# BANKS FOR FARMERS DOINGS IN CONGRESS

RECOMMENDED BY THE RURAL CREDIT COMMISSION.

#### **BILLIONS FOR GOOD ROADS**

Many Good Roads Bills Pending In Congress-London Newspapers Will Issue No Christmas

Editions.

Washington-Local interest has been manifested by members of the Nebraska deegatilon in the statement that the president's rural credit commission is to recommend the establishment of farm mortgage banks under a federal charter, with the power to make twenty-five year loans on approved real estate securities. Senator Norris approved the principle of the proposed plan, although he said be had not seen the report itself.

Will Issue No Christmas Editions. London -The morning newspapers have reached the unanimous agreement to suspend publication on Christmas day, according to announcement in the Sheffield Telegraph. A majority of the papers tried the plan last Christmas, but this year all of the papers, including the London Times, will close up shop entirely, giving

many thousand workers engaged in the publication and distribution of newspapers a real Christmas holiday. The agreement applies to both morn ing and afternoon papers.

GOOD ROADS SERIOUS PROBLEM.

Bills Aggregating \$5.000,000,000 Pending in Congress.

Washington.-Good roads bills involving an untimate expenditure of five billion dollars, and yearly appropriations ranging anywhere from two to one hundred millions, are pending in congress. The problem of dealing with the good roads movement is a serious one with the leaders in congress. At a time when there is uncertainty as to the volume of government revenues and the cost of ordinary government activities increasing there comes a demand for good roads improvement that may prove irresistible. Congress is deluged with bills on the subject, and the idea is popular with the folks back home.

Prize Winning Corn Raisers.

Washington.-Secretary of Agriculture Houston Saturday presented diplomas of merit to the eighty-two prize winning boys and girls from all parts of the United States who raised bumper crops of corn and potatoes and canned the largest quantity of tomatoes. The presentation took place on a sunny knoll in the spacious grounds of the department of agriculture. The group bearing flags of numerous states included the selected few from an army of more than 200. 000 boys and girls who had competed in corn clubs, potato clubs, canning clubs and poultry raising clubs.

Women Want Her Reinstated.

Chicago.-Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, replaced as superintendent of public schools by Assistant Superintendent Shoop, may be restored to her office again on a wave of popular demand. Mayor Harrison's office was besieged by representatives of women's organisations, protesting against the loss of Mrs. Young to Chicago's educational system. The mayor promised to aid their fight in every way possible.

Want Uniform Compensation Laws. New York .- A commission representing national organizations of employers and wage earners reported to the National Civic Federation at its annual meeting the results of six months' investigation of workmen's compensation laws in many states. The federation is striving for the adoption of a uniform law throughout the country.

Motives Not Patriotic.

Paris.-Detective Nicausse has made an important discovery among the effects of Vincenzo Perugia which seems to throw fresh light on his theft of "Mona Lisa." The discovery tends to show that in taking the picture from the Louvre. Perugia was not actuated by patriotic motives, as he pretended was the case, but from purely mercenary incentives, and that the theft was long contemplated.

Women Ask to Appeal to Lopez. Bingham, Utah.-Two women, Mrs. W. S. Coe and Mrs. A. Alvida O. Cariz, have sought permission at the Utah-Apex mine to enter the workings and appeal to Ralph Lopes, slayer of six men, to give himself up in order that they might secure the \$1,000 reward on his head. Lopes took refuge on November 27 in the mine, where he killed two deputies in an underground battle two days later, and all attempts since to capture him dead or alive have failed.

Discover the Lost "Mona Lisa." Florence, Italy.-Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece "Mona Lisa," the mysterious disappearance of which from the Louvre in August, 1911, threw the art world into consternation, has been found in Florence. The man who stole it was arrested. He is an Italian.

Boston .- "Two cent eggs" is the campaign cry of Boston women, led by Mrs. Edward P. Barry, wife of the lieutenant governor-elect, who has ed an "endless chain" movement

WHAT LAWMAKERS AT WASHING TON ARE DOING.

Result of Deliberations on More Important Measures Given in Condensed Form.

Saturday.

The Senate-Met at 10 a. m. and resumed currency bill debate. The House-not in session; meets Monday.

Steamship managers heard in opposition to seamen's bill

Committee chairmen conferred with Speager Clark on cutting appropria-

Governor Major of Missouri urged good roads committee to vote liberally for federal aid to highways.

Immigration committee continued consideration of the literacy test. Representative Stone of Illinois an-

nounced his willingness to make publis his correspondence with Henry M. Pindell, nominated for ambassador te Russia, if Mr. Pindell directs.

Friday.

The Senate-Deferred consideration of legislation for machinery for direct election of senators.

Resumed currency bill debate, with Senator Newlands defending the Senator Lea introduced a bill pro-

posing expenditure of \$20,000.000 in federal aid for the maintenance of post roads.

The House-Disposed of miscellaneous business on the calendar.

Paymaster General Cowie told a committee it would require \$7,713.954 to feed the enlisted men of the navy the coming year.

Kinkead of New Jersey introduced a bill to make mountain laurel the national flower.

Hearings on a law to require steel cars on all passenger trains set for next Wednesday.

Chief Forester Graves asked for an additional appropriation of \$140,000 for extra rangers for the summer months. when forest fires are prevalent. Omnibus pension bill, carrying in-

creases of \$20,000 in pensions of soldiers and others on account of civil war passed after an all-day debate. Democratic Leader Underwood was

cheered by entire house when he assumed the chair to preside tempo-Passed bill to appropriate one year's

salary of \$14,000 to widow of Lieutenant Colonel David D. Baillard, Panama canal commissioner. Adjourned at 5:54 until noon Mon-

day.

Thursday.

The Senate—Currency debate re sumed, with Senator Burton urging adoption of a central bank plan. Resolution directing the attorney

general to report whether only white slave cases of an international character are being prosecuted under the Mann law. The House-Vocational education

bill taken up.

National reservation commission reported acquiring aggregate of 713,415 acres for protection of water sheds under Appalachian project.

Prohibitionists, before judiciary committee, urged constitutional prohibition amendment.

Representative Steenerson of Minnesota, before interstate commerce committee, urged legislation to prohibit postal transmission of newspapers and periodicals publishing advertisements of falsely represented articles.

Mrs. Johnson Found Guilty.

Wahoo, Neb.-Mrs. Maggie Johnson. charged with the killing of her husband, "Dutch" John Johnson, at Ashland, Neb., early this fall, was carried, white and still, on a prison cot into the court room here Friday afternoon to listen to the reading of the verdict of the jury which had heard the life story of the woman, and which was to send her to the state penitentiary for from one to ten years. "Guilty of manslaughter," was the finding of the twelve men who heard the evidence in the case.

Food Stuffs Coming In.

Washington.-Food stuffs coming in free of duty under the new tariff bill are swelling the total of imports into the United States. Increase in exports and decrease in imports for the first four months of the present fiscal year as compared with the same period last year was shown in statistics just made public by the department of commerce. Exports this year amounted in value to \$883,994,853, against \$771,-041,792 for the first four months last year. The import figures were \$580,-677,062, against \$626,230,987.

Plu Coulee, Man.-A lone masked bandit held up the Bank of Montreal branch here, stole probably \$10,000 in currency, shot and killed the bank manager, H. M. Arnold, and escaped in a stolen automobile.

Huerta Holds on for Year.

Mexico City.—The Mexican congress has nullified the presidential elections. New elections are called for next July. Congress, according to this action, expects General Huerta to remain in the presidency for at least seven months more and if the time necessary for the selection and installation of his successor is taken into consideration it will be well toward the end of Sep-tember next year before he yields his

### ANNUAL HOLD-UP



IS NOT NATION-WIDE TRUST

ADMIRAL FLETCHER GIVES MEXI-CANS GRIM WARNING.

Cold Storage Men in Only an Occasional Combine-Nebraska Is Doubly Victorious in Debating Contest.

Mexico City.-Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the American naval forces in Mexican waters, has ordered the rebels and federals fighting at Tampico to cease firing, threatening to open upon them with the guns of the gunboat Wheeling, if hisorder was not obeyed. Both sides complied with the order. This information is contained in a dispatch received by the British ambassador from Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock of the British cruiser Berwick, which is lying off Tampico. The federals hold the center of the town of Tampico and the water front. Rear Admiral Fletcher has ordered foreigners to take refuge on board ships or to congregate on the water front, where they will be under the protection of bis guns.

Nebraska Doubly Victorious.

Lincoln.-Nebraska university was doubly victorious in debate Friday evening. In Lincoln the Cornhusker debating squad defeated Minnesota on the affirmative and at Iowa City defeated Iowa university on the negative. The victory here was by a score of two votes to one; the victory at Iowa was an unanimous decision of the judges. The question discussed at both places was "Resolved, that immigration into the United States should be further restricted by means of a literacy test."

NO NATION-WIDE TRUST.

Cold Storage Men Only in an Occa sional Combine.

Washington.-After several weeks of investigation over the entire United States, officials of the department of justice have reached the conclusion that there is little ground for the belief that a nation-wide cold storage trust exists. Every United States attorney in the country was pressed into service for a quick survey of the cold storage field, and their reports to Washington indicate that while combines have been formed in a few of the larger cities, there is no reason to believe there is a cold storage trust controlling the price of eggs and other products in all parts of the country.

Nebraska Boys at Washington. Washington.-Huldah Peterson of Lincoln, Jess Correll of Cambridge and Walter Pflug of Papillion, prize winners in the various crop growing and preserving contests conducted by the department of agriculture, arrived in Washington Thursday in company with eighty other boys and girls from other states to receive prize certifi cates from Secretary of Agriculture Houston.

Mrs. Johnson Attempts Suicide.

Wahoo, Neb .- Mrs. Maggie Johnson, on trial here for the murder of her husband at Ashland, swallowed carbolic acid in her cell at the county jail and is not expected to live.

Land Suitable for Entry.

Washington. - Secretary Lane has designated 1.750,000 acres of dry lands in western states as suitable for entry under the enlarged homestead act. The largest area designated is in Montana, where more than 1,500,000 acres were included in a single order. Other states benefited are North Dakota, in which 80,000 acres have been designated; Arizona, with 35,000 acres; New Mexico with about 4,500 acres, and Idaho with a little less than 1,000 acres.

Lima, O .- A boost for William Jenaings Bryan for president in 1916 was started at the meeting of the Ohio state grange and endorsed by the six hundred delegates present. A sensation was sprung when Secretary Freeman of the state grange offered resolutions condemning Secretary of Agriculture Houston for his recent failure to receive and address the Ohio corn boys. The resolution read that "the Ohio state grange feels it was a shock to the national grange when President to her, and Lukey supposed the decree Wilson appointed Houston to his pres- had already been secured when he

INCOME TAX TO BE TESTED AT WASHINGTON.

Society Will Have Magnificent Headquarters-Mr. Taft Upholds President in Mexican

Policy.

Chicago.-The declination of Judge Landis to accept jurisdiction in the suit of Elsie De Wolf, designed to test the constitutionality of the income tax law, is regarded by the attorneys concerned as tending to expedite a decision by the supreme court of the United States. W. Burke Cochran, of counsel for the plaintiff, will file an appeal at Washington three weeks hence upon his return from a vaca tion in Europe.

Monroe Doctrine a Good One. New York .- "We are trustees of the prosperity we have and the power we enjoy and we are in duty bound to use them when it is both convenient and proper to help our neighbors." declared former President William H. Taft in a lecture before the New York Peace society on the Monroe doctrine. which he held should be continued in full force, despite the hostility to it expressed in some quarters. "We cannot be too careful to avoid forcing our own ideas of government on people, who, though favoring popular government, have such different ideas as to what constitutes it," continued Mr. Taft.

PRAISE FOR THE RED CROSS.

President Wilson Declares Himself Convinced of Its Efficacy.

Washington.-Reviews of the relief work in the Ohio flood zones, the Omaha tornado, the Volturno disaster and in other emergencies were presented in annual reports here to the yearly meeting of the American National Red Cross society. President Wilson presided at the afternoon session, when it was announced that Mrs. Russell Sage, John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. E. H. Harriman and James A Scrymser had pledged a \$300,000 fund upon which congress has made a conditional \$400,000 appropriation for a building in Washington in memory of women of the civil war. It will be used as a headquarters for the American Red Cross.

Final Vote on Currency Bill.

Washington.-A final vote on the currency bill in the senate next Wednesday, December 17, was the goal toward which democratic leaders have bent their efforts. It was believed all speeches could be concluded early next week and that within a few days an agreement can be made for a vote. The success of this plan would make it possible for congress to adjourn for the holidays. Partisan squabbles and sharp passages between republican and democratic leaders marked the resumption of the currency debate in the senate.

Death for Liquor Violations. Juarez, Mex .- The - military con mander at Juarez has issued an order imposing a penalty of death before a firing squad on anyone who violated or attempted to violate the prohibition law. The penalty applies as well to those who attempt to purchase liquor as those who sell it.

Nebraska Farmers Organizing. Fremont, Neb .- Five hundred farm ers were present at the sessions Tues day of the farmers of Nebraska, who are members of the organization known as the Educational and Co-op erative Farmers' union. They convened in Fremont for the purpose of perfecting a state organization. Na tional Secretary A. C. Davis of Illi nois outlined the plans and objects of the farmers in a speech in which he said: "The age is one of organization and the farmer is the last to take his place in the advance movement."

Ex-Nebraskan Arrested for Bigamy. Milwaukee, Wis. - Because his mother of Detroit wants to separate him from his second wife, Albert Lukey, now living in Chicago, has been arrested for bigamy in his marriage to Clare Koenig of this city, while still undivorced from his former wife, Edna B. Livingstone of Lincoln. The bigamy charge is technical as his former wife secured a divorce three months after Lukey's second marriage BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The home rule charter for Lincoln was defeated. Stockville suffered a disastrous fire

Monday morning. Fire destroyed the Maharg hotel and

adjoining buildings at Ashland. The old Union State Bank building at Beatrice is being converted into an

eighty-room hotel. The body of a newly born baby was found by a watchman on the bank of the Missouri river.

Over 1,000 birds were entered for the annual show of the Dodge County Poultry association.

tion to vote bonds for extending her waterworks system. Beatrice had an "everybody go to church" day last Sunday, and the re-

Long Pine will hold a special elec-

sults were very gratifying. The city council of Albion has authorized the installation of a street

number system for that place. A compressed air tank exploded at Omaha, killing Frank Kritz and seri-

ously injuring several others. The Superior Baseball association closed up its season's business with

a small surplus in its treasury. Farmers around Tobias have organized a Society of Equity, with a mem-

bership of forty on the charter. A merchant at Newman Grove has fitted up a rest room in his store for the convenience of his customers.

The body of Otto Guss, a German farm hand 60 years old, was found floating in the Blue river at Seward. Berg Durinsky, a Russian, was electrocuted when he went to turn on an

electric\_light at his home at Norfolk. The Fremont Gun club has reorganized and leased acreage adjoining the Country club grounds, south of the

J. E. Dennison, a Lyons plumber was seriously burned by the explosion of a gasoline soldering pot which he was using. J. W. Bryant, president of an

Omaha implement company, suicided by-drowning in a cistern in the rear of his home. Clyde Rolston sold ten acres of land adjoining Ainsworth for \$200 per acre.

This is the highest price ever paid for land there. The Seward tornado relief committee has tendered a report showing that \$9.450 had been collected and dis-

bursed, with the exception of about

\$100. The ladies of the Altar society of the Catholic church at York have fust closed a very successful bazaar for the benefit of the Ursuline Sisters

school at that place. Stephen Kegley, who cut his throat at Lincoln and who has made several efforts while in a hospital to reopen the wounds, is still alive, with favorable prospects of recovery.

Willard Butler, the 30-year-old son of the old soldier. James Butler, whose body was found buried in the cellar of his home at Fremont, has been form ally charged with murder in the first degree.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrion Groff, at Lincoln. was so severely burned by fire started from matches with which she was playing that she died at a hospital a few hours later from her injuries. Dr. I. W. McEachron of Geneva was

elected president; Dr. S. I. Alford of Lincoln, vice-president, and Dr. Carl Norden of Nebraska City, secretarytreasurer of the veterinary association at its session just closed at Lincoln. Little Marie Murkadron, seven

years old, and Joie Barnardi, the same age, were run down by an Omaha police department automobile. The boy escaped with a few cuts and bruises, but it is expected the girl will Seventy-eight boys in convention in

Fremont Saturday and Sunday took the initial steps looking to the formation of a permanent association of high school students, to hold annual conferences. The sessions closed with a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening.

An epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria is raging at the town of Endicott, and Principal Lloyd Meyers has closed the schools for several

The special meetings which have been in progress the past five weeks at the M. E. church at Chappell have closed. There were in the neighborhood of sixty converts.

George S. Burtch, one of the first men to come to Nebraska to live, for sixty years a resident of the state. most of the time at or near Bellevue. is dead at the home of his daughter, Dr. C. G. Ernest, at St. Paul.

Dr. J. W. E. K. Davis, aged 64, died suddenly on a street car while on his way home at Omaha. Death was caused by heart trouble.

Forty-six years ago Joseph Minor came to Saline county and located on a homestead. Today he is living in a house constructed of lumber obtained from walnut trees which he planted on his claim.

Jesse Correll of Frontier county is the champion boy corn grower in Nebraska, according to the decision of the judges in the contest at the agricultural farm at Lincoln. He harvested eighty-eight bushels from one acre. Clifford Goff, a 16-year-old Gage county boy, raised 140 bushels of corn

on five acres of ground, and won a handsome gold watch thereby. Miss Edith Liston of Fremont came near losing her life when she took a spoonful of todine instead of the liquid she had been using to relieve a

severe headache.

Appearance of a case of smallpox at the Lincoln city jail caused three doctors to get busy at once and begin a vaccination crusade. Before it was concluded twenty of the twenty-nine prisoners were given the virus and re-leased from confinement.

## WAS WORTH WHILE

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR FAIR MANAGERS' MEETING.

### **GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL**

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

Readers.

Consolidation of several state departments, a move calculated to make for more efficiency in state government than the primitive methods which have prevailed for many years, has been shown to be worth while tothe taxpayers. In the past year the associated departments of food, drug, dairy, oil and weights and measures inspections have collected \$15,000 more fees than under the old system and at the same time have operated at a less outlay than under the scheme of diffusing activities. Food and oil inspections for the year of 1912, under separate departments, brought in fees to the amount of \$69,100 while for the present year the total has run up to \$84,230. The November report of the department shows that of the \$8,771 fees received, the oil division contributed \$7,816. Inspections made included 161 cream stations, 203 hotels and restaurants, 177 meat markets, 377 grocery stores, thirty milk wagons and dairies, most of them in Omaha, fourteen saloons, fifty-eight bakeries and forty-four confectioneries. During the month just past there were 260 sanitary orders written and 117 chemical analyses made by the state chemist. A total of 1,994 weights and measures inspections

Fair Managers to Meet. The program outlined by W. H.

were made, which brought in a total

of \$391 in fees.

Smith of Seward, secretary and treasurer of the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, has been announced. The gathering will be held during the week of Organized Agriculture, January 19 to 23. H. Mulenburg of Geneva will speak on the "Relation of Fair Officers to Horsemen." Henry Pickett of Wahoo will discuss "A Well Balanced Program." L. H. Cheney of Stockville will give a paper on "Awarding Premiums." "State Farm Exhibits at Fairs" will be the theme of Prof. C. W. Pugsley's address. General discussions will follow these addresses and papers. For several years gambling devices and all questionable amusements have been "cut out" by the Nebraska state and county fairs, and a sharp lookout has been kept for progressive features.

Nebraska's Beet Sugar Production. Nebraskans will likely have an op-

portunity during the Christman season of enjoying the taste of real Nebraskamade sugar. More than 50,000 sacks of the product are computed in the 1913 output of the Scotts Bluff sugar beet factory, and the total production at Grand Island will amount to 75,000 sacks, according to statements made by Dr. G. E. Condra at the meeting of the state conservation and public welfare commission. State officials, university professors and good roads boosters were in attendance, this being Nebraska's first elaborate portrayal in the movies. The sugar beet and apple raising industries, the production of beef cattle, scenes at the state farm and the "better bables" films, which attracted such wide attention at the national conservation gatherings at Washington a couple of weeks ago. were shown the visitors. All of these were arranged in snappy style.

Wins Trip to Washington. Eighty-eight bushels of corn per acre, grown entirely by a boy, is not. such a bad record for the dry season just passed. Master Jess J. Correll of Cambridge, age sixteen, is the boy, and he lives in a western county, too. He left for Washington, December 8th. Twenty other boys in the corn-growing contest grew over fifty bushels per acre, and these boys were from fourteen different counties. Jess has won a total of \$160 in prizes with his acre of corn this year. He won first in the Western district last year with a yield of 109 bushels. Walter Pflug, age seventeen, of Sarpy county, has won first in the Eastern district with . vield of eighty-four bushels.

According to information received by the state board of agriculture, farmers in Arthur county are preparing to prevent waste on the farms in that region by utilizing potatoes that cannot be marketed. Many of the producers of Arthur county are far removed from a suitable market. For this reason thousands of bushels of potatoes are wasted each year. The farmers have conceived the idea of manufacturing denatured alcohol from the waste. Twenty-five farmers have banded themselves together to erect a denatured alcohol factory.

All indications point to an increased attendance in the winter course of the university school of agriculture. This course is six weeks in length, beginning January 6 and closing February 17. Many men of all ages take advantage of this short course every winter to gain new knowledge along agricultural lines. The school of agriculture will offer lectures and demonstration work in soils, crops, farm machinery, farm motors, animal and dairy husbandry, animal pathology, farm forestry, entomology, plant physiology, orticulture and farm management.