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DEATH IN A TUNNEL

SIX GRAND TRUNK EMPLOYEES ARE SUFFOCATED.

Train Broke in Two-Three Train Men Perish While with the Stalled Train, and the Others Met Death While Trying to Get Them Out.

Six employees of the Grand Trunk Railway were suffocated to death by coal gas early Sunday in the St. Clair tunnel which runs under the St. Clair River from Port Huron, Mich., to Sarnia, Ont. A coal train broke in two while passing through the tunnel and three of the crew were suffocated while part of the train lay stalled in the tunnel. The engineer endeavored to push the stalled cars back to safety, and two other rescuers perished in vain attempts to penetrate the gaseous atmosphere of the great tube.

The train, which entered from the American side of the tunnel, was made up of seventeen cars. When it broke Engineer Coleman realized that the accident had happened, and with the three cars attached to the engine steamed out of the tunnel into the Sarnia yards. He hastily detached his engine and went back into the tunnel to the stalled cars. When his engine reached them he attempted to push them back through the tunnel and out of the American portal. The grade proved too steep, however, and the attempt was a failure. The engine and cars rolled back into the gas laden tunnel and Engineer Coleman was suffocated at his post in the engine cab. His fireman, Fred Forester, with presence of mind jumped into the partly filled water tank of the engine, where there was enough air to preserve his life, although he is in a serious condition.

When the news of the broken train reached the American side of the tunnel Superintendent Begg, accompanied by two other employes, started in on foot, hoping that the train was near enough to the entrance so that they might rescue and carry out some of the crew. They had gone but a short distance when the gas became stifling and Begg succumbed. Other rescuers succeeded in crawling to the portal of the tunnel on their hands and knees.

Meanwhile preparations were being made at the Sarnia end of the tunnel to rescue the imprisoned train crew. An engine with a party of rescuers entered the tube and had proceeded but a short distance when John Haley, a track walker, was found lying unconscious on the track. He was taken out and again the engine plunged into the gaseous atmosphere. The rescuers were overcome, however, by the gas before the train was reached, and Brakeman McGrath died, SWITCHMAN Blake, who was a member of the party, after a time made another attempt to penetrate the gas and this time succeeded in reaching the stalled engine, coupled it to the cars, and ran the train into the daylight.

Simpson, Tinsky and Gillis were found dead in the caboose. Fireman Forester was in the water tank of the engine nearly two hours before he was rescued, and his escape is little short of miraculous.

FOURTEEN PERSONS INJURED

Omaha Express on Missouri Pacific Jumps the Track.

The Omaha express on the Missouri Pacific Railway ran into an open switch as it was leaving the yards at Kansas City, Mo., Sunday and collided with a freight train. Fourteen persons were injured, two seriously.

Mrs. J. M. Partello, wife of Maj. Partello, commanding officer at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, sustained an injury to her back, her wrist was broken and she was badly cut about the face, while her daughter, Miss Florence Partello, was bruised and suffered from a nervous shock. Mrs. Partello's condition is said to be critical. The injuries of the others were slight and they continued their journey. Among them was Maj. Partello, who escaped with a sprained leg.

HAS NO DEFENSE.

Myrtle Eberly Shot Man Who Failed to Marry Her.

"I shot him because he refused to keep his promise to marry me. I have no defense, was no lawyer, and will ask no person to help me," said Myrtle Eberly, in the holdover at the Four courts at St. Louis, Mo., Saturday, speaking of the killing of Edward Leonard the previous night.

The weapon with which she took Leonard's life, Miss Eberly says, was purchased for her by him on his advice for protection during her long walks at night to the street cars. Leonard was a bartender in a garden near the World's Fair, where Miss Eberly was a waitress.

St. Louis Stock Market. Saturday's quotations on the St. Louis City stock market follow: Best fleshy steers, \$2.00@2.50. Hogs, \$5.50@5.65.

Refuses to Tell Why He Shot. Hugh N. Swaine, an attorney of Houston, Tex., Sunday, shot and killed C. W. Jones, secretary of the Honston Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of which W. N. Swaine, father of the former, is president. Swaine was arrested but refuses to give any information.

Flood in Mine Drowns Eighteen. A sudden inrush of water and mud in a coal mine at Gerlebeck, district of Koenig, Germany, imprisoned eighteen miners, all of whom, it is said, perished.

THREE PERSONS KILLED.

Six Others Injured in Automobile Accident in New York.

While speeding along in the Bronx at New York early Friday morning an automobile containing nine persons went over an embankment, and one man and two women were killed. The machine fell onto the New York Central Railroad tracks and the wreckage was struck by a southbound train.

In the automobile when the accident occurred were five women and four men. The automobile was in charge of Allen Noyes.

When the big machine plunged downward it struck near the southbound track and the nine persons and the automobile were caught by an incoming train known as the Croton local.

Beside the man and two women killed, all the others in the automobile were injured.

BELL BOY THIEVES.

Syndicate is Uncovered by the New York Police.

The New York police have unearthed what they believe to be a syndicate of bell boys existing among the big hotels of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis in the arrest of Arthur Frazer, an employe of the Metropolitan. Frazer was arrested on suspicion of having a hand in the many robberies of jewelry and clothing that have occurred at the hotel in the last month. A detective captured him after living for three days at the hotel in the guise of a man with plenty of money.

In Frazer's pockets were found letters from bell boys in Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis. From these letters the police think the gang worked together, sending their loot to each other to dispose of.

MURDERER PUT TO DEATH.

"Dutch" Fisher is Electrocuted in the Ohio Penitentiary.

"Dutch" Fisher, alias Albert Miller, was electrocuted in the annex at the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus a few minutes after midnight Thursday night for the murder of William Marshall, a bartender, at Toledo, O., January last. The electric shock was administered at 12:05, and at 12:12 he was pronounced dead.

His last statement was a reiteration of his confession that Walter Crosby, sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity in the crime, is innocent.

HORDES IN WANT.

Poor in English Cities on the Verge of Starvation.

At a meeting of the Manchester, Eng., city council it was announced that owing to the hard times and depression in the cotton industry between 40,000 and 50,000 people in the poorer parts of the city were practically on the verge of starvation.

Similar conditions prevail in London and other large cities of the United Kingdom, where the winter is expected to be one of the hardest in many years for the poorer classes.

LIFE FOR HOLDUP MEN.

Chicago Officials Waging Crusade Against Street Bandits.

Four more holdup men have been sentenced to Chicago to the state penitentiary for life. This makes eight such convictions and sentences of this class of criminals in Chicago within a week. The state's attorney has begun a determined crusade against all street bandits and in the future life sentences will be given these criminals when their cases come to trial.

Senator Hoar's Will.

The will of Senator George G. Hoar has been filed at Worcester, Mass. It makes no public bequests, dividing his property between his son and daughter, Rockwood Hoar and Miss Mary Hoar, and giving his Asnebunskit estate in Paxton to his granddaughter. The will is dated Jan. 8, 1904.

Garment Makers' Strike Off.

Cutters and other members of the United Garment Workers' union in Chicago, who eight weeks ago went on strike because of announced "open shop" policy by the Chicago clothing makers, have given up the struggle and the strike has been declared off. Six hundred men are affected.

Runs Into Open Switch.

The Wheeling express on the Panhandle road ran into an open switch and was wrecked Friday at Hamilton station, just beyond Burgetstown, Pa. Superintendent McCarthy says the fireman was killed and several passengers slightly injured.

Burglars Make Big Haul.

Burglars entered the residence of John A. Stewart, at 14 West Chestnut Street, Asheville, S. C., and secured \$10,000 worth of diamonds. There is no clew to the robbers.

Tombs Not Violated.

Gen Kurupliatkin, in a dispatch to the Russian emperor, vigorously denies the charge made by the Chinese government that the sanctity of the imperial tombs and graves near Mukden had been violated by the Russian troops.

Alaskan Telegraph Lines.

According to a Seattle, Wash., special, telegraphic communication is now being reached between Seattle and all parts of Alaska.

For Looting the Mails.

T. J. Marshall, a railway mail clerk, was arrested at Lincoln, Neb., Friday on the charge of Inspector Sinclair, who accused him of robbing the mails. Marshall is 38 years of age, and has many friends. He studiously denies his guilt.

Negro Appointed Postmaster.

George Washington Murray, colored, former representative of a South Carolina district, has been appointed fourth class postmaster at Hugier, a village in Berkeley County, S. C.

BOLD BANK HOLDUP.

Robber Secures \$1,700 at Treynor Iowa, and Escapes.

A robber walked into the savings bank at Treynor, a small town fifteen miles east of Council Bluffs, Ia., Thursday afternoon, and at the point of a revolver compelled the assistant cashier, Miss Frances Flood, to take \$1,700 from the cash drawer and vault and put the money in his bag. Then the robber drove the young woman, who was alone in the bank, into the big vault, and locked her in. Customers coming into the bank half an hour later heard the girl's screams for help and released her from the vault. She at once told of the holdup, and an armed posse started after the robber.

The police and sheriff's office at Council Bluffs were also notified and started armed men into the country to intercept the robber, but up to midnight he had not been apprehended.

Rural telephones were also set into activity and the robber was traced toward Council Bluffs. Officers believe that they are on the robber's trail near Underwood, where he stopped to remove the shoes of his horse.

No one in Treynor was aware of the presence of the robber until after the woman cashier was released from the vault, so quietly and quickly was the holdup executed. The robber was seen by Treynor citizens to quietly walk out of the bank and get into a buggy in which a companion had been waiting for him, and then drove deliberately away.

Miss Flood's father, Thomas Flood, is cashier of the bank. For several days he has left his daughter in charge at the hour when the robbery occurred, and the robber is believed to have known of this fact.

TRAILED BY BLOODHOUNDS.

Karl Karrer, Saloonkeeper, Arrested for Treynor Bank Robbery.

Trailed to his home in Treynor, Ia., by bloodhounds, Karl Karrer, a saloonkeeper, was found in bed and arrested by officers at midnight Friday night. He denies all knowledge of the bank robbery, and made no resistance. No money was found on him nor in the house.

Karrer was taken to Council Bluffs by the officers.

The dogs, which were from Beatrice, Neb., took the trail ten miles north of Treynor, and followed it through corn fields and woods to the Treynor road, into town and up to Karrer's home, almost directly across the street from the bank.

Karrer had not been seen since the robbery, until lured by the dogs.

The horses and buggy left by the supposed robber at the farm of Michael Fox, three miles northwest of Treynor, have been identified as belonging to the Nevin livery barn, of Council Bluffs, and were hired by an unknown woman Thursday morning. The officers have given a description of the woman, but have not been able to locate her.

The man who rented the rig went to Treynor and saw the wife of Karrer, but was positive that she was not the woman who hired the rig.

A recount of the funds shows that the robber made off with close to \$1,700. Miss Flood managed to save \$1,000 by hiding it from the robber.

GRIEF KILLS HER.

Iowa Woman Who Shot Her Husband Soon Expires.

Grief, because she shot her husband, was the cause of the death of Mrs. Peter Lewis, near Leon, Ia., on Thursday. Her husband one evening recently on coming home entered the chicken yard with a view of taking the necessary precaution to protect his roost from chicken thieves. Mrs. Lewis, on hearing the cackling, grabbed a shotgun and made her way to the yard. Upon seeing the form of a man she fired the gun. It proved to be Mr. Lewis, and he died the next day.

Mrs. Lewis was so overcome by grief that she refused to take nourishment of any kind.

HUNDRED DIE EACH DAY.

Veterans of the Civil War Passing Rapidly Away.

Veterans of the civil war are now dying at the rate of 100 each day, according to a statement made public by Commissioner Ware, of the pension bureau.

The mortality among soldier pensioners of all wars and classes last year was 31,728 deaths, of which 30,071 were volunteers in the civil war.

Commissioner Ware estimates that the rate among pensioners of all classes at the close of the present year will approximate 47,000.

Paris Frowns Upon Dowie.

Booth Clibborn and his wife, who recently announced that they intended shortly to open a branch of Dowie's Christian Catholic church in Paris, are now met with the statement of the prefect of police that no Dowie temple can be opened unless it is agreed that "divine healing" will be entirely omitted.

Four Die in Hotel Fire.

The Tracey Hotel, a frame structure in South St. Joseph, Mo., burned Friday morning, four persons losing their lives. The fire started in the kitchen.

\$100,000 Brooklyn Fire.

A fire which caused a loss of about \$100,000 broke out in W. B. Wardell's coal yard in South Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday.

Cracksmen in Lincoln.

Burglars Wednesday night blew open the safe in the Rock Island freight office at Lincoln, Neb., wrecked the safe, demolished one end of the building and secured \$488. They escaped on a freight train.

Girl Was Not Murdered.

Instead of being murdered, as at first supposed, it was learned Thursday that suicide was the cause of the death of Minnie Harming, of Palentine, Ill., whose dead body was found in a barn.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Mother's Heroic Act—Jumped Into Missouri River to Save Her Son, Who Had Accidentally Fallen In—Both Were Rescued.

A 7-year-old son of Mrs. George Ross, of Nebraska City, who resides on the east side of the Missouri River, was playing on the river banks, above the government dikes. In some way the boy fell into the water, and the mother, being near, plunged into the swift current to save the boy's life.

The current carried both mother and son around the river some distance and around the dike. As the mother was borne past the dike she managed to grab one of the pilings and held on. She clung to the boy with the other hand and kept his head above the water.

Some men on the west bank of the river heard the woman's feeble cries for help. Scouring a boat they went to her rescue and managed to reach her before her strength gave out.

Both mother and son were taken ashore. It required some time to bring them back to life.

The mother could not swim, but gave no thought to that when she jumped into the river after her boy.

VALUABLE HORSES BURNED.

Animals From Omaha Horse Show Perish in a Car at Blair.

Three valuable horses, Mr. Peickwick, King Lee and Cabin Boy, valued at \$12,000, and several carriages, traps and other vehicles on the property of W. G. Barling, of St. Paul, Minn., who has been an exhibitor at the Omaha horse show, were destroyed by fire. The car in which the property was being shipped was found to be on fire when the train reached the railroad yards in Blair. An attempt was made to rescue the horses and put out the flames, but the car and its contents were destroyed. The total loss is about \$25,000.

REVENUE LAW IS INTACT.

Supreme Court Dismisses Church Howe's Appeal.

A Lincoln special says: The Nebraska revenue law is intact. The supreme court Wednesday night dismissed the appeal of Church Howe on behalf of the taxpayers of Nemaha county and reversed the decision of the lower court which condemned the action of the state board in increasing the valuation in Nemaha 5 per cent.

Several other cases have been filed, seeking to restrain the state board from increasing the valuations in the different counties, and they will be dismissed.

Farmer Seriously Hurt.

George Zraski, a farmer living six miles east of Columbus, met with a peculiar and painful accident Thursday evening. He was starting for home and had just climbed into his wagon when his team started quickly, he lost his balance and fell out, striking his head heavily, first on the hub of the wheel and again on the ground. It was found that his nose was badly broken, his scalp cut and his front teeth badly loosened.

Nebraska Launched.

At Seattle, Wash., in the presence of a multitude of onlookers, christened by Miss Mary M. Micker, daughter of the governor of the state for which she was named, Uncle Sam's latest and largest battleship, the Nebraska, was launched at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Gov. Micker, and party participated in the ceremonies. The occasion was made a half holiday throughout the city.

Fake Doctor Gets Cash.

A stranger giving the name of Dr. F. G. Busch visited the home of Wilke Jurgens, a prominent German farmer, who resides near Beatrice, and succeeded in fleecing him out of \$750 cash. Jurgens has a crippled son and the stranger offered to cure him for \$150. He told Jurgens that he must have \$50 before taking the case and the unsuspecting farmer paid it.

Strike in York Foundry.

There is a strike on at the Downey-Wright Manufacturing Company of York, in the foundry department. The company notified its workmen that any of the old workmen who desire to return and stand good for defective castings will be taken back, and that a new force of men will be put to work whether the old employes come back or not.

Suicide at Orchard.

Charles Collette, a restaurant keeper at Orchard, committed suicide. He went to bed at his home, took a revolver, and shot himself. The bullet entered his head over the right ear. Death was instantaneous. He had had rheumatic trouble for some time and was despondent over it.

Federal Building Completed.

The new United States postoffice and court house building is completed in Norfolk. It was built at a cost of \$100,000 and has been in process of construction since a year ago last May. It is a perfect copy of the building at Annapolis, Md.

Killed at Railroad Crossing.

William Hawley, a pioneer of Madison County and a wealthy farmer, drove to his death in front of a Northwestern stock train at Norfolk. He was trying to beat the train across. He was 70 years old.

Small Fire at Wayne.

Fire originated in the confectionery establishment of L. F. Vaughn at Wayne, about 8:30 o'clock Tuesday night, but was soon extinguished.

Freight Trains Collide.

Two freight trains collided at Havenlock Monday afternoon and four cars were badly wrecked. Westbound passenger train No. 3, which was delayed several hours late, was further delayed two hours before the track could be cleared.

Poisoned by Meat.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dolan, of Beatrice, were poisoned several evenings ago from eating meat, and for awhile their recovery was thought doubtful. They are improving slowly, and their recovery is only a matter of a few days.

BURGLARS BUSY AT LINCOLN

Railroad Safe Robbed and Office Made to Rob Lumber Office.

The safe at the Rock Island freight depot in Lincoln was blown Wednesday night and \$104.88 taken by two unidentified men. An attempt was also made to rob the safe in the office of the Lincoln Lumber Company at Sixteenth and O Streets, but this proved unsuccessful, as the men were frightened away before they could complete the job.

The robbery at the Rock Island depot occurred shortly after 1 o'clock Thursday morning, as the clock on the wall stopped at 1:17, which was probably the time at which the explosion took place. A few burglars' tools were found in the room next morning, together with the rubber tube used in pouring the explosive into the drilled holes, but aside from that there is no clue to the identity of the men who did the work. Nothing was known of the robbery until about 6 o'clock Thursday morning when the freight agent went down to open the office.

PLEADS GUILTY AND PAYS FINE.

Farmer Charged With Violation of Liquor Law Makes No Fight.

Upon the complaint of Fred Mellnay, a farmer living a few miles west of Crete, Joseph Kulhanek, a neighbor of Mellnay's was arrested, charged with selling liquor on Sunday. He was brought before Justice Fay, where he unexpectedly pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs, amounting to \$57.50. He paid the fine and was released at once.

Frequently during the summer Kulhanek has held big Bohemian picnics on his premises on Sunday. Liquors of all sorts were always easily obtained on these occasions and it became evident that Kulhanek was doing the selling. This being illegal on Sunday, whether he possessed a government license or not, Mellnay decided to stop it.

BAPTISTS ADJOURN.

Closing Session is Largely Devoted to Education.

The closing session of the Nebraska State Baptist convention was held at Fremont Thursday. The general topic of education, both collegiate and theological, was the subject of the addresses and discussions. The executive board of the convention met Thursday morning, appointed the various standing committees for the year and made its final decisions on the amount of aid to be granted the weaker churches. Rev. C. W. Brinstead was appointed missionary at large and his salary was fixed at \$1,400 and expenses. The appropriations for the missionary churches aggregate \$9,000.

BADLY SCALDED.

Little Girl Falls Into Pail of Boiling Water.

Margaret, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Upton, of Pierce, was terribly scalded Sunday afternoon. Mr. Jewett, the grandfather, went out in the yard to kill a chicken and took with him a pail of boiling water. He was followed by the little girl, who became frightened and backed and fell into the water. The attending physician states there is no hope of recovery.

Placed Under Bonds.

George Schoenberg has sworn out a warrant in Judge Inman's court at Beatrice to compel Otto Hoffman to keep the peace. Hoffman was released on bond of \$100 to appear in court Saturday next for trial. Schoenberg alleges that Hoffman met him in the road with an open knife and threatened to kill him. The principals in the affair are prominent German farmers, who reside near Pickrell.

Barn Burned.

George Bloom, a farmer residing west of Plattsmouth, was awakened by a revolver shot early Wednesday morning and discovered his large new barn in flames. Half dressed, he rushed to the barn and succeeded in rescuing his horses. All of his wheat, oats, hay and farming implements were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$2,500, with only \$600 insurance.

Appeals Abandonment Case.

Monday afternoon the case of Eurt Goddard against the state was filed in the office of the clerk of the supreme court at Lincoln, and a stay of sentence granted. The plaintiff in error, who resides in Chase County, was convicted of wife abandonment under the statute enacted by the last legislature. A stay of sentence was granted by the court.

Discover Alleged Robber.

H. L. Stone, a young man who is traveling in connection with a "beauty show," exhibiting during the carnival in Humboldt, was placed under arrest by Marshal Todd upon information to the effect that he was wanted by the authorities of Sioux Falls, S. D., upon the charge of robbing a jewelry store.

Load of Wheat is Stolen.

A load of wheat was stolen from the farm of George M. Schuster, west of Ashland, Tuesday night. Tracks of the wagon were plainly seen in the field where the thief drove. There is no clew.

Fruit Crop in York.

Nearly every year more fruit is raised in York County, and this year hundreds upon hundreds of bushels of peaches have been marketed by farmers and fruit raisers, and now they are shipping apples.

Rain Stops Prairie Fire.

Rain quenched a prairie fire which was sweeping Rosebud reservation, destroying hay and fall pasture in Tripp and Gregory Counties. The fire had raged several days and covered many miles.

Randolph Fair Closes.

Wednesday was the last day of the Randolph fair, and there was a big crowd in town. The fair has been a success from every standpoint.

Engine Falls Through Bridge.

A large traction engine belonging to Charles Matya fell through the Loop River wagon bridge near Columbus. The engine hung a few feet from the water, lodged on heavy iron trusses. The bridge was closed to traffic on account of the accident.

Foy Smothered in Grain.

James Burke, a lad of 15 or 16 years of age, was killed in the elevator at Doniphan by getting into a pit of grain and smothering before he could be rescued.



Superstitious people are marveling at the seeming defiance of the powers of evil manifested in the preparations for the launching of the battleship Nebraska at Seattle next month. Elaborately printed invitations have been received by state officers. They are printed from an engraving upon heavy white cardboard, half of which is taken up by a picture of a battleship steaming along Puget Sound just under Mount Rainier. In the upper corners of the card are engravings of the seals of the state of Nebraska and Washington. Underneath is the invitation and the announcement that it will be christened by Miss Mary Nain Mickey. The fearsome part of the announcement is that the ceremony is set to occur on Friday, Oct. 7, at 2:13 p. m. Considerable speculation has been indulged in as to why Moran Bros., builders of the vessel, have selected both Friday and 2:13 p. m. for the auspicious event. Deputy Labor Commissioner Bush explains the last point of speculation by declaring that it is customary to launch battleships at odd minutes in the hourly calendar.

Charles H. Gere, editor of the State Journal, died Friday night of neuritis of the heart after a short illness. He leaves a widow and three daughters. Mr. Gere was one of the best known men in Nebraska, having been a prominent citizen for many years. For thirty-three years he had been editor of the State Journal and at the time of his death was also president of the Journal Company. Mr. Gere came to Lincoln in 1868 and started the Weekly Commonwealth, which he changed in a short time to the State Journal. He served a term as a representative in the legislature and was a member of the state senate for five terms. For twelve years Mr. Gere was a member of the board of regents of the state university and was also a member of the constitutional convention. He was postmaster at Lincoln during Harrison's term. He has been identified with many of Lincoln's enterprises.

County Attorney Caldwell filed a brief in the supreme court in which he makes the moral contention that the county is not obliged to pay the premium on the treasurer's guaranty bonds. He contends that the statute is simply permissive, allowing the county board to require such a bond when it is considered necessary to insure the safety of the funds. Under such circumstances the board may pay the premium out of the public funds. The case in which the brief is filed is that of County Treasurer Ben Knight against Lancaster County, the suit being to collect \$885 which the official alleged he paid in premiums on his bond. If the supreme court, before which the case is now pending, sustains the contention of the county attorney, it will effect a radical change in several counties of the state where the county boards have been in the habit of allowing county treasurers to be reimbursed for the premiums on their guaranty bonds.

The list of persons who will attend the launching of the battleship Nebraska is probably the following: Gov. J. H. Mickey and daughter, Miss Mary Nain Mickey; Secretary of State George W. Marsh and Mrs. Marsh; State Auditor Charles Weston and Mrs. Weston; State Treasurer Peter Mortenson; State Superintendent W. K. Fowler; Attorney General F. N. Prout and daughter, Miss Vera J. Prout; Gen. and Mrs. J. H. Culver; Col. and Mrs. George J. Jenkens; Fairbury; Miss Emily Jenkins, Fairbury; Col. and Mrs. J. A. Eberhardt, Stanton; Col. and Mrs. C. D. Evans, Columbus; Col. J. S. Dew, Tecumseh; Col. and Mrs. H. P. Shumway, Wakefield; Col. Charles W. Kaley and sister, Red Cloud; Col. S. M. Melick, Lincoln; Col. and Mrs. L. W. Garoutte, Lincoln.

Nebraska has been a prosperous field for the growth of fraternal organizations, as will be seen from the figures compiled by the state department of labor, which will be incorporated in the forthcoming report of that department. These statistics show that there are forty-three fraternal organizations which have firmly established themselves in this state. The total number of local lodges of all organizations is 3,311, with a total fraternal membership of 299,434. The Modern Woodmen of America ranks first in membership, having a total of 944 lodges with a membership of 37,8