

SAYS FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

Nebraska State Treasurer Believes No Possibility of Deficit This Fiscal Year

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—State Treasurer Stebbins says there is no possibility of a treasury deficit this year, as there was a year ago and two years ago at this date. The cash on hand the first of the month in the general fund was \$344,314, an increase over November 1.

During the next three months heavy remittances will be received from county treasurers now engaged in collecting personal and whatever realty taxes are offered, the former becoming delinquent December 1 and the latter May 1.

In all the treasurer has more than \$3,272,000 on hand. Two and a half millions are trust funds, half a million in the new capitol fund and the remainder divided among smaller subdivisions.

The state paid out \$250,000 on the new statehouse contract during the month, the work progressing rapidly on the 400 foot tower.

CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL HAS GOOD ATTENDANCE

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—Cedar county has organized its first adult immigrant school and the 12 members are all Germans. The object is to give the foreigner a chance to learn to speak the English language, learn customs and understand the American form of government. Some members of the class travel 24 miles to be present at its sessions. Miss Myrtle Scovill, superintendent of the Hartington public schools, is teacher of the class. The school is free to the students, books being provided by the federal government and the state of Nebraska takes care of the expense of conducting such a class. The local school board provides a place, heated and lighted free of charge.

SLAYER OF WIFE ASKS FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Harry M. Stout of Dewitt, convicted of killing his wife, has requested the state pardon board for a commutation of his life sentence. His application, with many others will be heard at the regular monthly meeting, December 11, it was announced today.

Stout's application has been presented to the board twice before. He was denied a similar request after a hearing in 1921 and again in 1927. He was convicted of murder in the first degree on charges of killing his wife as the train carrying them approached Lincoln, May 28, 1914. Stout was alleged to have been addicted to drunkenness and said he was intoxicated at the time of the shooting. He tried to kill his sister-in-law and himself at the same time.

LEAVES HIS ESTATE TO WOMAN AT DENVER

Grand Island, Neb., (UP)—By the sudden death of Edwin Proctor, of Noel, Mo., salesman for a fruit company, at a hotel here Tuesday, Mrs. Mattie J. Gledhill, of Denver, became the main beneficiary of his estate, according to terms of a will found in Proctor's effects.

Proctor bequeathed his 40 acre farm, "Terrace Gardens" near Noel and \$2,000 in cash to her.

Mrs. Gledhill who is employed in the prohibition office at Denver said she did not know of the will until informed by newspapermen. She and Proctor lived at the same hotel at Denver several years ago she said.

BOOST FOR NEW BRIDGE OVER MISSOURI AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Desiring of obtaining a reasonable price for purchase of the Douglas street bridge, boosters for a free bridge between Omaha and Council Bluffs now are devoting their energies toward working up sentiment for a new bridge to be built at the foot of Farnum street.

In preliminary meetings with officials of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway and Bridge company, committees appointed by mayors of the two cities were given to understand that the company would want more than \$3,000,000 for the structure.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FORM ROAD PROGRAM

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—County commissioners, supervisors and highway commissioners, who hold their annual meeting here December 11 to 13 are expected to formulate a good roads program of their own for recommendation to the state legislature. The convention will be held in connection with a similar meeting of county clerks and registers of deeds.

NEBRASKA CITY MAN HEAD OF MANUFACTURERS

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—C. M. Aldrich, of Nebraska City, was elected president of the Nebraska Manufacturers' association at its one-day convention here Thursday.

BOYS KILL DUCKS OF HARTINGTON, NEB., WOMAN

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—It is thought that small boys hunting on the creek near the Cedar county fair grounds shot and killed 10 fine ducks belonging to Mrs. Phil Garvin. The ducks were ready for market. The ducks had all been killed with .22 rifle bullets. Other farmers around town have been complaining about some of their chickens and other fowls being slain by careless or willful shooting and farmers are planning to make an example of any one found guilty.

STATE TREASURY SAYS FINANCIAL CONDITION GOOD

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The state treasury is in better condition now than it has been at this time for several years, it was revealed in the treasurer's report issued today.

No over drafts were recorded for the month of November which is unusual, W. M. Stebbins, treasurer said, because at this time of year the funds virtually are depleted and remain so until the money begins coming in the first of the year.

The balance reported October 13 was \$17,134,817.28, and the receipts for November were \$1,459,816, the report showed. The payments during the month amounted to \$1,522,789.65 and a balance of \$17,071,843.63 remained.

POTATOES TOO CHEAP TO DIG

Many Acres of Nebraska Spuds Left in the Ground

Hemingford, Neb., (Special)—Growers have left many acres of potatoes in the ground in this vicinity, because they felt it would not pay to dig them.

Potatoes brought 20 to 40 cents a bushel. The cost of digging and picking is about 7 cents a bushel; sacking and sorting, 5 cents a bushel, and hauling, 5 to 10 cents a bushel. Several turned their hogs into the patches to clean up the culls left from digging.

The potatoes which were dug are now in bins, being sorted and prepared for southern shipments, made in December and January.

STOCK STREAMS NEAR CHADRON

Trout, Bass and Other Game Fish Are Placed by Walton League

Chadron, Neb., (Special)—About 165 cans of fish have been received from the Nebraska state fish hatcheries at Valentine and Gretna and the federal hatchery at Spearfish, by the Chadron Izaak Walton league since January 1. They were put into the nursery pond on the Frank Black farm southeast of the city.

There are now 65,000 young trout in this nursery, to be left until spring and then distributed in the streams of the community. At that time they will be four to six inches long. About 20,000 of the trout received this year were large enough to be put in the streams at the time they were received, and were put in Big and Little Bordeaux, Chadron creek and Deadhorse creek.

The remaining 75 cans of fish were bass, perch, bullheads, catfish and croppies, which were taken to Whitney and put in the lake. These fish are larger than trout and are able to protect themselves, so they do not need nursery care.

The local Walton league chapter has made application for some steelhead salmon trout for the lake at Whitney.

LOSES VALUABLE HEIFERS FOLLOWING DEHORNING

Broken Bow, Neb., (Special)—Thirteen purebred Holstein heifers were lost by G. A. Butts, farmer near Burwell, when they died following a dehorning process. The stock had been on rations of sweet clover. According to experts they should not have been dehorned while on this diet, as it tends to thin the blood.

RECEIVE \$250,000 FROM ESTATE OF BROTHER

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Miss Jeannette P. Newlean, principal of Columbian school, and her brother, Frank Q. Newlean, music instructor, were left \$250,000 in the will of John Walter Newlean, a brother, who died recently in the east.

John Newlean was vice president and treasurer of the American Railway Express company. His estate was estimated at \$2,000,000, most of which goes to his widow. He started his career here as a railroad clerk, later becoming chief statistician to E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate.

CONNECTICUT PREACHER CALLED TO OMAHA CHURCH

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Rev. Frank A. Hosmer, D. D., Greenwich, Conn., has been extended a call to First Presbyterian church here. Rev. Mr. Hosmer was selected to fill the vacancy caused by death of Rev. Edward Hart Jenks.

NEW BANK TO OPEN AT LYMAN, NEB., JANUARY 2

Lyman, Neb., (UP)—A national bank with a capitalization of \$25,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$5,000 will open here January 2, it was announced today. A charter has been granted.

COYOTE HUNTER DIES FROM GUNSHOT WOUND

Ainsworth, Neb., (UP)—J. W. Lydich, a farmer about 35 years old, died Wednesday evening from accidental gunshot wounds which were sustained earlier in the day.

Lydich was hunting coyotes on his farm between Ainsworth and Long Pine and in crawling through a fence his gun was discharged. The shot entered his abdomen. He was brought to the hospital here.

Mr. Lydich was a brother of Mrs. Cecil Mills, who was killed in an automobile accident last April.

STATE PRISON HAS BIG FARM

Warden Fenton Plans to Grow Supplies for Inmates of the Institution

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Arrangements for the rental of 437 acres of land for the state penitentiary farm were announced today by Warden Fenton as part of his plan to make the institution self-supporting. The farm has grown from 533 to 970 acres—496 acres of which are owned by the state. Prior to this fall only 37 acres were rented, the warden reported.

Most of the rented land is on a cash basis of \$6 an acre, a small portion being under the two-fifths crop division basis.

There the 150 acres of the farm in wheat, 75 acres will be put into oats, 35 to potatoes, 150 to corn and lesser acreages to other crops. More ground will be available for garden and pasture, under the new plan.

There are 70 head of cattle and 200 hogs at the institution and Warden Fenton planned to increase this stock soon. The institution supports 16 horses.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WEDS FORMER PUPIL

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The recent marriage of Mrs. Florence Dye Coles of Newcastle, Wyo., former student of the University of Nebraska, and W. G. Langworthy Taylor, professor emeritus of economics at the university, was revealed here today.

Prof. Taylor is 79, and Mrs. Taylor under 40, according to friends here. They are away from Lincoln on a trip.

Before the first marriage the then Miss Dye studied under Prof. Taylor more than a dozen years ago. Later she married, living in Wyoming until death of her husband about a year ago.

Teaching school for a year, she enrolled in an extension course taught by Prof. Taylor, and the marriage resulted.

Prof. Taylor's first wife died four years ago. He has one son, Edwin Langworthy Taylor, playing in "Maryland, My Maryland," in Chicago. Mrs. Taylor has two sons, 6 and 9 years old, by her first husband.

GRAIN EXCHANGE TAKES APPEAL TO HIGH COURT

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The Omaha Grain Exchange appealed to the supreme court today from the action of the Lancaster county district court which sustained the demurrer of the state to its petition for an injunction restraining enforcement of the law which required the exchange to accept federal weights on grain shipments and not force the unloading and inspecting of grain at terminals.

Attorneys for the exchange held that the law, which was passed at the last legislature, is unconstitutional in that it destroys several guaranties of the constitution, deprives the exchange of revenues without giving the shipper any gain and in time would destroy the independence of the Omaha market and subject the shippers to dockage tolls and other costs that would tend to lower the average price for grain handled from Nebraska farms.

The lower court said the petition did not state a cause of action.

CHARGE MOTHER TOOK TEACHER EXAM FOR SON

McCook, Neb., (UP)—Evidence tending to show that Mrs. L. Flock of Curtis took state teacher's examinations in counties adjacent to Frontier county under the name of Cheslie B. Flock, her son was submitted to Herbert L. Cushing of the state superintendent's office, who conducted the hearing.

The evidence in the case, which is the first of its kind in Nebraska will be submitted to State Superintendent Taylor at Lincoln, who will pass judgment. No criminal charge has been filed against Mrs. Flock.

Mrs. Flock is alleged to have taken the examinations under the name of her son in an effort to secure a teacher's certificate for him. County superintendents from four counties and a teacher testified against Mrs. Flock and her son while the youth and his parents testified that it was the youth who took the tests.

Mrs. Flock was identified by County Superintendent C. S. Strickler and his wife, who assisted him in the examination, and Miss Maxine Bodeman, Hayes county teacher, who was taking the examination, as the woman who gave the name of Cheslie B. Flock in January, 1928, and as the woman who in July that year secured a copy of the examination questions.

The alleged irregularity was discovered when C. K. Morse, superintendent of the Nebraska school of agriculture at Curtis, wrote to Strickler asking for the youth's grades to apply on his diploma at Curtis. Strickler replied that the Cheslie B. Flock who took the examinations at Hayes Center was a middle-aged woman.

JAIL TERM FOR MAN WHO HACKED AUTOMOBILE

Norfolk, Neb., (UP)—George Roan of Norfolk, Neb., was sentenced to serve six months in the Madison county jail for stealing tools and hacking holes in radiators of cars belonging to the Royal Miller Chevrolet company, Norfolk. Roan gave desire for revenge because of a recent car deal as his motive for the crimes. He alleged that he had been cheated in a deal. He is a painter and a married man with a wife and six children.

PROPOSE CHANGES IN COMPENSATION LAW

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Important changes are recommended by the legislative-created commission that has been revising the workmen's compensation law. The commission refused to change any of the payments made to injured workers but suggested that there is an abnormal number of accidents in Nebraska industry, 10 per cent. of the 175,000 workers suffering an accident a year. Insurance rates are high, but the commission thinks the practical way to secure a reduction is to give the secretary of labor broader powers in organizing advisory committees and workers in a campaign of accident prevention, with a new safety code and a factory inspector or two to look after these matters.

WOMEN ASK FOR STATE PLACES

Next Governor of Nebraska to Be Under Pressure by Feminine Supporters

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—The women who supported the republican national and state tickets so generally are asking for greater representation among the officials of the state under the administration of Governor Weaver.

Two groups are bringing strong pressure to bear to have a woman named to succeed Judge Frost as head of the public welfare department, a code bureau having charge of all welfare work in the state as well as the licensing and policing of practitioners of medicine. The last legislature adopted a codification and revision of the laws relating to this department that makes it one of the most important in the state.

Judge Frost is retiring to take a judgeship in Lancaster county.

Half a dozen republican women of wide experience in this kind of work are suggested, with Mrs. Lulah T. Andrews, vice chairman of the state committee, as possibly the best chance.

BELIEVE ROBBERIES THE WORK OF SMALL BOYS

Beatrice, Neb., (UP)—Robbers, believed to be small boys, who committed a series of raids on Beatrice business houses last night were sought today by police. Footprints in snow surrounding the buildings entered led Chief of Police Paul Acton to turn his search for two boys.

CALL STATE SENATORS TO CONFER ON LEGISLATION

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Lieutenant Governor Williams stated today he would call 10 or more leading state senators to meet with him at the capitol prior to the opening of the session in January to discuss some "much needed legislation."

That one of the proposals for legislation Williams would advance to his meeting of senators was a revision of the election laws, it is said.

The laws relating to organization and maintenance of the status of political parties also may be considered as needing amendment even in view of the amendments by the legislatures of 1923 and 1927.

THESE PRISONERS HAD REAL DUTCH LUNCH

Norfolk, Neb., (UP)—Two prisoners in the county jail here recently had a real honest-to-goodness Dutch lunch.

They gave the officers a dollar to get them some raw hamburger, rye bread and onions. And the officers, feeling charitable, did so. In the meantime, the prisoners improvised a hook which they stuck into an adjoining cell where confiscated liquor was kept and succeeded in drawing out and consuming 20 bottles of beer before the police were aware of it.

WANTS A SHOW-DOWN ON HANDLING OF CHECKS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—"Treasurer Stombauch, of Buffalo county, has asked the supreme court to settle the question of whether the city bank of Elm Creek owes him \$5,000.

On May 11, 1927, Stombauch drew a check on the Farmers State bank of Kearney and sent it to the Elm Creek bank for deposit and was given due credit. The Elm Creek bank sent it to the Stock Yards bank of Omaha for collection, which, in turn, sent it to the City National bank of Kearney.

In clearing with the Farmers bank at Kearney, the City National gave it a draft for \$5,000 on the Omaha National, where it had a sufficient sum on deposit.

The day the draft arrived there the City National bank of Kearney failed and the draft was dishonored. The Elm Creek bank thereupon charged back the treasurer with the \$5,000.

Stombauch contended that as Kearney and Elm Creek are only 16 miles apart on the same railroad, the check, which was good, should have been sent to Kearney instead of traveling back and forth to Omaha.

INFLUENZA FATAL TO OMAHA THEATRICAL MAN

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Charles Franke, 50 years old, manager of city auditorium and widely known in theatrical and amusement circles throughout the country, died here last night. Influenza was given as cause of death.

YOUTH SHOOTS SELF IN AN OHAHA HOTEL ROOM

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Warren E. Campbell, 25 years old, is reported dying at Lord Lister hospital from effects of a self inflicted gunshot wound in the head. Campbell shot himself in his room at a hotel last night. He left a note asking that his body be turned over to University of Nebraska college of medicine, Campbell, according to relatives, graduated from Nebraska university three years ago and since then had traveled in South America for Swift and company.

DOING WORK ON FAIR GROUNDS

Cedar County Association Making Extensive Improvements in Its Plant

Hartington, Neb., (Special)—The reconstruction of the Cedar County Fair grounds has started in earnest. A score of men and teams, assisted by a county road grader outfit, are at work moving the dirt constructing the new race track. W. H. Culver, an experienced construction work man, is in charge.

At a recent meeting of the fair board it was decided to rearrange the fair grounds by building the track in another position and erecting some new buildings. These improvements are necessitated because of the increasing attendance at the fair each year.

The architect's report called for the building of the race track on the north side of the grounds near the stock barns, and the building of a modern grandstand on the south side of the track. It also called for the purchase of an additional strip of land comprising three acres to accommodate the race track.

When the reconstruction of the grounds is completed Cedar county will have one of the finest fair grounds in northeast Nebraska.

The improvements are being financed by donations of labor of men and teams and cash subscriptions.

FAMILY QUARREL BLAMED FOR FARMER'S SUICIDE

Madison, Neb., (UP)—Despondent because of domestic quarrels, Fred Buettner, 50 years old, prosperous farmer, who resided one mile south of town, shot and killed himself in the garage of his farm home Saturday afternoon.

The shooting was done with a 22-caliber revolver which the farmer had purchased in a hardware store in Madison two hours previously. Four shots were fired from the gun. The first bullets took effect in the shoulder and the final one penetrated the heart.

Buettner had quarreled with his wife and family Saturday morning over drinking, W. L. Dowling, county attorney said. Sheriff C. S. Smith, who was called announced the case a plain one of suicide and said that no inquest would be necessary.

There was no indication of financial trouble as the farmer was known to be unusually prosperous. Before going to town Saturday, it is said that he was heard to remark: "The whole family is against me and I might as well kill myself." However no one took the threat seriously at that time.

Surviving him are his widow, three daughters, one son, his father, Martin Buettner, prominent Madison resident; a sister, Mrs. Emma Brown, of Madison; and a brother William Buettner, who lives in Buffalo county, Nebraska. Fred Buettner had been a lifelong resident of Madison.

CHARGED DEAD CITY OFFICER WAS FORGER

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—J. Paul Leidy, deputy city controller, who died November 7, left a shortage of \$4,000 in city accounts by cashing warrants that had been forged. City Commissioner John Hopkins announced Saturday.

Several warrants, cashed through banks, were found among his effects at home, and one at his office desk. Another ready to cash, was found in the office.

Leidy was vice commander of Omaha post No. 1, American Legion, "largest legion post in the world," and was present when the first American Legion meeting was held in France at the close of the war. He was taken ill at the San Antonio legion convention and was rushed to an Omaha hospital. Hopkins said his suspicion was first aroused when he found warrants in Leidy's papers in the office. After his death a careful check revealed the forgeries.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS TO MEET JANUARY 7

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The electors who will officially cast Nebraska's vote for Hoover and Curtis will meet on the first Monday in January instead of the second Monday, Governor McMullen announces. The change was adopted by congress and approved by the president last May, McMullen said.

The law was also changed so that the electors are no longer permitted to send their vote by personal messenger to Washington, the messenger to draw 25 cents a mile for traveling expenses.

This change will eliminate the usual struggle and maneuvering on the part of electors to see which one or more of their number shall carry the message. The vote of the electors is to be sent by registered mail, the modern method, instead of by the ancient method of personal messenger, who was supposed to ride horseback to Washington.

CATHOLIC CHURCH BAZAR, SUPPER BRINGS IN \$3,500

West Point, Neb., (UP)—Members of the congregation of St. Mary Catholic church here believe their church may hold the record for eastern Nebraska for amount of cash netted by a bazar and supper.

Nearly \$3,500 was raised at the bazar and supper, which were attended by 730 people. The money will be used to decorate the interior of the church, which is being enlarged.

OMAHA FUR ROBBERS DO THEIR WORK QUICKLY

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Fast working burglars punched a lock in a "burglar proof" door at the Alabaster Fur company last night and made off with 11 fur coats valued at \$3,500—all in the short space of three minutes.

At 9:45 p. m., the burglar alarm rang, indicating that someone was tampering with the door at the fur company.

At 9:48, three minutes later, police and operatives arrived at the scene and found the door forced open and the burglars gone—with the 11 coats.

STATE SENATE WITHOUT HOME

With Nebraska's Capitol Unfinished Proper Meeting Place Problem

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The upper house of Nebraska's 1929 legislature in all probability will be the "lower house" if plans under discussion for housing the state senate are carried out.

With the senate chambers of the new capitol building temporary quarters must be provided for the upper-house. The logical quarters, where sufficient room will be provided, is a room just under the house of representatives.

However, while most members of the senate good-naturedly pass up the fact they probably will be "beneath" the representatives, the plan for using the proposed room has not yet been sanctioned.

Another quarter which may be utilized to advantage is the court room on the same floor with the house of representatives. To this proposition several senators have voiced objections, claiming the closeness to the turmoil that comes from the 100 representatives might interfere with the 33 upper housemen in their weighty meditation and debate. The bartering has been good natured, and in the spirit of fun.

So far as Governor McMullen is concerned in his role as custodian of that part of the new statehouse now completed, he has offered the senators either of the two locations for their chambers. He tried for some time to sound the solons on their preference, but indicated many have been evasive as to choice.

The larger room, which is accepted by the senate will place them below the representatives, contains 1,240 square feet. The court room, on the same floor as the house chambers, has 1,080 square feet of floor space, not including the bar or bench behind which the lieutenant-governor and secretaries may sit.

HEARING IN BANK CODE AGAIN POSTPONED

Pierce, Neb., (Special)—The preliminary hearing which was to be held here in the case of State of Nebraska vs. Frank Pilger, who is charged with misappropriation of the funds in the George Vinson estate, has been continued from Saturday, December 1 to Friday, December 14.

WAKEFIELD, NEB., WOMAN DIES WHILE ON VISIT

Wakefield, Neb., (Special)—Mrs. Thomas Beith, 81 years old, a resident of Dixon county since 1873, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Dennie, at Winthrop, Ia., last Monday. Funeral services were held here Wednesday with interment in the local cemetery. The family moved to this section in 1873, and 20 years ago moved to Wakefield.

Mrs. Beith and her husband were spending the winter with relatives in Iowa. She died after a few days' illness with pneumonia. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Fred Dennie, of Winthrop, Ia.; Mrs. E. L. Temple, of Wakefield, Neb.; Frank Beith, of Allen, Neb.; and John Beith, of Rapid City, S. D.

CREIGHTON, NEB., YOUTH IS WITH HERBERT HOOVER

Creighton, Neb., (Special)—Albert Scheinost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scheinost, Jr., is a member of the crew on the U. S. S. Maryland which is carrying President-elect Hoover and party on his Central and South American tour. Scheinost has been in the navy for more than two years and has been stationed in California most of the time.

SEVERAL INJURED WHEN TRAIN LEAVES RAILS

Alvo, Neb., (UP)—Nine persons were injured when the Rocky Mountain Limited of the Rock Island railroad was derailed east of here Friday afternoon. Several other passengers were shaken up when the train left the rails.

A loose piston arm dropped to the tracks and caused derailment of the entire train, railroad officials said.

FARM NEAR PLAINVIEW SELLS AT \$112.50 AN ACRE

Plainview, Neb., (Special)—Robert North sold his farm two miles northeast of here to George Johnson of Battle Creek for \$112.50 an acre. North and his family will give possession after March 1, and will go to California to make their home.

AGED LINCOLN COUPLE DIE IN GAS-FILLED ROOM

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Stephen D. Hyde and his wife, prominent Lincoln couple, were found dead in their home here at 1 o'clock today from gas asphyxiation.

An open jet in the oven of the stove was pouring gas into the kitchen when the bodies were found. Deputy Sheriff Davis, acting as coroner said the deaths were accidental. Hyde and his wife each were 86 years old.