announcement was made that another alleged trust is to be investigated by the federal authorities in New York. The company concerned is the Atlantic Terra Cotta Company, a \$3,000,000 corporation. On a warrant sworn out by Gov. Haskell, charging conspiracy to defame the governor, Scott MacReynolds, attorney and special agent for William R. Hearst, was arrested in Guthrie and a mass of data on the governor's libel suit against Hearst was seized in his room. Paul Radloff, under sentence of ten years for arson, hanged himself in the jail at Marshalltown, Ia. The supreme court of the United States affirmed the decree of the state courts of Texas imposing a fine of \$1,623,000 on the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis and ousting it from the state on the charge of violating the Texas anti-trust law. The supreme court of the United States decided against former President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners in the damage suit brought by him against former Gov. Peabody of Colorado. Robbers dynamited the safe of the Farmers' State bank of Hadar, Neb., and escaped with \$2,000. Messina was swept by fire again. For many hours soldiers and sailors worked heroically to keep the flames from destroying the last remnants of the town, and eventually they succeeded in getting the fire under control. Miss Frances Livingston of Boyd, Wis., who advertised in papers in all parts of the country for a husband and received 1,000 proposals of marriage, has chosen Louis Struvanz of Dorchester, Wis.

REPUBLIC FOUNDERS

RAMMED STEAMER SINKS WITH OUT LOSS OF LIFE.

NONE ON BOARD AT THE TIME

Rescued Passengers Safely Transferred Twice During a Heavy Fog at Sea.

New York—The palatial steamship Republic of the White Star Line, which was in collision with the Italian liner Florida early Saturday morning off Nantucket, Mass., went down at 8:30 o'clock Sunday. No one was lost. Its passengers, taken off many hours before, are on the steamship Baltic, which was off Sandy Hook at a late hour, making for this port. The Republic was in tow of the revenue cutter Gresham and the derelict destroyer Seneca, proceeding to New York, when it sank. On board was Captain Sealy with a volunteer detail of its crew. It had been towed but a short distance when it began to settle rapidly. Seeing no hope of saving the ship, Captain Sealy gave the order to abandon ship and the crew was taken off by the Gresham, which fast loose from the crippled liner and stood by until it sank. The Gresham and the Seneca then headed for the Massachusetts coast and will land Captain Sealy and his crew at Gay Head, Mass., or Newport, R. I. As to the exact point of landing, wireless advices differ. The point where the Republic went down is described in brief wireless messages received here Saturday night as off No Man's land, a small island south of Martha's Vineyard island, off the Massachusetts coast. The Italian liner Florida, which crashed into the Republic in the dense fog off Nantucket, Mass., early Saturday morning and gave it its death blow, is slowly steaming toward New York, conveyed by the American liner New York. Its passengers are also on the Baltic, having been transferred along with those of the Republic. The Baltic, which was called by wireless telegraph to the aid of the Republic yesterday and transferred from the Florida, not only that steamer's 900 and more passengers, but the 442 passengers and part of the crew of the Republic, was bearing New York late Sunday night. It was in wireless communication with the Fire Island station at 11 o'clock tonight, but did not define its position. The weather was thick and it could not be sighted from the observation station on Fire Island. This, in brief was the situation Sunday night in the stirring story of the sea, following the first wireless flash on the collision of the two big ships. For thirty-six hours the suspense of the public was unalloyed, for almost every hour since the first flash of the mishap came from the Republic's wireless operator, has brought conflicting reports from many points all giving a different phase to the shifting scenes and tending to confuse the situation.

REMOVAL OF WRECK OF MAINE. Wreckage a Serious Menace to Shipping in Harbor. Washington—Governor Magoon of the provisional government of Cuba, in his annual report to the secretary of war brings to his attention the wreck of the United States battleship Maine in Havana harbor and recommends that the government take immediate steps to accomplish its removal without further delay. Harriman Bill Turned Down. Washington—That President Roosevelt's recommendation for an appropriation to reimburse E. H. Harriman for the expenditure of about \$2,000,000 by the Southern Pacific railway company to control the overflow of the Colorado river into the Salton since a few years ago will be disregarded by congress now appears probable. Hearings on this recommendation have been conducted by a subcommittee of the senate committee on claims composed of Senators Kean, Smoot and Martin. Huts for Messina Refugees. Messina.—The work of cleaning up the ruins of Messina and feeding and housing the refugees is now thoroughly systematized and good progress is being made. Four Killed in Snowslide. Durango, Colo.—A disastrous snowslide occurred at the Camp Bird mine near Ouray. Four men were swept from the camp and killed, together with twenty horses and sixteen mules. Forty-Seven Hearses in Line. Chicago.—Forty-seven hearses, escorted by 200 policemen, forming one funeral procession, on Saturday conveyed to their graves the unidentified bodies of the men who were killed in the burning of the crib in the lake last Wednesday. DRASTIC PROHIBITION BILL Measure, it is Predicted, Will Pass in the Utah Legislature. Salt Lake City.—A prohibition bill, which shall be state-wide and absolute, is the intent of a bill introduced in the lower branch of Utah's legislative assembly. The measure is drastic in the extreme. Under its provisions the manufacture, sale or free dispensing of intoxicants is prohibited. Supporters of the prohibition bill assert that two-thirds of the members are pledged in its favor. Alleged Murderer is Caught. Eldora, Ia.—Sheriff Walsh arrested Will Winters of Titonka, Kossuth county, Ia., Sunday. Winters is charged with the murder of Linn Trimble, the restaurateur at Union, on the night of January 16, and has been tracked for weeks. He remained at Ackley and other points in this county nearly five days and by means of a letter written to relatives his whereabouts at Titonka were discovered. It is claimed Winters confessed having robbed the postoffice at Titonka recently.

THE CHILD'S SAVING INSTITUTE.

Engaged in the Noble Mission of Protecting and Saving Destitute and Helpless Children.

The chief object of the work of the Child Saving Institute is to save and protect destitute and helpless children. For the most part it is supported by the free gifts of philanthropic men and women of Omaha. Such an institute could not long survive in a small community where the people are as a rule unable to make large contributions. Experience shows that charitable organizations of the magnitude and effectiveness of the Child Saving Institute can subsist only in large population centers, where, of course, there is the greatest need of its kind offices. In the absence of such organization in the small towns dependent children must be taken into the homes of benevolent men and women who thus assume the burden for the community and in some cases these good people can ill afford to do so. In every town and village there are examples of this work of humanity, so that everybody has come to know and to realize the absolute necessity for providing some systematic means of caring for unfortunate children. This is why well-to-do people in the country towns express a willingness to contribute to the support of the Child Saving Institute which has from its origin received destitute children from many places outside of Omaha. In every case of this kind the institute not only relieved the local community of the burden of caring for such children, but it brought to the relief of the children a systematic, efficient means of protection and care as the result of much study and experience—an equipment impossible to a small town. The officers of the institute do not stop to inquire whether the people of any community have done their full duty by the dependent children recommended for admission to the institute; they are taken in and given the best possible care, and later placed into good homes in this or some other community. It is purely a work of humanity, deserving of every man and woman in the west. The board of trustees make an appeal to benevolent-minded men in the towns and villages of Nebraska for contributions in support of the institute and to help erect a new building now contemplated and which is a necessity to the increasing demands of the work.

BANK GUARANTY IN NEW JERSEY

Bill Based on Bryan's Idea Introduced in Legislature. Trenton, N. J.—Following the lines of William J. Bryan's bank guaranty deposit idea, a bill was introduced in the New Jersey legislature. It is fathered by State Senator Gebhardt and provides for a tax on banks and trust companies, to be held as an insolvency fund, by means of which losses of institutions which fail can be liquidated.

STORK GAINS ON FATHER TIME.

Vital Statistics in France Show Excess of Births Over Deaths. Paris.—The vital statistics for the first six months of 1908 show a gratifying decrease in the proportion of deaths in France, a condition attributed to the more stringent application of laws of hygiene. During this period the births exceeded the deaths by 11,000, against an excess of 55,000 deaths for the corresponding period of 1907.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN SEATTLE.

W. L. Seelye Kills Wife and Daughter and Commits Suicide. Seattle, Wash.—W. L. Seelye, an attorney and former national bank examiner for Illinois under Comptroller of the Currency Eckles, his wife, Mrs. Kate M. Seelye, a member of the national society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and his daughter, Miss Rene Seelye, a student at the University of Washington and a member of the Delta Gamma society, were found dead in a bath room of their home in the fashionable Capitol Hill district Sunday. The victims had been dead since the previous Thursday. The women, each of whom was clad in night robes, had been murdered by being struck on the head, evidently with a hammer. There was no mark of violence on Seelye, that Seelye killed his wife's daughter while insane over financial worries and then committed suicide is the theory of the coroner and the police.

Nebraska Took the Prize.

It was announced to members of the legislature at the state farm Wednesday during their trip to that institution, that the North Platte experiment station had taken the prize at the Denver stock show on a carload of hogs, fed from the products raised on the farm, and reared there. Dean Burnett in discussing the work done at the North Platte station, also reported that during the past year a yield of sixty-seven bushels per acre of winter wheat had been attained. He held that the work the station is doing in that section is of real benefit to the farmers and reported one instance where a farmer who had attended a big picnic at the station where methods of farming had been explained had raised the price on his land \$5 per acre.

Dedicated the New Building.

The formal dedication of the home economics building at the state farm took place Tuesday night. The structure has been used by the domestic science department since the opening of the school year, but the rush of work at the farm had postponed the dedicatory exercises. At the services last night hundreds of people from over the state who are here for the annual agricultural meeting attended and there were many from this city, as well as the majority of the students at the state farm.

Wants to Change the Date.

In order to prevent a conflict in the dates of the primary election the state fair exhibits, the Nebraska state horticultural society at a business meeting held Wednesday petitioned the legislature to change the date of the primaries to the third Tuesday in August. The petition was in the form of a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the members of the society. The new officers of the horticultural society elected are: Charles Green, president; W. A. Harrison, first vice president; Peter Younger, treasurer.

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CAPITAL CITY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

THE WORK OF THE LAW MAKERS

Legislative Facts and Gossip—News of the State Capital.

Volpp Bank Guaranty Bill.

The Volpp banking bill was introduced by the Dodge county members of the upper house. It provides for a voluntary guaranty system which may be accepted by any state bank desiring to do so and provides for payment of losses in thirty days, giving a suitable time for the checking up of banks before the state steps in and makes the reimbursement to depositors. The governor is made comptroller of banks and he appoints three assistants, one of whom is a citizen of ten years' residence in Nebraska and the others are bankers. They draw pay at \$5 a day. A secretary of the board draws \$3,000 a year. The minimum limit of capital stock of banks is fixed as follows: In cities up to 500 population, \$15,000; up to 1,000, \$25,000; up to 2,000, \$35,000; up to 5,000, \$50,000; up to 25,000, \$75,000; up to 100,000, and over 100,000, \$200,000. The depositors' protective fund is raised by a tax of one-fourth of one per cent semi-annually until it reaches one per cent of the deposits. The money is to be reinvested in the banks and draws interest, this going into the banking expense fund, which Senator Volpp thinks will pay the expenses of the banking department eventually.

C. H. Rudge Was Made President.

The most important meeting of the Nebraska state agricultural association was Wednesday night at the meeting of the state board of agriculture. After revising the premium contests a bill was drafted asking for an appropriation of \$150,000 to build a live stock judging pavilion. The bill was presented to the legislature at an early date. S. C. Bassett tendered his resignation and as a mark of appreciation for his services was presented with a handsome leather chair. Mr. Bassett thanked the members of the board for the present and spoke of the satisfaction he had long enjoyed while a member of the agricultural board. After the address of the president and the reading of the report of the secretary came the election of officers and a board of managers. C. H. Rudge was re-elected president; O. B. Hendershot, first vice president; Charles McLeod, second vice president; E. C. Blair, treasurer; W. R. Mellor, secretary. The following composed the new board of managers appointed by President Rudge: O. B. Hendershot, G. W. Hervey, Peter Younger, R. W. Hawes, George Dickman.

First Junketing Trip is Over.

The first junketing trip of the present legislature is over. Uncle Dan Nettleton and his party have returned from Milford and Grand Island, where they inspected the soldiers' home. The trip was short and the members spent most of the time on the business on which they were ostensibly engaged. As a result of the trip it appears probable that the requests of the two houses for new buildings, etc., will be curtailed, but that Milford will fare much better than Grand Island. This was suggested in ex-Governor Sheldon's message to the legislature. While on the trip the members of the soldiers homes committee visited the industrial home for women at Milford. All of the standards of political faith, were much pleased at the manner in which the home has been conducted.

To Close Saloons at 7 O'clock.

Bills were introduced in both houses of the legislature providing for the extension of the daylight saloon system now in force in Lincoln, to all parts of the state. In the senate King introduced S. F. No. 131. It prohibits the sale of liquor on Sunday or election days and also forbids its sale on any day of the week between the hours of 7 o'clock in the evening and 7 o'clock in the morning. Any saloon man found in violation of the statute shall be fined \$100 and the licensing board shall cancel his license regardless of whether or not he appeals. In the house the same measure was introduced by Johnson of Burt and is known as H. R. No. 119.

Mrs. Whitmore Elected President.

Mrs. W. G. Whitmore of Valley, the wife of Regent Whitmore, was Thursday elected president of the Nebraska Home Economics society. The other officers chosen were: Mrs. Val Keyser of Lincoln, secretary; Miss Bontou of Lincoln, vice president; Mrs. W. F. Johnson of Harvard, treasurer. Mrs. Keyser refused the position of secretary for another year and Mrs. E. G. Jury of Tecumseh, was chosen in her place.

Thorughbred Horse Breeders.

At a mass meeting of the thoroughbred horse breeders of Nebraska held at the Lindell hotel Tuesday an association was formed. W. H. Plourd of Indianola was elected president; Perry Reed of Henderson, secretary, and Charlie Johnson of Valparaiso, treasurer. Steps were taken to further the interests of the thoroughbred horse, both from a breeding and racing standpoint.

Exposition of Lincoln Made Goods.

Forty interesting exhibits will make up the Made in Lincoln exposition, which is to be held in the Auditorium March 2 to 6. As many exhibits as possible will show in actual working order how the different articles are manufactured. Manufacturers who can not put in a working exhibit will make a display of how their goods are made from the raw to the finished product.

Oregon Plan Was Adopted.

The Oregon plan of electing senators, as proposed by a bill in the house by Humphrey, of Lancaster, is moving along with little interruption toward passage, the committee of the whole reporting the bill to the house for passage Friday morning and the house adopting this report.

Sunday Baseball Gets a Setback.

Sunday baseball received a quietus in the house judiciary committee this forenoon, only a solitary vote being recorded in support of the bill by Scheele of Seward on that subject. After hearing all that the introducer of the measure had to say in its favor and statements by Taylor of Custer and Raper of Pawnee in opposition, the committee adopted a report for indefinite postponement. Shoemaker of Douglas was the author on the committee who voted to recommend the bill for passage.

Lincoln Day Proclamation.

Governor Shaltonberg has issued a proclamation calling attention to the fact that February 12 is the one hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth and as such should be celebrated by the people of Nebraska by displaying the flag and in other suitable ways.

New Secretary for Board of Health.

Dr. A. L. Muirhead of Omaha was elected by the state board of health to succeed Dr. G. H. Brash of Omaha as a member of its board of secretaries for a term of four years.

Swine Breeders Elect Officers.

The state associations of swine breeders closed the annual meetings Wednesday night and Thursday nearly all of the members left for their homes. A few who were interested in other lines of agriculture will remain until the associated societies close their meetings. The swine breeders appointed a committee to seek legislation in the interests of the association and F. C. Crocker, A. B. Christian and Charles Dawson were appointed as a legislative committee to attempt to have the legislature appropriate \$5,000 for experimental purposes for various swine diseases. Officers were elected by the Nebraska swine breeders as follows: President, H. A. Wortz; first vice president, Mr. Van Patten; second vice president, Mr. Beethe; third vice president, Mr. Gilmore; secretary-treasurer, George Briggs.

To Abolish County Assessor.

Senator Ollis would abolish the office of county assessor in all counties with a population under 20,000. He would also change the salaries of these officials so that in counties with a population of 20,000 to 30,000 he may receive \$700 in counties of 30,000 to 50,000 not more than \$800, in counties of 50,000 to 100,000, not more than \$1,500, and in counties of 100,000 or more not to exceed \$2,400. One of the problems to be figured out is how the law, if passed, will get rid of the county assessors elected in 1907 for four year terms. They were selected under the revenue law passed in the legislature in 1905 and at that time, it is said, he legislated out of office by the present legislature.

State Treasurer Balked.

Chief Clerk Cone of the house failed in obtaining cash from the state treasury to pay for stamps allowed daily by the house of representatives. He had obtained the consent of State Auditor Barton to draw a warrant for the money but State Treasurer Brian said he never had and never would countersign a warrant on the state treasury when no appropriation had been made by the legislature back of it. The house provided for stamps by resolution but a resolution does not suspend the constitution so far as the state treasurer is concerned. Auditor Barton says he will refuse to issue warrants to more than the legal number of employes of the house and senate.

Judgship Affair May Be Dropped.

The supreme judge fight has resolved itself into two of two contingencies; either the whole affair will be dropped or Governor Shaltonberger will appoint another attorney in the place of Silas A. Holcomb, acting from the new appointee a promise to cause the matter to be brought before the supreme court so that the high tribunal will be forced to render an opinion on the validity of the Sheldon appointments to the supreme bench, or, to come closer to the real question, to determine whether the legislature or the canvassing board has the right to canvass the returns on constitutional amendments.

What Commissioner Maupin Wants.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin filed his estimate of the amount required to run his department for the next two years. Twenty thousand dollars is the total. In addition to restoring the chief clerk, cut out some years ago, he wants two factory inspectors added to the force. The salary list suggested is: Deputy commissioner, \$2,000; male factory inspector, \$1,500; female factory inspector, \$1,200; chief clerk and statistician, \$1,200; stenographer, \$1,000. He says that his predecessor, Mr. Ryder, suggested a salary for the deputy commissioner of \$2,500 a year, but \$2,000 will do him.

The Dwelling on the Hancon and Oleson farm, about six miles north of Neligh, was burned to the ground with all the contents. The tenant, Mr. Kissell, lost all of his household goods. The dwelling was insured for \$600.

The new school building at Leigh, has been thrown open for occupancy. It consists of eight large rooms besides several smaller ones, and is heated by steam heat. The building stands second to none in the state in towns the size of Leigh.

Word was received in Beatrice that B. L. Colby, a young man well known in that city, is in jail at El Paso, Tex., charged with robbing a restaurant of \$100 worth of jewelry and clothing. His father, General L. W. Colby, went to his assistance.

Woodcutters are making preparations for cutting a considerable amount of walnut timber on the Captain J. T. Hoover farm, just south of Louisville. This timber is to be shipped to southern firms where it will be made into furniture. For some time cottonwood timber has been cut near there and saved into building lumber, but this is the first attempt that has been made to utilize the walnut for furniture making.

John P. Thacker was shot and probably fatally wounded by John Clarence. Clarence, who is about twenty-three years old, came into Plattsmouth and gave himself up to the sheriff and is now confined in the county jail. The trouble was the outcome of an old feud. Both men reside about six miles from Plattsmouth.

Tramps are given lodging by Ashland authorities, but after that, they are not allowed to beg, but are marched out of town and told to hike for pastures more green.

Edward Stokes, a farmer, whose residence is nine miles north of Ainsworth, was in town with a four-horse team, and at 5 o'clock p. m. he was last seen unhitching his team to start home. At 9 Sunday morning he was found in Sisson's pasture at the bottom of a deep gulch, with the wagon bed across his neck. His neck was broken. He leaves a wife and seven children.

A report of sheep work in the Hastings High school since the present school year shows that with lumber and hardware to the value of \$255.93, the students have constructed furniture and fixtures for the high school building which are estimated at a total value of \$373.75.

Vance Willard, a resident of Oshkosh, who was arrested several weeks ago on a charge of cattle stealing and was out on bond, was arrested again by Sheriff Clark on complaint of John H. Orr, a ranchman living near Lovellan, for stealing nine head of horses valued at \$900.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

Agricultural, Social, Religious, Political and Other Matters of Interest.

The general store of M. W. Duncan at Unadilla, was robbed of all the jewelry therein, amounting to something like \$200.

While serving oysters in his restaurant, Jesse Perry of Plattsmouth, found a pearl for which he was offered \$14.

Fire destroyed the large two-story house of Frank Triba, a farmer residing five miles east of Silver Creek. It was caused by a defective flue.

The McCook Commercial club has appropriated \$100 to build a piece of experimental road, as an object lesson, and to stimulate better and more scientific road building.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners estimates the expenses of conducting the affairs of the county for the coming year to amount to \$66,740.

Farmers should all have telephones. Write to us and learn how to get the best service for the least money. Nebraska Telephone Company, 18th and Douglas streets, Omaha. "Use the Bell."

The school of agriculture and domestic science ended a most successful week at Broken Bow, between 200 and 300 farmer students having enrolled and taken advantage of the fine lectures and practical demonstrations.

George Williams, a Nebraska convict who broke his parole and left the state with almost a year yet to serve of a five-year sentence, has been arrested in Minnesota. He will be brought back to Nebraska.

F. S. West of Wood River has just returned from Europe, bringing with him twenty head of Belgian and Percheron stallions and mares. He sold three head of them at New York and a stallion in Chicago.

The gasoline motor car which carries the passengers between St. Paul and Loup City over the Union Pacific had its share of trouble during the cold weather. At times it refused to go until hauled by a locomotive.

George Uden living north of Juniata, sustained a severe fire loss. A large \$2,000 barn, eighteen head of horses, 500 bushels of corn, many tons of hay, harness, etc., were totally consumed.

James Summers of DeVitt has begun suit against Gage county for \$155 damages resulting from the loss of one of his horses last spring, which stepped through a hole in a bridge, sustaining injuries which made it necessary to kill it.

The Tecumseh School board has just paid off \$1,000 more of its bonded indebtedness on account of the new high school building. The building was erected four years ago at a cost of \$16,000, and of this amount \$7,000 has already been paid.

The Dodge County poor farm is not only self-sustaining but last year, in addition to keeping an average number of twelve inmates, it actually cleared \$408.98 over cost of fuel supplies, salaries and clothing, improvements, etc.

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The dwelling on the Hancon and Oleson farm, about six miles north of Neligh, was burned to the ground with all the contents. The tenant, Mr. Kissell, lost all of his household goods. The dwelling was insured for \$600.

The new school building at Leigh, has been thrown open for occupancy. It consists of eight large rooms besides several smaller ones, and is heated by steam heat. The building stands second to none in the state in towns the size of Leigh.

Word was received in Beatrice that B. L. Colby, a young man well known in that city, is in jail at El Paso, Tex., charged with robbing a restaurant of \$100 worth of jewelry and clothing. His father, General L. W. Colby, went to his assistance.

Woodcutters are making preparations for cutting a considerable amount of walnut timber on the Captain J. T. Hoover farm, just south of Louisville. This timber is to be shipped to southern firms where it will be made into furniture. For some time cottonwood timber has been cut near there and saved into building lumber, but this is the first attempt that has been made to utilize the walnut for furniture making.

John P. Thacker was shot and probably fatally wounded by John Clarence. Clarence, who is about twenty-three years old, came into Plattsmouth and gave himself up to the sheriff and is now confined in the county jail. The trouble was the outcome of an old feud. Both men reside about six miles from Plattsmouth.

Tramps are given lodging by Ashland authorities, but after that, they are not allowed to beg, but are marched out of town and told to hike for pastures more green.

Edward Stokes, a farmer, whose residence is nine miles north of Ainsworth, was in town with a four-horse team, and at 5 o'clock p. m. he was last seen unhitching his team to start home. At 9 Sunday morning he was found in Sisson's pasture at the bottom of a deep gulch, with the wagon bed across his neck. His neck was broken. He leaves a wife and seven children.

A report of sheep work in the Hastings High school since the present school year shows that with lumber and hardware to the value of \$255.93, the students have constructed furniture and fixtures for the high school building which are estimated at a total value of \$373.75.