

HONOR MR. BRYAN

BIG BIRTHDAY DINNER GIVEN BY LINCOLN CLUB.

GOETHALS TO BE GOVERNOR

New Governor of Canal Zone Will Begin Duties April 1—Must Take Civil Service Examinations.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Lincoln, Neb.—With the honor guest absent from the feast, nearly seven hundred men and women banqueters Thursday evening commemorated the fifty-fourth anniversary of Secretary of State William J. Bryan.

Postmasters Must Take Examination. Washington.—Nearly eight hundred Nebraska postmasters will have to take a civil service examination in May, according to an announcement made by the civil service commission.

GOETHALS TO BE GOVERNOR.

Canal Builder Sails to Begin His New Duties.

Washington.—Col. George W. Goethals left Thursday to sail from New York for Colon, where on April 1, he will assume his new title and office of governor of the Panama canal zone.

Lone Bandit Holds Up Train.

Beaumont, Tex.—A robber held up the express messenger on a Santa Fe railroad train near here and is reported to have stolen \$14,000. The robbery occurred at Helbig, fourteen miles north of here.

3,000 Victims Perish in Storm.

St. Petersburg.—The storm that swept over Russia, according to a dispatch from Rostov, claimed more than 3,000 victims in the territory near the mouth of the river Don.

Washington.

Warning that the United States hereafter must produce enough potatoes to supply the home consumption on account of most sources of foreign imports being closed by a plant disease quarantine, has been issued by the department of agriculture.

Lincoln, Neb.—

Five years' residence in the south, during which he has had a chance to study the negro and the negro problem at short range, has brought George L. Sheldon, former governor of Nebraska, to believe that the fifteenth amendment to the constitution should be repealed and that another amendment should be passed which would enable the states to enfranchise the negro as they may see fit.

To Care for Refugees.

Washington.—After a vigorous defense by Senator Lodge of the expenditures in caring for Mexican soldiers and other refugees interned in Texas and California, the senate passed the urgent deficiency bill, carrying a total of more than ten millions of dollars.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS



HAVE CORNER ON THE BEEF

Chicago Packers Said to Control Argentine Beef Output—Woman Suffrage Defeated in Senate.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Women suffrage advocates lost their fight in the United States senate for a resolution proposing an amendment to the federal constitution giving women the ballot.

HAVE CORNER ON BEEF.

Chicago Packers Control Argentine Supply.

Washington.—How Argentine's beef industry, which exports millions of pounds of meat into the United States monthly under the new tariff law, is dominated by Chicago slaughtering and packing companies, which "do by far the major portion of the entire business," is described in a "farmers' bulletin" issued by the department of agriculture.

For Direct Primary Law.

Indianapolis, Ind.—With little friction a complete state ticket, excepting candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, but including a candidate for United States senator, was nominated and a platform, which declared in favor of a state-wide direct primary law, was adopted by the democrats of Indiana in state convention Thursday.

Federal Prisoners Escape.

Leavenworth, Kas.—Using a strip of carpet for a rope, Lloyd Bitsberger and Bert Adams slid down from the windows in the chapel at the United States military prison here and escaped. The two men placed dummies in their bunks and slipped into the chapel. They took up a long strip of carpet from the chapel floor to make their rope and dropped to the ground within a hundred feet of a sentry armed with a shotgun.

Bad Fire at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee.—Fire which broke out in the Evening Wisconsin building swept the entire block. Between twenty and thirty guests were rescued by a patrolman who climbed up to the third story of the hotel. He said that many may have been trapped in sleeping quarters on the third floor where he could not penetrate owing to the smoke.

Conference Has Been Postponed.

Santiago, Chile.—The postponement is announced of the fifth pan-American conference which was to have been held here in September. It will not take place before the end of November.

Swedish Monarch in Bad Health.

Stockholm, Sweden.—The condition of health of King Gustave is causing anxiety in court circles here. His majesty has found it necessary to curtail his stay in the country, where he went from Stockholm a few days ago.

Looking Over Sites.

Lincoln, Neb.—Two members of the board of control have started out on the first leg of their trip of investigation, and before they return to the city will have looked over possible sites for the new state reformatory at the following towns: Geneva, Deshler, Superior, Holdrege and Alma. Further trips will be taken to the other fifteen towns that are desirous of obtaining the institution and every proposition and advantage will be given due consideration.

RELIEF FOR SETTLERS ON RECLAMATION PROJECTS.

Idaho Senator Declares Suffrage Amendment an Impossibility—Mexico Feeling Pinch of Poverty.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Extending for twenty years the time in which settlers on reclamation projects may pay for their land in Nebraska and elsewhere, the senate Wednesday passed the "administration" reclamation bill, which, it is expected, will be approved without delay by the lower house.

Feeling Pinch of Poverty.

Mexico City.—Forced by the increasing seriousness of the situation in Mexico from a financial, rather than a military, viewpoint, President Huerta at last appears to be ready to resume negotiations with John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, which were broken off last August.

SHOCKED SUFFRAGE ADVOCATES

Senator Borah Declares Constitutional Amendment Impossible.

Washington.—After a vigorous defense of woman suffrage in the senate Tuesday, Senator Borah of Idaho shocked suffrage advocates on the floor and in the galleries by declaring that "it was impracticable and impossible to obtain the vote for women by a constitutional amendment. He predicted that after fifteen years of vain endeavor the women would renew their abandoned request for the ballot before the people of the states, because, in seeking an amendment to the federal constitution, they had loaded themselves down with the negro question, the Japanese question and a dozen other states' rights problems."

Alleged Russian Spies on Trial.

Vienna, Austria.—The second stage of the attempt to unravel the alleged extensive Russian espionage campaign in Austria was opened Monday by the Austrian government. Nine Russian subjects were placed on trial before the provincial court, accused of being employed by the Russian general staff to ferret out Austrian military secrets, especially in regard to Gallacia, where the Austrian and Russian frontiers run side by side. The accused are civilians and include two women.

March 29 "Go to Church Day."

Lincoln, Neb.—Governor Morehead has issued a proclamation designating Sunday, March 29, as "go to church day." Governor Morehead is not a member of any church, but he attends services regularly every Sunday. In his proclamation he says he does not desire to be understood as suggesting that attendance shall be limited to one day in the year, but suggests that on the day named people begin regular attendance at some church. He says he does not suggest any particular form of worship.

Women Swell Voting Population.

Chicago.—Including women who qualified as voters at registrations under the provisions of the state equal suffrage act, Chicago today has the largest voting population of any city in the United States, its total exceeding that of New York city by more than 20,000. Wednesday 60,112 women registered, increasing the total woman's registration to 218,643 as compared with a total male registration of 474,981. The total Chicago registration now is 693,624.

Cutting Out the Liver.

San Francisco.—Liver and onions and liver and bacon have disappeared from the tables of all households and restaurants in San Francisco following a stormy executive session of the Retail Butchers' association. Liver, the butchers say, used to be given away with dressed carcasses. Then the wholesalers asked 25 cents a liver and got it. Now the wholesalers are asking 15 cents a pound, but rather than pay it, the butchers unanimously resolved not to carry liver at all.

LEGISLATIVE DINNER

FORMER NEBRASKA LAWMAKERS MEET AND MAKE MERRY.

FROM FARMER TO CONSUMER

Postal Authorities Boost for Direct Dealing—British Officers Refuse to Fight in Ulster.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Lincoln, Neb.—Two hundred members of legislatures from 1865 to 1913 celebrated the fact that they were once lawmakers in banquet Friday night, the third annual celebration of the organization of ex-members. To make the reunion more realistic there was a fair sprinkling of employes of former legislatures and the familiar faces of some lobbyists who have been present much of the time at the legislatures of two score years.

It was a sociable gathering, strictly informal in character. The lengthy toast list was light in tone. Here and there was serious discussion of legislative procedure, but jokes and merry quips, democrat on republican, and republican on democrat were the rule. During the afternoon a business session was held at the state house, and officers elected for the coming year. Not a contest occurred. Democrats and republicans vied with each other in making non-partisan nominations and saying they were such.

Following is the new list: George W. Potts of Dubois, president; H. V. Hoagland of Lincoln, vice president; H. C. Richmond of Omaha, secretary; C. A. Schappell of Pawnee City, treasurer; Clyde Barnard of Table Rock, assistant secretary. Executive committee: First district, W. A. Selleck of Lincoln; Second district, J. H. Bulla, of South Omaha; Third district, Edgar Howard of Columbus; Fourth district, C. M. Lamah of Wahoo; Fifth district, George Ray of Superior; Sixth district, B. K. Bushee of Kimball.

British Officers Resign.

Dublin.—Brigadier General Gough, commanding the Third brigade, has resigned his commission rather than fight Ulster. His resignation was followed by the voluntary retirement of numerous subordinates. General Gough was summoned before General Paget, commanding the British troops in Ireland. "I will give you just two hours to decide whether you will serve in Ulster," was Paget's ultimatum. General Gough resigned on the spot it is said.

Belfast, Ireland.—A letter to provisional authorities received from an officer at the Curragh station states that more than one hundred officers had resigned, including all the cavalry of fiers.

BODY BLOW AT COMMISSION MEN

Believe Parcel Post Will Reduce Cost of Living.

Washington.—Preliminary steps have been taken by the postoffice department to perfect its plan for reducing the cost of living by having the parcel post carry products of the farm directly to the door of the consumer. Ten cities were selected to begin the work of establishing direct connections between producer and consumer, Postmaster General Burleson having already issued an order permitting the use of crates and boxes for butter, eggs, poultry, vegetables and fruit shipped by parcel post. Orders have gone to the postmasters at Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, La Crosse, Wis.; Lynn, Mass.; Rock Island, Ill., and Washington, D. C., directing them to receive the names of persons who are willing to supply farm products in retail quantities by parcel post. "Printed lists of these names, showing kind and quantity of commodity available, will be distributed among town and city patrons."

New York.—The national balloon race for this year will be sailed from St. Louis on July 4, the Aero club of America having awarded this contest to the Aero club of St. Louis. The winner of this race and the pilot who finishes second will be two of the three aeronauts to represent the United States in the international race to start from Kansas City next October.

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BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

A farmers' society of equity has been organized at Garrison. Farmers in the vicinity of Howe report much damage to winter wheat. Wallie Harvey, living near Harbine died in his buggy en route home from Jansen.

The Southwest Nebraska Teachers' association will meet at McCook, April 1, 2 and 3.

Ord will vote on saloons, pool halls and Sunday baseball at the coming spring election.

Lon Taylor of Auburn lost the sight of one eye by being struck by the limb of a tree he was cutting.

A group of McCook men have organized a company to prospect for oil in their section of the state.

Crop experts say that the blanket of snow left by Wednesday's storm insures a bumper crop of wheat.

Lon Taylor of Auburn lost an eye when a chip from a stick of wood he was cutting hit him in the face.

Peter Metterling of Fremont had his face badly disfigured, when a clock, falling from its shelf, struck him.

A \$40,000 bond issue for a new high school building will be voted upon at Madison at the spring election.

Old time performers on the fiddle, banjo, guitar and accordion will hold a tournament at Omaha next week.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Farris was celebrated at Albion, where they have been residents since 1882.

Fire starting from a defective flue completely destroyed the home of Herman Brandt in Glenover, near Beatrice.

The Nebraska press association will have an outing and business meeting at Epworth Lake park, Lincoln, June 18 to 25.

Hastings club women have rented a twelve-roomed house and an old people's home will be established within a few days.

Ernest Gracey, a ten-year-old Wahoo boy was killed when a pile of telephone poles on which he was playing, toppled over on him.

The winner of the West Point high school declamatory contest was Miss Grace Herman, who was victorious over thirteen competitors.

The women's park association at Grand Island has decided to include all school grounds in their campaign for a beautiful Grand Island.

Delegates from twenty-eight chapters were in attendance at the conference of the Nebraska D. A. R. at its session at Fairbury last week.

The body of John M. Johnson, who disappeared from Plattsmouth, December 13, 1913, was found in the river at Nebraska City by two fishermen.

The Central Nebraska Agricultural association has leased an eighty-two acre tract west of Grand Island for a fair ground. The land may be purchased later.

A coyote which has caused frequent furies of fear in the vicinity of Fremont for over ten years, was shot by A. C. Jensen. The animal weighed forty pounds.

The remodeled German Lutheran church at Kearney was dedicated on March 15. Three services were held and luncheon and dinner were served at the church.

Arthur Wilmes, 13 years old, at Roseland, will probably lose the sight of one eye as a result of the accidental discharge of an air rifle in the hands of a playmate.

The Bridgeport Commercial club is urging a \$15,000 sewer bond issue. The club is also taking steps to aid the management of the Morrill County Fair association.

The shed of the Farmers' Elevator company at Beatrice, together with 100 tons of coal, were destroyed by fire, spontaneous combustion supposedly being the cause.

Miss Jessie Taylor, alias Jessie Wilson, arrested at Omaha for forgery through clever detective work by Miss Mary P. Doyle, confessed to the police that she is wanted in a number of middle western cities on the same charge.

A new commercial organization, composed of the old commercial club, the ad club members and the retail association, will be known as the Fremont Commercial club.

A little son of John Bath, Jr., of Auburn, was playing with a cartridge, hit it with a hammer and was struck in the eye by a piece of the shell and quite badly hurt.

Little Eunice West, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. West of Grand Island, captured a prize in a baby show at Corpus Christi, Texas, while the family were sojourning there a short time ago.

Patrick Kelly of Anselmo, who was born in Ireland, March 5, 1814, still retains his faculties to an astonishing extent and is able to be about daily.

The pastorate of the Congregational church at West Point, which has been vacant since the removal of Rev. Thomas Evans to Irvington, has been filled by the selection of Rev. David Tudor of Beemer.

Fire at the home of Mrs. Addie Beebe at Fremont, destroyed several cases filled with historical papers and magazines collected by that lady, who had devoted the larger portion of her life to getting them together.

The schools of Buffalo county will erect a building at the county fair grounds this spring to be used exclusively for the exhibition of work done in the country schools.

W. C. Farrand, one of the oldest school teachers in the state, died recently at Clark. He was 63 years old and had taught school thirty-five years, most of the time in this state.

William Zutter, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, residing near Deshler, accidentally shot himself through the head with an automatic gun, dying instantly. He leaves a wife and four children.

EXPLAINS DEFICIT AT PENITENTIARY

FIRE COMMISSIONER MAKES A PLEA FOR SAFETY.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

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

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

The principal cause of the maintenance fund at the state penitentiary is due to the lack of crops on the prison farm last year, and the large amount of coal required to operate the power plant at the institution, according to a statement made by Warden Fenton. This plant furnishes power and light for the prison and the shops and also for the state house, orthopedic hospital, and the governor's mansion. The coal bill amounted to \$1,700 a month. As there were no crops on the prison farm last year feed for stock had to be bought. Also, most of the meat fed to the prisoners is now bought and the price is higher than it was a few years ago. The last legislature appropriated a total of \$130,000 for maintenance, not including \$17,900 for the salaries of officers. At this time 73 per cent of the maintenance fund has been expended.

Want Assignment for Farm Work.

Warden Fenton is besieged daily by large numbers of inmates who want to be placed on the list of some thirty-five farm hands now assigned for farm work at the state prison. The head official is choosing his men from the standpoint of efficiency. About 250 acres will go under the plow in a few days. Forty acres are set aside for garden purposes. Two-thirds of this plot will be in potatoes. The warden is hopeful of raising 2,500 bushels of spuds for his charges. Fifty acres in winter wheat, forty will go into oats and more than a hundred into corn. It will require sixteen work horses at steady grind to accomplish the spring work on the farm.

Fairs Will Fail to Get Exhibits.

At least fourteen county fairs will not be able to get the exhibits offered by the agricultural extension service of the university farm for the use of county fairs next fall. To date there are about four applications for each of the six available exhibits. Applications are being sent to Henry Pickett at Wahoo, Nebr., secretary of the exhibit committee of the Fair Managers' association. Final selection of the six fairs to be visited this year will not be made until May 1. The fairs at which the university exhibits will be shown will be determined by a committee of the Fair Managers' association, in consultation with Nebraska university farm authorities.

Recount of Votes for Women.

An error was discovered in the number of petitioners for votes for the submission of equal suffrage from Douglas county and two members of the state suffrage association made a recount of the names on file with the secretary of state. They found there were really 11,315 names from Douglas county, while the number listed by the association from that county was only 10,315. Without this extra 1,000 the petitioners were sufficient in number to require submission of the question to a vote of the electors this fall. Secretary of State Wait will have an official count made before the proposition is placed on the ballot.

To Limit Number of Entries.

Plans for the next better babies contest at the Nebraska state fair are being evolved and Mrs. M. E. Vance and her advisers are considering methods of handling the situation. It has been suggested that the number of entries be limited to about 200. In order to bring this about two plans have been suggested. The first scheme is a series of county drawings. By means of these the number of entries are reduced and the lucky ones allowed to compete at the state fair. Another plan includes the services of a committee in each county to eliminate a number of the contestants and reduce them in proportion to the number of entries.

Because Lew Richey, convicted at Walthill for setting fire to a hotel and pool hall at that place, was paroled from the penitentiary after serving a year, Fire Commissioner Ridgell, who assisted in convicting the man, is incensed at the action of the state parole board. Chairman Maggi is said to have promised to let the fire commissioner know when the matter came up, but neglected to do so, and the department was given no chance to disclose the details of the affair. Richey was sentenced from one to twenty years for the crime.

Main Causes of Dependency.

Enumerating the causes of dependency or homelessness, Miss Etta Catton, state agent for dependent children, declared in a paper read before the second annual conference of state and local health officers at Lincoln that drunkenness and immorality or the social evil are the main causes. She gave figures based on a hundred cases taken in hand by the home for dependent children. In forty-nine of these cases drink was one of the causes of trouble and in sixty-six cases the social evil played a part.