

MAKES A BIG HAUL

SEVEN PACKAGES TAKEN FROM KEARNEY POSTOFFICE.

THE LAW OF WATER RIGHTS

Beneficial Use of Water Is Basis of Right—Laborer Finds 1804 Silver Dollar Worth \$3,500.

Kearney, Neb.—Two of seven registered mail packages which were taken from the postoffice safe here contained currency shipments from the First National bank at Omaha to the City National bank of Kearney. One contained \$5,000 and the other \$2,700. Six postoffice inspectors are at work upon the case, but so far have been unable to discover what were the contents of the other five packages. When the robber was first discovered it was thought that only four registered packages had been taken.

Bloodhounds are being used in an effort to trace the thieves or to locate their plunder, which may be hidden near town.

The burglar gained entrance through a window and opened the new safe by using the combination.

Finds 1804 Silver Dollar.

New Haven, Conn.—A silver dollar bearing the date 1804, highly prized by numismatists, and understood to be quoted at \$3,500 for collection purposes, was found here by William Sullivan, a laborer. Excavating on the site of the ice rink for the Yale hockey team he turned over with his shovel an old jar which rested on a boulder seven feet below the surface of the street nearby. Under the bowl was a silver snuff box made in Nuremberg, green with oxidation, and in it a United States silver dollar dated 1804, in good condition. A number of Connecticut copper coins, a continental note for \$3, several state notes and some rings.

THE LAW OF WATER RIGHTS.

Beneficial Use the Basis According to Court Rulings.

Washington.—Under the laws of water rights as established by legislation and court decrees in arid states of the west, the final test of a right to water for irrigation is that the water claimed shall be put to beneficial use. As expressed by the laws of several states, "beneficial use is the basis, the measure, and the limit" of rights to water.

At a conference of the project managers of the United States reclamation service and representatives of the department of agriculture, held at Salt Lake, November 12-15, a resolution defining the above was adopted, which though somewhat long and detailed, in substance is as follows:

A water user is entitled to that amount of water that will render him a reasonable maximum amount of good with a reasonable economic handling of the water.

Ask Freedom for Dietz.

Madison, Wis.—That murder was not a proper charge against John F. Dietz was the contention of counsel who appeared for Dietz before Governor E. E. McGovern and made an appeal for pardon for the condemned man, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Oscar Harp in October, 1910, near Cameron Dam. It was contended that the crime lacked the element of premeditation and that Dietz's general disposition was such that it was clearly a case of manslaughter if he had killed Harp.

Wells-Fargo Dividend Uncertain.

New York.—In declaring the usual semi-annual dividend at 5 per cent, directors of the Wells-Fargo Express company have issued a statement to stockholders asserting that the continuance of the present dividend rate is uncertain because of the rate reductions which will go into effect February 1.

Brings Recovery Suit.

Kirksville, Mo.—Attorney General Barker has filed suit here to recover from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad one million dollars collected in excess passenger and freight charges.

Meat Famine in Paris.

Paris.—A meat famine is threatened in Paris. The slaughterers' union has decided upon an immediate strike as a result of the employers' refusal to agree to the reduction of the fourteen-hour day to a ten-hour day.

Million for Good Roads.

Washington.—An appropriation of \$1,000,000 for improvement of roads used in the rural mail service is asked of congress in a letter from Postmaster General Burleson, forwarded through Secretary McAdoo.

Longest Overland Mail Trip.

Edmonton, Alta.—Four trusted employees of the Hudson's Bay company, which has operated in this country since 1670, accompanied by two dog teams, each carrying 300 pounds of mail and provisions, are on the way to Fort McPherson, 2,100 miles north of here, on what is conceded to be the longest overland mail trip in the world. They are scheduled to reach the fringe of the arctic circle on February 28, the journey occupying about sixty days.

FROM OLD TO NEW



WILL SWEEP BORDER CLEAR

CURRENCY BILL RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S SANCTION.

Orders Given to Leave No Federals Alive—Vice-President Marshall Pleased with Work of Congress.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson signed the Glass-Owen currency bill at 6:01 o'clock Tuesday night in the presence of members of his cabinet, the congressional committees on banking and currency and democratic leaders in congress generally. With a few strokes of the pen the president converted into law the measure to be known as the federal reserve act, reorganizing the nation's banking and currency system, and furnishing, in the words of the president, "the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in fifty years."

TO SWEEP THE BORDER.

Orders Given to Exterminate the Federals.

Chihuahua, Mex.—Forty-two hundred rebel cavalry, with ten cannon and six machine guns, left Chihuahua to begin the long delayed attack on the federals at Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Tex. The rebels, commanded by General Ortega, have been ordered to exterminate the federals or drive them across the United States border, and do not take any prisoners," was Gen. Francisco Villa's order to General Ortega. "There must not be a federal left alive this side of the border."

Kills Mother, Thinking Her Burglar.

Lincoln, Neb.—Carl F. Carlson shot and killed his mother, Mrs. M. C. Carlson, mistaking her for a burglar, at 1:25 a. m. Friday, at their home here. Mr. Carlson phoned to the police station and said that he had been awakened by footsteps and believing that a burglar was trying to get into the house, he fired. The bullet from the 38-calibre revolver pierced Mrs. Carlson's breast. She screamed as she fell and her son, believing that he had wounded a burglar, ran forward to find his mother stricken by his bullet. He was hysterical when the officers arrived at the house, and could not give a clear account of the tragedy.

Find Missing Omaha Woman.

Omaha, Neb.—Mrs. Jennie E. Frey, who disappeared November 18, and whose husband, Rudolph E. Frey, has been scouring the country to locate her, is found. She is in the city hospital at St. Louis. Word that she had been located was received by Chief of Police Dunn, from the St. Louis police, and Mr. Frey left for St. Louis immediately. In the report from St. Louis Mrs. Frey is said to be in a mentally unbalanced condition. She has evidently been in St. Louis ever since she left Omaha.

Denmark Pleased Over Treaty.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—The news published here that an arbitration treaty between the United States and Denmark has been agreed on caused great satisfaction. It is considered such a treaty materially helps to assure the neutrality of Denmark.

Hungry Men Storm Restaurants.

Portland, Ore.—Restaurants here were stormed by gangs of men led by industrial workers of the world, who announced that they were without money and must be fed.

TRYING TO TEACH ECONOMY

Postal Savings Will Tend to Education Along Economical Lines—Celebrate Birthday of Huerta.

President Huerta's Birthday. Mexico City.—President Huerta's birthday celebration was brought to a close at Chapultepec Tuesday night by a series of speeches. The gathering included most of the president's official family and a few personal friends. The minister of foreign affairs, Querido Moheno, attacked the policy of the United States energetically, saying Huerta had been acclaimed as president not only by Mexico, but by twenty-one Latin-American states. He spoke in glowing terms of the support Mexico might expect from the Central and South American nations in event of war with another power.

TRYING TO TEACH ECONOMY.

Postoffice Department Says It is Making Effort.

Washington.—Difficulties experienced by postal officials in teaching the people to "save and economize" are set forth by Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery in his annual report, made public recently. To minimize this problem, Mr. Dockery recommends the inauguration of a campaign of education by which the people may be brought into closer touch with the postal savings service. The fundamental purpose of the negotiation is to create "a spontaneous desire to save and economize."

Will Not Advance the Rates.

Rock Island, Ill.—The executive council of the Modern Woodmen of America has announced that it has abandoned its fight for increased insurance rates and that the question would not be proposed at the national head camp meeting to be held in June at Toledo, O., unless it originated from the membership. This ends a bitter fight that has been waged within the society since the increased rates ordered at the head camp meeting in Chicago two years ago.

Hermosillo, Sonora.—The commis-

sioned officers and many sergeants and corporals of the Tenth battalion of the federal garrison at Guaymas were executed at sunrise Saturday in that city, according to word brought here. Officers and men of the Tenth were dispersed several days ago by General Ojeda, federal commander, when he discovered they were plotting to desert to the insurgents.

George E. Johnson, 95 years, said to be the oldest Free Mason in the United States, is dead at Lynchburg, Va. He had been a Mason seventy-three years.

Mr. Bryan to be in Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb.—Secretary of State W. J. Bryan, who several weeks ago accepted an invitation to speak at the annual banquet of the Lincoln Commercial club January 6, and was later compelled to cancel the date, has wired that he had found it possible to come and will speak as first arranged. The subject of his address will be "The New Era." The plan of President Wilson to leave soon for the south made it possible for Mr. Bryan to defer Washington engagements and come west as originally intended.

Missouri Wins Two Cent Case.

Kansas City, Mo.—The state of Missouri won a final victory in the two-cent passenger and maximum freight rate cases when Judge McPherson of Red Oak, Ia., following the mandate of the supreme court, dismissed "without prejudice" the case filed by railroads enjoining the state from enforcing the rate laws. The higher court sustained their validity and ordered the cases dismissed. As a result shippers and travelers may bring suit to cover excess rates during the time the injunctions were in force.

GOOD TIMES AHEAD

PRESIDENT WILSON BELIEVES A REAL WAVE OF PROSPERITY AT HAND.

PARCEL POST RATE CHANGES

Instructions Sent to Postmasters of the Country—General Huerta to Retire as President of Mexico.

Pass Christian, Miss.—President Wilson believes a real period of prosperity is ahead. With the new tariff law in operation, and the currency bill enacted, it is now no secret that the president believes the interstate commerce commission will grant at least a part of the increase in rates asked for by the eastern railroads, and also expects this action will result in the release of millions of dollars for equipment orders. This will have the effect of launching a real wave of prosperity, in the president's opinion, and he wants the trust "bugaboo" eliminated, so that it will not act as a damper on increased business.

Rumored Huerta to Retire.

Mexico City.—Enrique Gerosi, minister of justice, will become president of Mexico early in the new year, and General Huerta will take the field against the rebels, who refuse to conform to this arrangement, according to a report that was received with credence by some of the diplomatic representatives here. George Gerosi is to be named minister of foreign affairs, according to the version of the story in circulation, and General Huerta will retire from the presidency, in which case the foreign minister succeeds him.

PARCEL POST RATE CHANGES.

Instructions Sent to Postmasters of the Country.

Washington.—The office of the third assistant postmaster general has forwarded to nearly 60,000 postmasters information as to changes in parcel post rates and regulations effective January 1 by order of Postmaster General Burleson. The orders provide for a reduction of rates in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones and for an increase of the weight limit to fifty pounds on parcels mailed for delivery in the first and second zones. After March 6, next, books shall be embraced in the fourth class of mail, regular zone rates being applied to parcels of books weighing over eight ounces. Parcels of eight ounces or less will be required to pay one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

Mrs. Adelia Stevenson Dead.

Bloomington, Ill.—Mrs. Adelia Stevenson, wife of former Vice President Stevenson, is dead here after an illness of several months. Mrs. Stevenson was seventy-two years old and is survived by her husband and three children. Mrs. Stevenson was elected president of the Daughters of the American Revolution four times and had recently published a history of that organization.

Federals Poisoning the Wells.

El Paso, Tex.—That Mexican federals poisoned the wells near Monclova, Mexico, and that four hundred men, women and children have died as a result, was the story brought here by Henry Miller, who arrived here after a perilous trip from Monclova, where his father owns many hundred acres. He declared troops commanded by General Cercado were responsible. When they were rushing to the border after the evacuation of Chihuahua, he says, these soldiers put poison in the wells, evidently expecting thus to kill off the rebels sent in pursuit.

Nebraskan Dies in Alabama.

Mobile, Ala.—Jacob V. Wolfe, for many years a resident of Lincoln, Neb., died Friday at his winter home at Semmes, Mobile county, Alabama, after a brief illness, although he had been ailing for some time. Mr. Wolfe had been coming to this country for several years during the extreme cold weather months. The remains were sent to Lincoln for interment.

Fireworks Explosion Results Fatally.

Rome.—The explosion of a fireworks factory at Torre Annunziata, in the province of Naples, resulted in the death of many persons. The building collapsed, burying the victims in the wreckage. Fourteen dead and five injured were taken from the ruins.

Seattle Shaken by Earthquake.

Seattle, Wash.—A light earthquake shock of forty seconds' duration occurred at 6:45 o'clock Thursday morning. It was strong enough to waken sleeping persons, but did no damage.

Fog Envelopes Chicago.

Chicago.—Darkness dense as midnight spread over Chicago Wednesday forenoon, the fourth incident of the kind within two months. Fog, smoke and the absence of air currents were the cause.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Eggs have become so valuable in Arkansas that they are being used as a medium of exchange. They are being taken for entertainment at moving picture shows. Children are admitted for one egg, adults for two.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

A commercial club has been organized at Cortland. A. L. Lynch, a former resident of York, is dead at Boulder, Colo. P. L. Johnson will sink a well for irrigating purposes near Hastings. Nearly 150 persons were converted at the revival services just closed at Albion.

An effort is being made to perfect a good roads organization for York county.

Arthur Dern, a Fremont boy, was run over by a train at Lowden, Iowa, and instantly killed.

Mrs. Henry Bitzer of Fairbury fell on an icy walk and fractured her right hip in two places.

Rabbits have increased to such an extent that they have become a pest to Adams county farmers.

The David City volunteer fire department will give its annual ball Wednesday, December 31.

The Ainsworth Light and Power company has commenced laying the foundation for its new building.

Business men of Cortland tendered a smoker to their farmer friends and patrons at which nearly 500 were guests.

Mrs. Harriet Noble, who took a post graduate course at Peru, is now superintendent of schools at Herman.

Depositors of the defunct First National bank at Sutton will possibly get a settlement of 40 cents on the dollar.

Mrs. Sarah Shindle, aged 76, is dead at Bradshaw as the result of injuries received in a fall a few weeks ago.

The Rev. Mr. Sandahl has accepted a call as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Wahoo. He comes from Michigan.

A pack of greyhounds attacked Clara, the 4-year-old daughter of A. K. Dobesh, near Ansley, and seriously injured her.

About 120 teamsters in the coal yards at Lincoln went on strike Monday, but the differences were adjusted and they returned to work Tuesday.

Fire breaking out in the general store of J. H. Arends & Company at Syracuse, damaged stock and building to the extent of \$25,000 or \$40,000.

Mrs. Blanche Clapp has brought suit against the city of Tecumseh for the sum of \$3,079 for injuries received when she fell on a board walk.

Miss Carrie Jewell, a missionary from Foo Chow, China, occupied the pulpit of the M. E. church at Peru, Sunday, and gave an interesting talk.

Ten automobiles were burned in a fire that consumed the Syfert garage at Ainsworth. The fire started from an explosion in the workroom.

William Barnby, a DeWitt banker, scratched his hand with a nail and blood poisoning resulted, which has caused him considerable pain and alarm.

Lawrence King, a well-to-do young man, committed suicide by hanging himself in a cattle barn on his father's farm near Edgar. Ill health is supposed to have been responsible.

The eleven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall was scalded to death at their home in Round Valley, when a plug came out of a washing machine, letting the contents, boiling hot, splash over her.

An overdose of headache tablets came near resulting fatally to Mrs. Will Buraup of Tecumseh, who was found unconscious by her daughter, who hastily summoned a physician. She is now thought out of danger.

Dick George, near Fairbury, nearly lost an arm in a circular saw, which he was operating, cutting stove wood.

J. C. Mitchell, driving an oil wagon at Hastings, was thrown from the seat and severely injured by the wheels passing over his head and shoulders.

A total of 1,829 hotels, restaurants, rooming houses and apartment houses have thus far received licenses to operate under the new state hotel law. In the neighborhood of 2,500 institutions of this character are yet to register with the state.

J. A. Moore, a deputy pure food inspector was painfully burned while making a test of gasoline at the plant of the Standard Oil Company in Nebraska City.

Workmen engaged in tearing down an old house at Fremont were routed by a swarm of bees that had made the interior of the walls their winter headquarters.

David City had two fire alarms turned in within fifteen hours. The residence of John Howard took fire Friday evening and the residence of Phil Harper took fire Saturday morning.

Fremont, Superior, Fairbury, Beatrice and Nebraska City have asked the Nebraska Manufacturers' association to organize local associations at those places.

The pickle and vinegar factory at Pawnee City has closed down for the season. During the sixty days they ran they manufactured 300,000 gallons of vinegar.

The electroliners, which the county and city are installing around the court house square, are being connected up and in a short time David City will be one of the best lighted cities in the state.

A general talk on farm problems was given at Holmesville Thursday evening by Farm Demonstrator Liebers. He also explained the purpose of the Gage County Crop Improvement Association. About forty farmers were in attendance.

Disquietude prevails among Jefferson county farmers over the condition of winter wheat. The large amount of moisture in the ground and the varied changes in the weather has caused the ground to "purge," resulting in the wheat plant being torn loose from its roots and then freezing.

THE REWARD FOR OIL

LONG FORGOTTEN STATUTE HAS BEEN REDISCOVERED.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Fifteen thousand dollars is the prize offered by the state of Nebraska to the first person who shall succeed in locating a steady flow of oil within the state, yielding fifty barrels per day for sixty consecutive days. The existence of this forgotten statute, passed by the legislature of 1903, was rediscovered in State Treasurer George's office following the receipt of a letter from New York asking whether Nebraska has such a law. The letter was sent from the New York office of a London corporation known as the Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Products Company. A short time previously Treasurer George received another query from the same source, but did not answer it. The persistence of the company in seeking to find out about the state reward is taken to mean that it has some kind of a "tip" as to where oil may be found in paying quantities in this state. If so, it has been able to keep the information secret, as no facts have been made public relating to any such discovery. A few test borings are known to have been made in different localities, but these, so far as is known in Lincoln, have all been abandoned.

Linseed Oil.

As a result of a complaint filed by State Food Commissioner Harman with the postoffice department linseed oil companies doing business in Nebraska have agreed to stop advertising their products as raw linseed oil and boiled linseed oil and will hereafter label it as boiled linseed compound and raw linseed compound, and that advertising matter will contain the statement that it is composed of linseed oil, mineral oil and dryer suitably compounded or blended. The company has not agreed to brand their goods with the percentage of such ingredients. Eight different companies have signed a stipulation of this nature and presented it to the postmaster general. The companies were alleged to be selling linseed oil which contained from 20 to 50 per cent of petroleum, and that many people bought it for pure linseed oil.

Must Not Misrepresent.

Hereafter oysters must be sold in this state in either net bulk or quantity lots—no advertising or pricing in pints and then sales by the pound. Such is the substance of a manifesto which has gone out from the state food commission, following and investigation that opened the eyes of the inspectors as to methods of disposing of the seafood. Much of the battle will fall on the federal department, however, as greater law violations have been found to exist between canneries and wholesalers and retailers, than between the retailers and the consumers. The latter situation is the one which will be attacked by the state department.

Less Bonds Registered than Year Ago.

Bonds to the amount of \$1,784,470 have been registered with the state during the past year, according to a report made by Bond Clerk Lawrence. The total is much lower than last year and the year before, indicating a reluctance of the people to hasten into indebtedness for public improvements. Bond registrations of 1911 and up to November 30, 1912, amounted to \$4,716,136, or about \$2,400,000 for each year. Bonds registered included city lighting and water, county, village, school district, drainage district and irrigation district, and various classes of bonds of Omaha and South Omaha and Lincoln.

Winter Short Course.

The school of agriculture announces that the winter short course will begin immediately following the holidays, January 6th. This is a course of six weeks' work, composed of practical lectures, and laboratory work on various agricultural subjects.

Co-eds Earn Their Way.

Fifty co-eds at the state university earn their way through school by doing housework, according to a canvass made by the women's department. As many more have varied employment that enables them to keep papa's pocketbook immune from attack. There are many girls who play pianos or in orchestras at various eating houses, and still others who are waitresses. One girl is known to earn good money serving as a telephone operator, while one reads to a deaf and dumb woman in the sign language. Another is making her way by aiding a local physician in the collection of vital statistics. Three more girls serve in the roll of student assistants to regular instructors.

Agreements entered into by the state food commission and eight linseed oil companies provide that the product shall hereafter, when offered for sale, be labeled as a compound, and the advertising matter exploiting it to possible patrons will set out the ingredients, but not the percentage of the compound.