NEW DRY CHIEF FOR NEBRASKA

Brig. Gen. W. McD. Rowan of Kansas at Omaha to Take up the Work

Omaha, Neb.,
Gen. W. McD. Rowan of Garden City, Kan., a brother of the famous Lieut. Andrew W. Rowan who carried the "Message to Garcia," in the Spanish-American war, arrived today to become prohibition administrator for Nebraska. He succeeds Elmer E. Thomas, who will be chief of the legal department for the prohibition forces in Kansas, Oklahoma

and Nebraska. General Rowan, as a colonel, commanded a regiment in France during the World war, and upon his return to Kansas became brigadier general of the national guard. He moved to Topeka and was appointed state tax commissioner by the then Gov. Henry J. Allen. Last February he took the civil service examination for the prohibition service and several months ago was appointed acting administrator for

CAN'T COLLECT ON \$10,000 BOND

Omaha, Neb., new wrinkle in evading the law was introduced to County Attorney Henry Beel Tuesday which cost the county \$10,000 and as a result he will go before the legislature this month to have the present law concerning bonds changed.

The legal freak was prompted by Mrs. Mary Bazar, who had given a \$10,000 bond for Paul Paterson. convicted robber of the Alimito Dairy company, in 1918.

Peterson disappeared shortly after his conviction and County Attorney Beal prepared to sell the property of the woman in order to get the bond money and discovered that the woman had sold the property to her husband.

Under the present law the county can do nothing to Mrs. Bazar, according to Beal, as the property was under her name and the county had no lien against it.

COYOTES REPORTED TO

BE MORE NUMEROUS Lyman, Neb., Depredations among flocks by coyotes have resulted in larger losses this fall than for several years, indicating that coyotes have been multiplying rapidly in the dens of the rocky ridges hereabouts and in the sand hills country. Farmers have been vigilant to break up dens where large families of pups were found in the summer months.

The annual slaughter of the coyotes that roam the plains country of western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming is on and scores of hunt ers with packs of wolf hounds have been making serious inroads on this

Coyote pelts are valued at \$10 each and hunters who make it their business to get them make good money all through the winter.

Most western Nebraska coyote hunting is done with the aid of stripped automobiles.

MAN FOUND GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Central City, Neb., -A verdict of first degree murder was returned against Charles Penn, 30 years old of Clarks, here last night after the jury had deliberated nine hours. The sentence was set as life imprisonment.

Penn was charged with the fatal shooting of Charles Johnson, a garageman at Clarks, on the night of October 2. Johnson told officers before he died, that he saw a man ransacking his office, and was shot when he started to investigate. He positively identified Penn. Penn denied the shooting but claimed he found Johnson on the sidewalk after highwaymen had shot him.

INSURANCE MAGAZINE

EDITOR TO SERVE TIME Omaha, Neb. (Special)-Henry H. Lovell, editor of the Forum, Omaha insurance magazine, announced today that he had decided not to go through with his petition for a rehearing of his sentence for contempt of court but would give himself up Saturday to start serving a 10-day sentence in the Douglas county fail. "I have not money to appeal," said Lovell, "but after I am out I expect to print an interesting story." The Omaha editor was convicted for writing an article about the Globe Life Insurance company while the supreme court was reviewing a recent decision against the company.

FALLS CITY GIRL BELIEVED

TO BE FATALLY BURNED Falls City, Neb. Lila Hollens, 10 years old, rushed out of doors when her clothing caught fire yesterday and a high wind fanned the flames. All clothing was burned from her body and physicians hold little hope for re-

NOTED CHURCHMAN TO

SPEAK IN NEBRASKA

(UP)-Dr. Omaha, Neb., Hugh Kelso, of Los Angeles, moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly will speak at several Nebraska meetings this month, it was announced here today. He will be at Eastings January 12, Lincoln January 13, speak at a joint meeting of Kearney and Hastings Presbyteries, January 14, coming here the following day to address the the following cay to acceptant pier to be constructed, No. 2 and 1 19 yearn then the steel workers will do their urer.

WALTON LEAGUE TO ASK

CHANGE HUNTING LAWS Omaha, Neb., ___-Izaak Walton leaguers may ask some changes in the duck hunting season at this session of the legislature if a conversation between Police Commissioner Dunn and Dr. C. C. Hall of the health department Wednesday indicates sentiment among the nimrods of Omaha.

They agreed that the duck season might well be opened October 1 instead of September 16 as now and continue the same time later into January. A season bag limit is one of the questions up for dis-

A five-year closed season on prairie chickens also is likely to be discussed at the annual league banquet January 8.

TELEPHONE CO. WILL IMPROVE

Northwestern Bell Plans Expenditure of \$13,000,-000 in Five States

Omaha, Neb., struction and improvements to cost \$13,000,000 were included in the 1929 budget of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, which serves five states.

The largest project is the proposed extention of the cross-state cable from Davenport, Ia., to Des Moines. Other important projects include the completion of a new headquarters building at Des Moines, and the Des Moines "cut over" project by which the entire city, except one central office area, will be converted from the manual to the dial service.

Among new direct planned are Omaha to Sioux Falls. S. D., 210 miles. A new building, with office equipment will be completed at Rapid City, S. D.

THE PIG CROP SHOWS

MATERIAL DECREASE Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A decrease of 11.2 per cent. in the fall pig crop for the state, over that of 1927 was reported today by the state and federal bureau of agricultural statistics. The 1928 spring crop showed an increase of less than 1 per cent., it was stated, and present plans are to breed about 1 per cent. less sows for farrowing next spring.

O'CONNOR CASE TO

BE AIDED ONCE MORE (UP)—The next chapter in the famous John O'Connor will case will be written at the next term of federal court at Hastings, federal court officials here said today, following action yesterday of United States supreme court in deciding that Federal Judge Woodrough erred in upholding a demurrer in the case.

At the hearing in Hastings, James B. O'Connor, Kansas City attorney, his brother Charles, and other members of their family will endeavor to prove that they are rightful heirs to the estate of the Hastings recluse, who died in 1913.

Before they will be given a chance to present such proof, however, Federal Judge T. C. Munger will have to decide whether or not federal courts have jurisdiction in the

Decision of supreme court yesterday merely upheld circuit court of appeals which held in substance that an answer instead of a demurrer should have been filed with federal court.

James B. O'Connor and associates already have gone through lengthy litigation in state courts in an effort to establish their right to the more than \$100,000 estate. If federal courts decide they have no jurisdiction, the estate is expected to escheat to the state.

MINISTERS ARE OPPOSED TO CRUISER BILL

Crete, Neb., (UP)—The Nebraska Congregational ministers in session here this week, sent the following telegram to the two Nebraska Senators, George Norris and R. B. Howell:

"The Congregational ministers of Nebraska in their annual convocation assembly unanimously oppose the passage of the cruiser bill, believing it to be a waste of public money, a creator of suspicion abroad and out of harmony with the Kellogg pact which we heartily support. We believe that Nebraska public opinion also is overwhelmingly opposed to the cruiser bill. We hope that you will actively oppose it on the floor of the senate.

Fifty ministers were in attendance at the fourth annual ministers' convocation, which covers a period of four days. The convocation is under auspices of Doane college and the Nebraska Congregational con-

CANADIAN WHEAT MAN TO SPEAK IN NEBRASKA

(UP)-F Lincoln Neb., W. Ransom, Secretary of the Manitoba Co-operative Wheat Growers of Winnipeg, Canada, will give a series of speeches in Nebraska from January 29 to February 2, it was announced by the Nebraska wheat pool association. Ransom will speak on co-operative marketing it was

MAKE PROGRESS ON

BRIDGE NEAR BLAIR, NED

Blair, Neb., (Special)—The last pier has been sealed on the new Abraham Lincoln Memorial bridge being built over the Missour! river here to connect Nebraska with Iowa. The "sand hogs" completed their work and the negroes left forother bridge construction jobs. I: will take about two weeks to complete the cement pouring on the last

BANDITS WORK AT PIPESTONE

Force Great Northern Depot Agent to 'Fork Over' Cash and Make Escape

Special) Pipestone, Minn., -Shortly after the Great Northern passenger train had left Pipestone, Sunday night, two masked men entered the local Great Northern office and with the aid of guns which they produced demand that Agent D. J. Evans turn over all money. Mrs. Evans was in the office with her husband at the time of the

One of the robbers appeared to be in a very nervous state.

Mr. Evans had mailed a considerable sum of money on the train which had just left the city and the holdup men secured only about \$31.30 and made their getaway.

T. B. RETEST IN MURRAY COUNTY IS COMPLETED

Rushmore, Minn., cial)-The tuberculosis retest of Murray county herds was completed recently, and the county will continue as an accredited area. Out of the 4,025 cattle tested only 17 were found affected with T. B.

SLAYTON FIREMEN CALLED

TO FIGHT FIRE AT IONA Slayton, Minn., (Special)— The Slayton fire department was called to extinguish a fire at Iona, at about 1 o'clock Monday morning. The fire started in the basement of the Steble store and had gained such headway that it was beyond the ability of the Iona firemen to control it. The fire department from here made the six miles to Iona in an incredibly short time and succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading. The loss to building and stock is large, probably

TO CELEBRATE **80TH BIRTHDAY**

Minnesota Historical Society Plans Meetings in Twin Cities

St. Paul, Minn., Selebrating its 80th birthday, the will Minnesota Historical society conduct its annual meeting January 21 in both St. Paul and Minneapolis, departing from the tradition of holding the entire session at the

Historical building. An important reason for transferring the morning session and annual luncheon to Minneapolis is the fact that the need of organizing a Hennepin County Historical society is to be considered. This will be discussed during the morning which will be devoted to the state society's ninth annual conference local history work in Minnesota.

At the luncheon, which with the morning session will take place at the Nicollet hotel, Henry A. Bellows, of Minneapolis, and Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, pastor of Unity church, St. Paul, will give addresses discussing their respective cities.

The afternoon and evening sessions will take place at the Historical building auditorium, St. Paul. The principal address of the meeting will be given in the evening by Herbert Heaton, professor of history at the University of Minne-

Frederick G. Ingersoll, of St Paul, society president, will preside in the afternoon. Two memorial addresses will be giv∈n in honor of two members of the society's council who died during the last year. Edward G. Gale, of Minneapolis, will address the gathering in memory of the late Herschel V. Jones, publisher of the Minneapolis Journal, while Harold Harris, of St. Paul, will speak in memory of Gideon S. Ives, of St. Paul, former

lieutenant governor. A business session will also take place and reports of officers will be heard. An address by Harold F. Peterson of Elkhart, Ind., on the subject of railroads and their relationship to the settlement of Minnesota, will be given.

Verne E. Chatelain, assistant superintendent of the society, will discuss the subject of financing local history work based on the experience of other states during the morning session in Minneapolis William E. Culkin, of Duluth, president of the St. Louis County Historical society, will relate experiences in the history of the formation of his organization.

This will be followed by a general discussion of local history activities to be directed by Burt W. Caton, of Rochester, representing Olmsted County Historical society.

HOLSTEIN COW SELLS FOR \$225 AT PUBLIC SALE

Springfield, S. D., cial)-At a recent public sale held on the Brandt farm, northwest of Springfield, one cow sold for \$225, which sets a new record for milch cows in Bon Hemme county. The cow that brought the \$225 was a

HOLDS PUBLIC OFFICE

FOR THIRTY NINE YEARS

Duluth, Minn., cidest official in St. Louis county, both in point of service and in years, tomorrow will start on his 38th year as an elective officer of the county. He is J. P. Johnson, clerk of the St. Louis county district court, elected last November by more than 8,000 majority to the office he first was chosen to 28 years ago, after he previously had served 10 years as St. Louis county treas- I

THEIR MATRIMONIAL AFFAIRS AGAIN ADJUSTED

(UP)-The Omaha, Neb., same baby boy which last August caused them so much trouble, was responsible Monday for a reconciliation between Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richards, formerly of Hastings. They adopted the child in Kansas City six months ago. Missouri authorities, learning that Richards was in trouble, sent Miss Hazel Clough to Omaha to return the child. The Richards abducted the child from her as she was about to board a train. Later Richards was arrested for embezzlement and Mrs. Richards filed suit for divorce. Monday she dismissed the action, giving as her reason love for the boy and stated she will help Richards fight the embezzlement charge

CLAIMS AGENT WENT TOO FAR

Madison County Man Seeks to Clear Title to Land-To High Court

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)-Gustav Rakowsky, Magison county farmer, has appealed to the supreme court from a district court judgment that gave the State bank of Madison a lien for \$3,300 on the farm he

bought. Rakowsky was unlearned in business and employed F. T. Gilbert to arrange for the purchase of the farm, which was part of an estate in which his wife was interested. He said he employed Gilbert, who was recommended to him as an honest and able man, to purchase the land, supplying him with money for that purpose. He also gave him

a power of attorney to act for him. He charged, and the trial court so found, that Gilbert took the title in himself, and then went to the bank and borrowed money with that title as the basis of his credit. In the windup, after Rakowsky had hired a lawyer, Gilbert deeded him the farm, but the bank's lien still remained upon it.

The court found that as the banker took the precaution to look up the records and that these showed Gilbert owned the land, he should not lose, while Rakowsky says that when he heard that Gilbert was trying to morrow money from the banker, he asked the latter, and was told bankers did not discuss customer's business. He says that if the banker had merely asked him why he wanted to know, all the loans would not have been made.

ILL HEALTH BLAMED

FOR FARMER'S SUICIDE (Special) Plainvlew, Neb., -Olof Larson hanged himself at his farm home three miles east of Plainview, Sunday afternoon. He had been in ill health and had been confined in a sanitarium at Norfolk for several weeks, but had escaped on Thursday evening and returned to his home. He seemed to be in much better health when he returned and the family concluded to let him remain at home. He had been somewhat restless on Saturday evening and Sunday his wife had lain down to take a short rest and upon waking found him gc ie. She at once started a search for him and found him in the barn where he had hanged himself. He leaves a wife and three small children, his father and mother and several brothers and sisters.

HER CLAIM TO BROTHER'S

ESTATE IS TURNED DOWN (Special)-Lincoln, Neb., The suit brought by Mrs. Irene Mc-Donald to secure all of the estate of her deceased brother, Charles Gates, consisting of a large amount of land in Pierce county, was dismissed by the supreme court, as without equity. Her story was that as a young woman of 22 years, she came to Nebraska from the east to keep house for her brother, then 45, on his promise that if she would take care of him he would leave all his property to her. When he died years later he left no will, and all his sisters and brothers shared equally. The court says that not only had she not proved the making of the contract with that clearness and convincing character that the law demands, but that the testimony shows she married and did not return for a long time, caring

for him only intermittently. SAY FUGITIVE BANKER'S

LIABILITY EXCEEDS \$1,000,000 (UP)-The Norfolk, Neb., estate of Paul Wupper, fugitive Bermer, Neb., banker, will be administered in federal bankruptcy court here, it was made known today. A petition filed in Judge Lehrs' court by several bankers said Wupper's liabilities were more than \$1,-

000,000. The fugitive banker is charged with committing acts of bankruptcy on or about August 22, 1928, when he was insolvent. He is claimed to have preferred A. H. Lallman over other creditors and paid him \$4,-035.50. July 11, 1928, it is alleged. Wupper committed an act of bankruptcy by paying to S. S. Sidner, Fremont attorney, the sum of \$910 in preference to other creditors. Wupper is charged with concealing \$5,000 and other property to defraud his creditors.

CAR "BORROWER" IS

GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

Hastings, Neb., \$300 fine and three months in jail was the sentence given Elmor R. Hofferber, 21 years old, who confessed yesterday to "borrowing" cars in which to make courting trips to the home of his sweetheart at Pauline, Neb.

Hofferber took three different cars on as many occasions and returned one of them to the place where he found it. The others were last along the road.

WANT OMAHA AS SEAT OF COURT

Nebraska Bar Association Has Ambitious Plans for New Federal Circuit

(UP)—The Omaha, Neb., Nebraska Bar association today was on record as favoring restricting of federal circuit court districts in such a manner as to make Omaha the key city for the proposed new 10th circuit. States recommended for this district are Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Minnesota, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Da-

Report of a special committee which investigated the matter recommended that two bills now pending in congress, known as the Newton bill and the Thatcher bill be disapproved and the Nebraska attorneys united in demanding of their congressional representatives that the diversion be made along lines approved by the convention

today. The committee pointed out that division of the eighth and 10th circuits as proposed by the Newton and Thatcher bills iis inequitable. Under the Newton bill states with population of 12,527,198 would be grouped in the eighth district while population of the 10th circuit would be but 5,741,317. Cases pending number 240 in the eighth and 161 in the 10th.

In the Thatcher bill 128 cases are pending in the eighth and 273 in the 10th. Population is 7,565,339 and 10,703,174 respectively.

Under the division proposed by the Nebraska bar, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico and Oklahoma with a population of 9,314,-149 would be grouped in the eighth district. The 10th district population would be 8,954,364. Cases pending are 238 in the eighth and 162 in the 10th circuit.

The resolution strongly urged the Nebraska delegation to insist upon naming of Omaha as one of the key cities no matter which bill is

The convention is to close this afternoon with election of officers and addresses by Truman S. Stevens, chief justice of the supreme court of Iowa and Charles M. Bracelen, former Nebraskan, now general counsel and vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph

The epidemic of influenza prevailing throughout the state somewhat ut down attendance, officers of the association said.

ASK NEW TRIAL FOR NEBRASKA CONVICT

(UP)-At-Lincoln, Neb., torneys for John O'Neill, serving a life term in the penitentiary for murder, filed a brief with the supreme court today urging their reasons for believing a gross miscarriage of justice had occurred. They asked for a new trial or his dis-

O'Neill was convicted of killing an unidentified man, referred to as John Doe, whose body was found last July 2 in a hobo camp near Fairbury. Conviction, secured on evidence that Doe had entered the camp shortly after O'Neill and that an hour later the defendant came out, bleeding profusely and in a bruised and battered condition.

O'Neill's story was that he had entered the camp to cook some vegetables and there met four men. The group did a little drinking, the defendant said, and he accidentally revealed a roll of bills. They beat him, according to his story, and esaped with the money.

The attorneys contend that there vere several different exits to the amp and that the real murderer vould not have done as O'Neill did -walk back to town and wash up.

HVEN JUDGMENT AGAINST HAIL INSURANCE COMPANY

Lincoln, Neb., pite of the fact that when an adustor for the Farmers Mutual Hail esociation of Iowa presented him with a document to sign he did so without reading it, John T. Combs, Lancaster county farmer, was given judgment in supreme court today or \$2,484, losses to his corn crop in 1924.

Combs said he was in the field and did not have his glasses when he adjustor came along. He noiced that at the top of the paper, he words "proof of loss," were printed but he did not see that further down the document was a lause releasing the company from all damage claims. The court said he proved fully that he did suffer he loss claimed.

ELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Orchard, Neb., -Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nye celebratd their golden wedding anniversary the home of their daughter, Mrs. cmes L. Withee, here Christmas lay. Mr. and Mrs. Nye were maried at West Point, Neb., in 1878 and later moved to Stanton, Neb They later moved to Dakota county and then took up a homestead sev-n miles west of Winnetoon, Neb., where they resided for 30 years.

VOMAN TO MANAGE CO-OPERATIVE STORE

Homer, Neb., (Special)-The Farmers' Co-perative comany, operating a large general merhandise store here, soon will have he distinction of being managed by

woman. Mrs. Helen Blacketer, at one time bookkeeper in the store, will beome manager January 15. Incilentally, one of those she will have supervision over is her husband, Will Blacketer, a clerk.

Mrs. Blacketer will succeed W. F. Winch, resigned.

M'MULLEN GUAD TO HAVE BEEN NEBRASKA GOVERNOE

Omaha, Neb., Adam McMullen, retiring governor, in a speech at a farewell banquet tendered in his honor by Walter W Head. Omaha banker, Saturday night declared he considered it a wonderful privilege to have served his state as chief executive. Two hundred and fifty business, church, and social leaders of the city attended the banquet.

Nebraska has progressed against great odds, McMullen said. Her sturdy sons and daughters proved false the belief of people half a century ago that her broad acres were considered too poor for human habitation.

"One crop of Nebraska hay now would pay the entire purchase price of the Louisiana purchase," he said.

RECOVER LOOT OF MANY JOBS

Nebraska State Sheriff Takes Member Kelly Gang to S. D.

Omaha, Neb., (UP)-Following recovery of part of the loot in Nebraska robberies believed to have been engineered by Roy and Tom Kelly and theirr gang, State Sheriff Condit and Omaha police were confident that larger quantities of the stolen goods will be found. Frank Cirian, alleged member of Kelly's gang, was brought here and took officers to the pool hall of H. Silverman, where part of the Dixon Jewelry store, North Platte, holdup loot was found. Officers then left with Cirian for some point in South Dakota where Cirian promised to point out other persons who bought the stolen goods from the gang. Silverman was released on \$2,500 bonds.

YEGGS FAIL TO GET \$96,000 ARMY PAYROLL

(UP)-Soldiers at Fort Crook and Fort Omaha received their monthly pay today because two yeggmen who attempted to blow the safe in an army building here last night became frightened at the approach of James Stark, negro watchman. Although Major H. D. Salmon denied it, it was learned that there was \$96,000 in the safe to be used in paying off officers and enlisted

The cracksmen had almost effected entrance to the strong box when they heard Stark coming They dashed into the basement and escaped through the same window they used in effecting entrance. Stark was more surprised than were the would be robbers as he had no intimation anyone was in the building.

TWO SMALL CHILDREN

ARE FATALLY BURNED Lincoln, Neb., Fatal burns were suffered by two children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Streeter when they attempted to start a fire with gasoline at their home near here Saturday night. The children, 2 and 4 years old, were starting the fire while both

parents were out of the house. The mother was seriously burned when she rushed into the building to try to save them from the flames, and another son was burned slightly. A baby in the house at the time was uninjured.

NEBRASKAN STRICKEN WHILE RETURNING FROM VACATION

(UP)-Lincoln, Neb., The body of George Coryell, 64 years old, Nebraska oilman, was brought to his home here today. Coryell sustained a paralytic stroke, early Sunday night, while returning home after a short vacation at

St. Petersburg, Fla. Besides the Coryell Oil company, which was established in 1921, Coryell was interested in several land holdings. Before coming to Lincoln he had lived at Brock, Neb., where he was interested in stock raising and farming.

PIONEER OF WOODBURY

IS NOW 83 YEARS OLD (Special)-Davis Yount, a resident of Woodbury county since 1887, celebrated his 83 birthday last week, at his home on the farm near here. He was born in Ohio. He served one year in the Union army at the close of the Civil war. Soon after the war he came with his parents to Iowa and they settled on a farm near Belle Plaine.

Mr and Mrs. Yount lived in Benton county for 20 years after their marriage, in 1867. Then they came to Woodbury county and lived for some time near Moville and Kingsley. In 1901 they moved to their present home, eight miles north of Sioux City, near here. They have six children, Dan and Lew, of James. Mrs. Bell Held, of Hinton; Mrs. Stella Kiser, of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Lizzie Rockwell, of Ponca, Neb., and Mrs. Rebecca Wilcox, of Moville.

are both in good health and live alone on the farm. They will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on March 15, 1929.

Mrs. Yount is 85 years old. They

PIONEER MERCHANT AT YANKTON PASSES AWAY Yankton, S. D.,

cial)-One of Yankton's best known and oldest pioneers passed away here Saturday night when Dan McDevitt, 39 years old, died at Sacred Heart hospital after a lingering llness. McDevitt was one of Yankton's earliest merchants, engaging in the grocery business here when the city was a mere frontier settlement. He was born in Ireland and came here as a young man. His wife died many years ago. He has but one living relative in this country, Day Dallahan, of Yankton.