

# NEBRASKA NEWS

OFFICIAL CANVASS BY THE STATE  
CANVASSING BOARD.

## JUDGE REESE HAS 24,406

Large Figures for Regents—W. C. Rogers, Socialist, to Serve as Regent Till Next January.

According to the compilation of the state canvassing board made recently, Judge Reese, republican candidate for judge of the supreme court, received a majority of 24,406 over George L. Loomis, fusion candidate. Judge Reese was at the head of the ticket and bore the brunt of the political contest. The regents received larger majorities. C. B. Anderson, republican, defeated John L. Sundean, the fusion candidate, by 32,916. George Coupland, republican candidate for regent, defeated R. J. Millard, the democratic candidate, by 34,274. Railway Commissioner H. T. Clarke, jr., who had no opposition except from the prohibition party, received a total of 114,094 out of a total of 203,752 cast at the election. Samuel Lichty, the prohibition candidate for railway commissioner, received 14,544, but this does not represent the straight prohibition vote. Julian D. Graves, prohibition candidate for judge of the supreme court, received 5,158 votes. Lucian Stebbins, socialist candidate for supreme judge, received 3,200, while John H. Von Steen, prohibition candidate for regent, received 5,578. J. N. Carter, socialist candidate for regent, received 4,509, and G. C. Porter, socialist candidate for regent received 4,405.

W. C. ROGERS, socialist candidate for regent to fill a vacancy, received 34,495, an indication that fusionists and others cast their ballots for him. He will receive a certificate of election showing that he may serve until the first week in January. After that the two republican candidates will take the reins of office.

### Decision of the Court Necessary.

Secretary Clark Perkins of the railway commission recently paid into the state treasury \$909 in fees received for making transcripts and certified copies of records in hearings filed by the commission. The money cannot be drawn from the state treasury without a specific appropriation according to the constitution and under the ruling of the auditor's office and the treasurer's department, the money paid in by the commission must remain in the treasury until its disbursement is authorized by an act of the legislature or by a decision of the supreme court.

The money paid in will be separated, however, under the provisions of the railway commission law as a "general fund for the expenses of the commission." Treasurer Brain is of the opinion that the fees turned in should go into the general state fund, but he has consented, after consulting the attorney general, to keep it separate. The question of drawing such money from the treasury for the payment of expenses of the commission may become an important one if the \$10,000 a year allowed by the legislature for expenses should run short. The commission has paid out for extra clerk hire between \$500 and \$600 in order to earn fees amounting to \$909. If many hearings are held and transcripts are desired by parties to complaints the \$10,000 a year may not be sufficient to pay all expenses.

### River and Harbor Delegates.

Governor Sheldon has appointed C. L. Saunders of Omaha, John F. Taylor of Trenton and J. C. Moore of McCook delegates to the national river and harbor congress to be held at Washington, D. C., December 4 to 6. The motto of this convention is \$50,000,000 annually for the improvement of "deserving" rivers and harbors. Governor Sheldon attended the deep water convention at Memphis and if possible will attend the Washington congress. He desires to further the improvement of the Mississippi, Missouri and other rivers and harbors that may be deserving, if the improvement will help commerce and adjust railroad rates.

### Bad Fire Near Tecumseh.

The fine two-story farm house of James Moyer, one mile west of Tecumseh, together with its contents, was burned to the ground. The family was away from home when the fire broke out and the cause is not known. Neighbors discovered the fire and gathered at the scene, but the fire was so far advanced that but little was saved.

### GIRL MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH.

#### Grand Island Miss Caught in An Elevator Shaft.

Frances, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pool, residing on the Dahlstrom ranch, ten miles from Grand Island, was killed in a horrible manner. While at play in the yard her dress caught in the cog wheel on a water power shafting running to an elevator. No one was about. Just as William Maynard and William Huebner residing in the vicinity were about to leave the place they saw something white being twirled around the shafting so rapidly that they could not distinguish what it was. The attention of Mr. Pool was called to it, the shafting was stopped and the remains of the little girl were taken from the machinery. The cog wheel had caught the dress near the neck and the poor little one's feet in constantly hitting the ground, only eighteen inches from the shafting had worn grooves in the soil. The neck was broken, both arms and one of the lower limbs were broken and the little feet almost worn away by constantly being hurled against the soil. It is believed that the unfortunate child was in the shafting fully ten minutes. Death or at least unconsciousness is believed to have been almost instantaneous.

### ARRESTED, TAKES OWN LIFE.

#### North Platte Man a Suicide in the County Jail.

Mark Schrader committed suicide at the Lincoln county jail, North Platte, by taking strychnine. Mr. Schrader for some time had been in the real estate business but was not successful. Recently he was arrested on the charge of having forged a check on which he borrowed \$30 at Lamb's grocery store. He was bound over to the district court.

While vainly endeavoring to secure food he purchased the poison and secreted it.

The unfortunate man was of an excellent family and was about thirty years of age. Following the coroner's inquest the body was taken to Gandy for interment.

### GRINDS POWDER IN MILL.

#### Nebraska City Boy Does It, and is Still Alive.

Harry Redfield, an eighteen-year-old son of Mrs. Charles Redfield, Nebraska City, lost his left hand and came near being killed. He was making powder and grinding the chlorate of potash in a coffee mill, when it exploded, tearing off his hand, blowing up the table and wrecking that portion of the family home. The boy experimented before and did not know the danger incident to handling things of this kind. The physicians were compelled to amputate the arm at the elbow and may have to cut it off at the shoulder. He is badly burned on that side of the body and cut in a number of places. He will survive.

### Land Appraisalment.

Land Commissioner H. M. Eaton has returned from Boyd county where he looked after the re-appraisalment of state land ordered re-appraised by the board of public lands and buildings for the purpose of sale to the persons who squatted thereon before the land was open to settlement. The new price set by the county officers ranges from \$20 to \$25. The appraisalment which the state board refused to approve ranged from \$7 to \$15. Land Commissioner Eaton had contended that the land was worth from \$20 to \$32. The settlers do not like to pay the price set by the appraisers, but it is believed the deal will go through and the state will sell on twenty year payments, 5 per cent interest, which is the legal rate. The land will be sold by the state under a special act of the legislature, the validity of which some attorneys doubt.

### Pay for Third Regiment Officers.

Adjutant General Schwarz has received notice from B. F. Harper, auditor of the war department, that \$5,288.81 has been allowed as pay for the field officers, staff, band and company officers of the Third Nebraska Infantry for service prior to the muster into the United States service in the Spanish-American war. Some claims have been disallowed, but the names of the officers whose claims were reduced or disallowed will not be known until it is received from Washington. The officers as a rule have asked for no pay, alleging that they received full pay for their services, but attorneys pushed the claims through a court of claims at Washington.

### After a Fire or Wind

Loss you need the money. Friends may sympathize but if you want a company which pays cash try the Farmers and Merchants Ins. Co., established since 1885. Over a million dollars already paid to patrons.

### CZAR NICK—"I WISH I COULD INDUCE YOU TO STAY!"



### BANKS READY TO RESUME

Clearing House Certificates Are Being Retired in Chicago.

All But Two Out of 1,000 Banks Interrogated Announce Themselves Prepared to Pay Currency.

Chicago.—The first step towards retiring the clearing house certificates issued in this city was taken Wednesday when the executive committee of the Chicago clearing house ordered destroyed \$25,000 worth of certificates that have been paid back to the clearing house. David R. Forgan, president of the National City bank, announced this action at the weekly dinner of the Chicago Association of Commerce and added that the procedure will be continued daily "until the entire issue is paid back and normal conditions restored."

"We have received answers from 1,000 of the banks questioned regarding resumption of cash payments," said Mr. Forgan. "Just 998 of them declare themselves ready for such resumption at once. The other two asked for a little longer time, but merely for the purpose of ascertaining if the time is ripe for such a move. The answers come from all sections of the South, Middle West and Northwest. About 6,000 letters were sent out and answers are coming in by the hundreds every day."

New Orleans, La.—It was announced at the New Orleans Clearing house Wednesday that all banks here will resume cash payments just as soon as New York does. Clearing house returns show that New Orleans banks have cash balances on deposit in New York amounting to more than \$2,500,000.

### HITS TREASURY HARD.

Receivers and Attorney for Uncle Sam Oil Company Want \$30,000 From Company's Fund.

Topeka, Kan.—Judge Z. T. Hazen, special referee in bankruptcy in the case of the Uncle Sam Oil company, has been asked to pay out of the funds of the company \$30,000 as fees for officials connected with the six months' receivership. The bill is divided as follows: Fees for attorneys of petitioning creditors, \$15,000; fees for Receiver J. C. O. Morse, \$10,000; fees for attorney for the receiver, Chas. Williams, \$5,000. Expenses of \$2,300 have already been allowed the receiver and his attorney.

H. H. Tucker, Jr., former secretary and manager and one of the principal stockholders in the rejuvenated company is strenuously opposing the allowing of these amounts. He stated Wednesday that the sums asked are excessively large and that plans were on foot by the stockholders of the company to have a congressional investigation of the receivers and attorneys action. Judge Hazen will probably pass on the claims Friday.

### Weston a Winner.

Chicago.—Edward P. Weston ended his trip of 1,234 miles from Portland, Me., at the Federal building here at 12:15 p. m., Wednesday. He left Portland, October 29, at 5 p. m., thus making his traveling time, exclusive of Sundays, 24 days, 19 hours and 15 minutes. Weston did not walk on Sundays. He broke his record of 40 years ago by one day, three hours and 25 minutes. His former time was 25 days, 22 hours and 40 minutes.

### SHOULD BELONG TO PUBLIC.

Gov. Deneen of Illinois Says Water Power Developed by Canal Should be Owned by the State.

Springfield, Ill.—Gov. Deneen Tuesday sent to the legislature a message relating to the conservation of water power as incident to construction at public expense of the proposed deep waterways from the great lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, involving an expenditure of \$20,000,000. The message said that in order to secure approval by the people of a constitutional amendment authorizing such expenditure it is essential that the water power, developed by the expenditure of \$20,000,000, should be owned and controlled by the state so that the state may be recouped for its expenditures and a fund created for further development and extension of the international waterway system and that the development should not be unnecessarily complicated by questions of private ownership.

### A Cactus Without Thorns.

Washington.—The United States National museum has placed on exhibition as a specimen a "leaf" of a thornless cactus developed by Luther Burbank of California. The perfecting of a cactus without thorns means the providing of a valuable forage plant which will grow as well in arid as in moist regions. The flattened stem of this novel growth, often erroneously called a "leaf," is in some of the best specimens nearly three feet long, a foot wide and three inches thick and its surface is very similar to that of a watermelon.

### Forty-nine Children Kidnaped.

San Antonio, Tex.—A special to the Express from Mexico City says: The police of this city are actively at work on one of the biggest kidnaping cases that they have ever had. It is evident that for the last two months an organized gang of kidnapers has been operating in this city. Forty-nine children, 22 boys and 27 girls, have been stolen from their homes. What is done with them or who might be taking them away and by what means, is not known. The ages of the children varies between two and 12 years.

### Oriental Also Adopt "High Fiancee."

Los Angeles, Cal.—Chan Chow Youatt, Chinese woman, is alleged to have disappeared from Chinatown with a sum aggregating \$30,000, representing capital invested in the "Chinese Women's Deposit Syndicate," which she formed. It is alleged that the women interested are wealthy residents of the Chinese quarter, meanwhile posing as a hair dresser. Failure to pay promised dividends, it is said, resulted in the discovery that she was missing.

### Standard Takes Less Oil.

Tulsa, Ok.—The Standard Oil company has notified oil producers that hereafter pipe line runs will not be more than 70,000 daily. This is cutting runs almost in half. The company has also laid off 300 tank builders in this neighborhood, and officials say that instead of five tanks a week they will only construct four tanks a month. Financial and political reasons are given for this step.

### An Exclusion Act for Canada.

Ottawa, Ont.—Ralph Smith, M. P., British Columbia, will move in parliament legislation similar to the Chinese exclusion act to prevent an influx of all Oriental immigration into Canada.

### NAVY'S COAL COSTS MORE

Over Half a Million Tons Were Bought During Year.

Estimates for the Next 12 Months Show Expense Will Be \$1,000,000 Greater.

Washington.—More than 500,000 tons of coal were bought for naval use during the fiscal year, according to the annual report of Rear Admiral C. Cowles, chief of the equipment bureau. The exact figures were 598,011 tons costing, including transportation, \$2,553,469, an average of \$4.28 a ton. Of this total, only 64,425 tons were purchased by ships chiefly abroad, at an average cost of \$7.25 the ton. In both cases the coal cost more than during the previous year.

Progress in wireless telegraphy continued to be marked. Sites have been selected for six stations in the Philippines, but their erection has been postponed pending the development of a system especially adapted to tropical work.

The estimates for the next fiscal year show a considerable increase under the item of coal and transportation, therefore, the appropriation which this year was \$4,150,000 while the estimate for next year is \$5,000,000. Admiral Cowles justifies this increase by pointing to the increased number of ships in commission; the increased size of ships; the increased number of purposes to which the appropriation is applied, increased first cost of coal at tidewater and increased freight rates.

### Curtis Wants Them Prosecuted.

Washington.—Senators Teller, of Colorado, and Curtis, of Kansas, made an earnest recommendation to the president Friday that prosecutions be commenced at once in behalf of certain members of the Indian tribe in Oklahoma known as the Kicking Kickapoo. An investigation just completed by these senators leads them to believe that the Indians have been robbed of land to the value of \$250,000 by syndicates operating in Oklahoma.

### Banks Get Them All.

Washington.—Treasury officials refuse absolutely to make any statement as to how many of the new 3 per cent treasury certificates have been allotted but the best estimate obtainable is that the amount is approximately \$30,000,000. The withdrawal of the offer for the sale of treasury certificates precludes the possibility of any of them being allotted to private individuals or to banks other than those desiring to take out circulation based on them.

### Subscriptions Closed.

Washington.—Owing to the large amount of subscriptions received, the secretary of the treasury late Wednesday announced that the subscription to the 3 per cent certificates of indebtedness of the act of June 13, 1898, invited by the circular of November 18, 1907, is closed and that no subscription received after the close of business November 27 will be considered.

### Organized Labor Opposing Cannon.

Washington.—Copies of a proclamation addressed "To All Organized Labor" and designed to defeat the election of Joseph G. Cannon as speaker of the house of representative in the 60th congress, has been sent to the Trades unions in every section of the country. The proclamation is signed by Samuel Gompers, president and attested by other officers of the American Federation of Labor.

### Mrs. Taft Again Ill.

Millbury, Mass.—Mrs. Louise M. Taft, mother of the secretary of war, is again seriously ill here. Mrs. Taft was stricken in October, her illness being due to gall stones, and for a time her condition was critical. Recently she was believed to be well on the way to recovery, but has now suffered a relapse.

### Miners Will Get the Cash.

Des Moines, Iowa.—After numerous separate meetings of the coal operators and miners in this district, an arrangement was effected for the payment of all mine payrolls in full and the 3,000 or more miners who went out Saturday will return to work Wednesday. They will be paid, as they demanded, in full with actual cash.

### Woolen Mill Resumes.

Madison, Me.—The mills of the Madison Woolen company, which were shut down last Saturday, will be running full time Monday, according to an official announcement made Thursday. Two hundred hands are employed.

### Canadian Parliament Opens.

Ottawa, Canada.—The Dominion parliament was opened Thursday by Lord Grey. The occasion was marked with the usual ceremonial.