

# NEBRASKA NEWS

NO SPECIAL SESSION OF STATE LEGISLATURE.

## ONE NOT NECESSARY NOW

Governor Sheldon Sees No Need of Calling One to Pass Bank Guarantee Deposit Law—Other

The extra session gossip, usually started by inexperienced reporters is not making much headway, even with a party of Omaha men back of it. The Omaha men who are pushing a plan to have Governor Sheldon call an extra session of the legislature to consider a bill for the guaranty of bank deposits have not thus far impressed the governor with the need of expending \$50,000 on such a session when the regular session is less than a year in the future and no financial institutions appear to need such care and attention. "The requests I have received do not justify me in calling an extra session," said Governor Sheldon.

### KILLED BY A FALL.

Lost Footing While Trimming Trees and Fell to Death.

An accident, resulting in the death of Wenzel Oliverius, a well known West Point citizen occurred January 30. While trimming the large cottonwood tree in front of the residence of C. W. Sass, Mr. Oliverius lost his footing and fell heavily to the ground, striking heavily on his head. Concussion of the brain followed causing his death within a few hours. He was forty years of age and unmarried.

### Railroad Shipment From Nebraska.

The car shipments, state and interstate, reported to the railway commission for July, August, September and October show that the railroads of Nebraska during these four months shipped a total of 14,916,609 bushels of wheat, 20,199,600 bushels of corn, 7,444,000 bushels of oats and other grain products. These totals are based on the number of cars shipped, which were as follows: Wheat, to state points, 7,083; interstate, 15,331; oats and other grain products to state points, 4,413; interstate, 7,392; live stock to state points, 22,069; interstate, 18,559. The reports now in show the shipments for November were fair. There are no reports of previous years with which to compare these figures, but in a year or two the figures now being gathered will be of great value. They are compiled by Rate Clerk U. G. Powell.

### Another School House Burned.

The new standpipe at Bradshaw was given a test when the alarm of fire was given and the school house was discovered in a blaze. The carts not having arrived, the newly organized fire department dragged the hose from the town hall to the school house where a heavy pressure was thrown on the blaze and in a short time the fire was under control. Considerable damage was done to the interior of the building. It is thought that the fire was the direct result of an explosion in the furnace as it seems to have followed the center shaft and the blaze was first discovered in the center of the building.

### Fees Received.

The insurance department of the state auditor's office received \$16,566.52 in fees during the month of January. The first three months of the year is a busy time for this department and most of the fees are received during that period. The money is paid direct into the state treasury by the parties from whom the money is due.

### Fatal Pigeon Shoot.

While loading a trap for blue rocks at a shooting match at Cozad, Kent Vasey was accidentally shot and instantly killed by Harry Hess, one of the men engaged in the shoot. Vasey was struck by only two small shot, one entering the eye and the other the temple. Both reached the brain.

### Given a Shower of Eggs.

I. S. Vose, a young widower, at Beaver City was pelted with eggs by two married women, and a young woman in their company, the latter of whom, it is alleged, had insulted Mr. Vose. He denies that he had done anything improper and claims that suit for damages will be brought.

Patronize a Nebraska life insurance company. You can get as good old line life insurance and at as low a cost in The Midwest Life as you can anywhere in the United States. Write to the home office, 1007 "O" street, Lincoln, for particulars as to the new low cost policies which The Midwest Life is now issuing.

## ALFALFA IN NEBRASKA.

is One of the Greatest Fertilizers Ever Grown.

This is the best forage plant that can be grown. It will produce more forage per acre, either green or dry, than any other known clover or grass and is being more extensively planted every season. The reasons why it is meeting with such universal favor are many, and can be summed up as follows:

It successfully resists the fiercest drought. In the driest weather when every blade of grass withers for want of moisture, alfalfa stands up as fresh and green as in the spring.

It is proof against our severest winters. Excessive rains and snows, the long continued freezing weather of winter does not affect it in the least. If the soil is well drained it will succeed, and for many years continue to flourish and produce wonderful crops of the richest hay.

It is adapted to dry and sandy soils where other plants fail to grow, as well as those that are deep and rich. Its roots often measuring 20 to 30 feet in length, force their way down deep into the subsoil in search of moisture and plant food that cannot be reached by any other plant.

It is "perpetual life." A successful stand will yield heavy crops which may be first cut in May, a second crop in July, a third crop in August, and with a good curing season, a fourth crop can sometimes be harvested, yielding two to three tons of the most nutritious hay at each cutting. All in all, it is the grandest forage and fertilizing plant on earth, and cannot be too highly recommended.

Sow early, from 20 to 25 pounds of seed to the acre. Some recommend at the rate of 10 to 12 pounds of seed per acre. This is a fatal error, and has been the primary cause of several failures in obtaining a good stand. It must be seeded heavily in order to get a good stand and have a fine quality of hay.

Cut when in full bloom, rake into winrows and let dry until the leaves, if roughly handled, are inclined to fall off, then lay in piles, one forkful in each pile, to cure.

It is the best food for farm animals known, from the work horse down to little chickens, who pick up the loose leaves, especially in the winter, when other green food is lacking. As a fertilizer it is unequalled on old grain land. Put the land in alfalfa for two or more years, then plow it up, and your land will be in the finest condition. It should be sowed alone, however in moist seasons one can secure a good stand when sown with wheat or oats.

A great deal of alfalfa is now being sown in August and September, on wheat or oat stubble after it is plowed or disced and well harrowed.

### CHARLES H. KIPP A SUICIDE.

Hastings Business Man Blows Out His Brains.

Charles H. Kipp, junior member of the wholesale grocery firm of Kerr, Kipp & Co., Hastings, blew out his brains in the firm's wholesale house. He had eluded his wife who had been watching him and killed himself while she was trying to save him. "He had been despondent for some time, ill health caused by overwork being assigned as the cause for his despondency. It is claimed by his business associates that his financial affairs were in good condition and were in no way the cause of worry."

### Pretty High Priced Land.

Saunders county officials are now purchasing supplies in the open market, no bids having been received in response to advertised tenders by the county commissioners. Another sale of high priced land is reported in Saunders county, Jos. Dokill having purchased 130 acres near Wahoo of T. Wallin for \$115 per acre. Part of the land is cut in two by a creek.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Western Fire Insurance company, of Lincoln, Nebraska, held on January 28th, the following officers and directors were elected: President, Allen W. Field; vice president and manager, E. A. Becker; secretary, P. F. Zimmer; treasurer, Jno. F. Zimmer; C. D. Sanford, director; J. A. Frawley, director.

### Given Till April 1.

Food Commissioner Johnson has given dealers until April 1 to dispose of baking powder packages containing prizes. He ruled some time ago that baking powder did not come within the law, but later changed the ruling and in consideration of this change has granted time for the disposal of goods.

### Wants Information.

State Veterinarian McKim is sending out letters to obtain further information of the condition of cattle in Nebraska. He desires to ascertain how many out of each herd is afflicted with mange and where the cattle came from if they have been shipped.

## HANGING ON!



## AT ANCHOR IN THE STRAITS

The Battleship Fleet Was Friday Night at Possession Bay.

Are Now Passing Most Dangerous Point in Their Long Voyage—At Punta Arenas Saturday.

Punta Arenas, Strait of Magellan.—A wireless message has been received here that the American battleship fleet which passed Point Dungeness and entered the Strait of Magellan at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon will anchor for the night in Possession Bay and arrive at Punta Arenas at noon Saturday. Possession Bay is some 20 miles westward of Point Dungeness and about five miles from the entrance to the first narrows and affords good anchorage.

Rear Admiral Evans' fleet now enters upon one of the most difficult parts of its trip to the Pacific, the navigation of the eastern part of the Strait of Magellan. With favorable weather the fleet should complete this passage and arrive at Punta Arenas in about 12 hours.

The first 100 miles of the strait are comparatively uninteresting. The land on either side is low and covered with grass, with scarcely a tree to be seen for the entire distance to Cape Negro. Throughout this stretch the depth of the water rarely exceeds 200 feet, there are many banks and shoals, and the tidal streams are rapid, the tide rising from 36 to 44 feet. An anchorage may be obtained in almost any part of the eastern end of the strait except in the narrows. At Cape Negro trees are seen and the land generally becomes higher. The forests grow denser and the mountains more lofty as the middle of the strait and Punta Arenas are approached.

In approaching the Strait of Magellan from the eastward Cape Virgins usually is the first land seen. It is a white cliff 135 feet high, on which there is a lighthouse and several dwellings. In clear weather the cape is visible from a distance of 20 to 25 miles.

When Punta Arenas has been reached and the ships of Rear Admiral Evans' fleet anchor off the port the officers and men will have the best time of the year in to see the town and country thereabouts. The warmest weather at Punta Arenas occurs in December, January and February, when the mean temperature is about 54 degrees and the days are long.

### Dangerous Counterfeit Dollars.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Dangerous counterfeits of the silver dollar have appeared here and the government officials are endeavoring to trace their sources. The counterfeit has a natural "ring" and is coated with silver, defying superficial acid tests. It is reported that hundreds of the counterfeits are in circulation. They bear the dates of 1901 and 1904. Aside from an elaborate test, the only way in which they can be detected is in the fact that some of the smaller letters in the words "In God We Trust" are slightly blurred.

### A Bandit Leader's Sentence Confirmed.

Manila.—The supreme court has confirmed the sentence of death pronounced against Ablan, a leader of the bandits on the island of Leyte in the years 1906 and 1907.

## AFTER 28 YEARS.

Bullion Found in Debris of a Burned Saloon Believed to Have Been Stolen in 1880.

Omaha, Neb.—Superintendent Patterson of the Pacific Express company returned to Omaha from Sidney, Neb., Thursday, bringing with him two large bricks of bullion, believed to represent part of the loot of a robbery of the company's office in Sidney, Neb., in March, 1880. The metal was found buried in the debris of a saloon which burned down two weeks ago. The robbery was the boldest of its kind ever pulled off in the West and the bullion which had been received that day by stage from the Black Hills, was valued at \$127,000. One of the bricks was sold to the Denver mint a year after the robbery. Sheriff McCarthy, who then owned the saloon which burned recently, was believed to be the leader of the robber band, but the express company was unable to secure his indictment. His brother was later hanged by vigilantes. McCarthy has been dead several years. Superintendent Patterson is trying to establish identification of the metal. He says the bullion value is indefinite but he will have it assayed at once.

### In Memory of McKinley.

Cleveland, Ohio.—McKinley, the martyred president, was the keynote of several addresses delivered at the Tippecanoe club's annual McKinley day banquet here Wednesday night at which Secretary of War William H. Taft was the guest of honor. The secretary spoke on "The Republic." All of the speakers confined their remarks to the life and deeds of McKinley, who was eulogized as an illustrious son of Ohio, and a discussion of the problems engendered by the Spanish-American war and the acquisition of the Philippines and the islands of the Caribbean.

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### Separate Coach Law Effective.

Guthrie, Ok.—The separate coach law passed by the Oklahoma legislature at the opening of the session goes into effect in the new state Saturday. The measure was passed as an emergency which provided that it should become effective in 60 days after its passage. Col. J. C. Graham of Marietta is the author of the measure. All Oklahoma railroads have signified their intention of complying with the provision.

### Tornado in Mississippi.

Wesson, Miss.—Six persons were killed outright by a cyclone which laid waste a strip of farming country three quarters of a mile wide and several miles long just north of here Friday. For a distance of 20 miles in a northeasterly direction the wind tore a pathway nearly a mile wide, partly or wholly destroying nearly every building in this area. Scores of dead farm animals littered the tornado's track.

## CORTELYOU'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary Explains His Acts Awarding Panama Bonds and Depositing Treasury Cash.

Washington, D. C.—In response to a resolution agreed to by the senate on December 12, 1907, the secretary of the treasury Wednesday transmitted to that body detailed statements concerning the award of the Panama bonds and 3 per cent certificates, together with recent financial transactions of the government, and also embodying information as to the general state of the nation's finances during the closing months of 1907—the period over which the recent financial panic extended.

Secretary Cortelyou before analyzing the crisis and setting forth his official actions in regard to the report, gives a summary of occurrences in the United States' financial world from the time he assumed charge, until the special report was compiled.

Secretary Cortelyou defends the issue of Panama bonds and treasury certificates by saying that it was advisable to take some strong and resolute step which would convince the public, both at home and abroad, that the government was thoroughly alive to the situation and determined to give its aid in every possible legal and proper form.

The legal right of the department to make allotments of the bonds and securities to such persons and banks and in such amounts as it might see fit can hardly be called in question in view of the fact that the circular offering the Panama bonds contained this distinct provision:

"The department also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if deemed to be to the interests of the United States so to do."

"The total bids for the Panama canal bonds," continues the secretary, "amounted to \$2,220,604,580, or more than 44 times the amount offered."

Details of the distribution appended to the report shows that the present deposits are divided among 1,421 banks. Considerable space is devoted to showing that great care has been taken in distributing the deposits and much consideration is shown to communities where particular trade movements involve a special demand for currency at certain intervals.

## THOSE WHO MAY COME.

Japanese Regulation Restricting Immigration of Laborers to Hawaii May Fail to Restrict.

San Francisco, Cal.—Advices from Honolulu state that Minister of Foreign Affairs Hayashi has cabled to Japanese Consul General Saito the regulations adopted by the Japanese government in regard to the immigration of Japanese laborers to Hawaii. He says that permission to Japanese laborers to emigrate to Hawaii is limited for the time being to the following classes:

First, those who have been in Hawaii and desire to go again.

Second, the parents, wives, children, brothers and sisters of the persons who are at present living in Hawaii.

Third, the husbands and wives of the brothers and sisters included in the second class.

The regulation is to take effect February 1. It has been figured out that under this regulation, considering that there are 70,000 or 80,000 Japanese now in Hawaii, it is possible for 500,000 more to come; and unless strict regulations are enforced to ascertain that those applying are actually within the classes specified, the number that might come is practically unlimited.

### Convinced a Scientist.

London.—Sir Oliver Joseph Lodge, the noted scientist, at a meeting of the Psychological Research society Thursday expressed credence in the society's claim that it had received spirit messages from late Edmund Gurney, Richard Hodgson and Frederick Myers, the messages being received through the medium of Mmes. Piper and Verrall.

### Chesapeake's Flag Sold.

London, England.—The flag of the American man-of-war Chesapeake captured in the fight with the British ship Shannon in 1813, was put up at auction in this city and sold for \$4,250 to a dealer named Partridge. It is reported that Partridge acted for Cornelius Vanderbilt.

### For Miners' Widows and Children.

Pittsburg, Pa.—At a meeting Thursday of the executive committee of the Carnegie Hero Fund commission, the sum of \$25,000 was donated to the widows and children of the 250 miners killed last month in the Darr mine disaster at Jacob's Creek, Pa.

### Another Mine Explosion.

Charlestown, W. Va.—Nine miners met sudden death in the New River colliery known to miners as the Lower Boom mine, 45 miles from here, near Hawk's Nest, at 2:35 o'clock Thursday afternoon in an explosion that partly wrecked the mine.