

NORTON BILL GETS CHANGE

Ways and Means Committee Decides to Revive Measure.

MELLOR'S FIGHT ON IT FAILS

Secretary of State Board of Agriculture Has Measure of His Own He Wants to Put Over.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The opposition directed by W. R. Mellor, secretary of the State Fair association, against the Norton bill, house bill No. 123, is liable to result in a sliding of the appropriation asked for the state fair. Mr. Mellor has been active against Norton's bill, which creates the Nebraska Conservation and Public Welfare commission and his efforts have incensed certain members, who feel that his opposition is entirely uncalled for. Since its introduction, Mr. Mellor has been quietly working against the Public Welfare bill, members say, because he is against any appropriations not confined to his department. The issue was precipitated Tuesday night when the finance ways and means committee favored indefinitely postponing Norton's bill. The bill was not reported out, though a public hearing on it was had last Tuesday. Action on the bill has been reconsidered and now it is said the sentiment of the committee is for the Norton bill, though a disposition exists to cut the appropriation requested. The bill appropriates out \$2,000 for the biennium.

NEBRASKA CENTENARIAN WHO IS IN GOOD HEALTH.



NORFOLK, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Levi H. Smith of Norfolk was 101 years old today—and he feels like 60. He is the oldest Methodist in the United States, he believes, and he is only a boy in point of age compared with the ages attained by his father and grandfather. Mr. Smith's father lived to be 100 and his grandfather was 116 years old when he died. Mr. Smith during the last winter has been driving horse and cart back and forth between Norfolk and the country school which his granddaughter teaches near Warnerville. He is jovial and witty and has all his faculties. He saw the first house built in Denver, Colo., and was in Lincoln, Neb., when the town was born. He was born in New Jersey. He came to Norfolk four years ago from Long Pine, Neb.

daughters, his wife having died some years ago.

Notes of Kearney and Buffalo County

KEARNEY, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. O. J. Lloyd dropped dead at her home in Elm Creek on Friday morning. She was preparing breakfast when she was seized with an apoplectic attack and was dead before a physician could be called. The Lloyds moved in from their farm south of the city but a short time ago. Miss Florence Hostetter, daughter of Judge Hostetter of this city, and Miss Meriam Clark, were two Kearney girls to be honored by their election to the Phi Beta Kappa, an honorary scholarship society of the university at Lincoln. It plans materials as expected. Haryana will have a new opera house within the next season that will be second to none for a city of its size in the state. Architect Kirschke of Grand Island, is now drawing up the plans.

Hundreds of Animals Die in the Blizzard

SUTHERLAND, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Reports come in from the ranges that an unparalleled loss of stock has occurred as a result of the blizzard of Thursday night and Friday. One rancher reports about 800 head of cattle missing and many other losses run from five to 100 head. Along the Platte river the loss is very heavy, the animals drifting into the ice and water and being unable to extricate themselves. In the range country to the north drifts of snow six feet in depth are reported. Here some are as high as the ordinary buildings, and the streets of Sutherland are impassable. The roofs of freight cars in the local yards were blown off by the gale. It is feared that there was loss of human life in some of the remote districts. Old residents state that the blizzard was the worst in their recollection.

NEWS OF WEST POINT AND OF CUMING COUNTY

WEST POINT, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Special services will be held during holy week at the Congregational church. The following clergymen will occupy the pulpit on the days named: Monday, Rev. J. A. Jenkins, D. D., Omaha; Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Davies, Arlington; Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Tudor, Beemer; Thursday, Rev. Mr. Klopp, Arlington; Friday, Rev. Mr. Hoeler, Wisner. Articles of incorporation have been filed of the new lumber company at West Point. The name of the new concern is the Home Lumber company. The incorporators are: Herman Zepin, Chris Schinlock, Ferdinand Koch, Herman Koch, M. E. Kerl and W. T. S. Neigh. James Sorensen, a farmer living on the Gardner farm northwest of Beemer, has been arrested and is now in jail on a charge of adultery. The complaint was signed by August Olson. Ground was broken for the new Grace Lutheran church at West Point last week with appropriate ceremonies. Rev. L. J. Powell, pastor, turned the first shovelful of earth. Sixteen thousand dollars has been raised towards the building, which will be located on the lots immediately south of the high school building. Cuming county land still fetches a high price. The George Buse quarter section, some ten miles from town, was sold this week for \$125.00 per acre. Improvements are only of a very ordinary character.

Two Shelton Pioneers Dead

SHELTON, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Two more of Shelton's citizens succumbed last night to pneumonia. Elias Kerpel, an old citizen residing in town, died aged 73 years; the other one being George Merlinger. Shelton's popular dray and baggage man, "Jake," as he was so familiarly known by everybody, was a man of many friends and liked by everyone. A charter member of Shelton Knights of Pythias lodge. He leaves a family and three sons and three

WOMAN FRIGHTENS RICH MEN

Mrs. Emma Bothwell Charged with Using Mails to Defraud.

WIFE OF CONFIDENCE MAN

Sent Letters to Wealthy Men, Telling Them She Was in a Delicate Condition and Asking Money for an Operation.

COLUMBIER, O., March 16.—Charged with having lured wealthy men in a half dozen cities out of thousands of dollars within the last few months through intimations of possible exposure, Mrs. Emma Bothwell, with several aliases, was arrested today and will be given a preliminary hearing before a United States commissioner on March 27. Mrs. Bothwell, who was arrested at Delaware earlier in the day, was specifically charged in an affidavit filed by Post-office Inspector Robinson with having used the mails to defraud Edward H. Frederikson of South Bend Ind., and others. Upon being arraigned before the federal commissioner this afternoon, Mrs. Bothwell's attorney entered a plea of not guilty for her. The hearing was postponed until March 27, because of the absence of material witnesses. The woman was remanded to jail in default of \$1,000 bail.

She Worked in Several Cities. The postoffice inspectors and city detectives, who have been working on the case, declare that Mrs. Bothwell's alleged operations extended to Indianapolis, Detroit, Cleveland, Wilkesbarre, Pa., and several other cities. They assert that they have evidence in the form of letters showing that Mrs. Bothwell wrote her alleged victims, claiming to be in delicate health and demanding money with which to provide for an operation. Under another name she is alleged to have written, claiming to be a sister of Mrs. Bothwell, and representing that the latter had died from the effects of an operation. From \$300 to \$500 was asked to pay burial expenses.

Later under still another alias, it is alleged, she sent in bills representing herself as a "nurse," claiming to "know all" and threatened trouble unless money was sent to pay for her services "in caring for the late Mrs. Bothwell." The inspectors declare that they have evidence that the woman was at one time the wife of a widely known confidence man. Upon being asked today whether she had been married previous to her present husband, she said: "Why go back to the cradle. My past history isn't of importance to the public."

NEBRASKA COLONELS REMARKABLE RIDERS

(Continued from Page One.) all his fingers into the soil and clutching madly cried out: "Look, I already hold England in both hands."

But, alas! Governor Morehead had no such wit. Instead of turning the awkward moment into a moment of conquest, he grabbed at his crushed alk hat falling in the dust, tried to brush the dust off his trousers, and with vicious, unofficious grunts, tried to kick the persistent lather of his prostrate steed. When J. J. O'Connor got off his horse he couldn't get on without help. He didn't like to have all the women see him he helped on his horse, but there was no convenient cow shed behind which he could lead his horse, so the fellows had to put him on right in the street of Washington, D. C. When the very tired he tried to brush the dust off his trousers, and with vicious, unofficious grunts, tried to kick the persistent lather of his prostrate steed. When J. J. O'Connor got off his horse he couldn't get on without help. He didn't like to have all the women see him he helped on his horse, but there was no convenient cow shed behind which he could lead his horse, so the fellows had to put him on right in the street of Washington, D. C. When the very tired he tried to brush the dust off his trousers, and with vicious, unofficious grunts, tried to kick the persistent lather of his prostrate steed.

Census Bulletin COMPARES FIGURES TO FORMER RECORD

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UNCLE JOE STILL IN OPTICS, BUT WITH NO SELF-AMBITION

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Joseph Gurney Cannon, private citizen, went home today accompanied by two big cedar boxes containing private letters and documents of a long series of years in Washington's political turmoil. "What are you going to do back home?" he was asked. "Well, my business is in pretty good shape," he said, "I guess I will just look around a bit. The folks are planning a trip around the world but I'm not going. I may take a little run through Mississippi and Arkansas, but that will be about all the traveling I'll do." "Will you continue in politics?" "When I lose interest in politics you can bet I'll be dead. I will still be in the politics as a private citizen"—then as an afterthought—"without personal ambitions."

NEWS NOTES OF BEATRICE AND OF GAGE COUNTY

BEATRICE, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The \$15,000 damage suit of August H. Brunke of Sterling against John W. Waymire of Adams is on trial in the district court. Brunke alleges that on August 2, 1909, while driving along the public highway near Sterling his horse became frightened at an automobile driven by Waymire, ran away and severely injured him. In his suit for damages he further alleges that his medical bills at Omaha amounted to \$500. Mrs. O. E. Webster, a pioneer resident of Gage county, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Sherman, in this city, aged 75 years. Her husband passed away November 20 last. She is survived by three children, two daughters and one son. Henry C. Foster of Cortland yesterday brought suit for divorce from his wife, Alvina Foster, whom he alleges deserted him in 1907. It is not known where she is living at the present time. Announcement was received here yesterday of the death of S. T. McMains, a former resident of Wymore, which occurred at his home at Silverton, Ore., of Bright's disease. He was 29 years of age and leaves a family of nine children. Fred Eugene Demerise, a 12-year-old boy who has been living with J. H. Date of this city, has disappeared and cannot be found. Mr. Date learned Friday that the lad had purchased a ticket to Lincoln. This is the last heard from him. The Laffin Drug company, one of the oldest firms in Wymore, has sold its store to George L. Fisher & Co., who

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CUSTER COUNTY SUPERVISORS LET BRIDGE WORK BIDS

BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The board of supervisors, in session this week, opened and considered the bids for bridge work to be done in the county this coming year. There were seven bidders. The bid of the Omaha Structural Steel works was accepted. At a meeting of the stockholders, held in this city, the Broken Bow creamery became an actual fact and will operate under a capital stock of \$10,000. Those composing the officers and board are: Ralph Johnson, president; Lynn Sullivan, secretary; H. Lomax, treasurer; P. M. Stradley and H. E. Myers, directors.

HYMENEAL

Wasson-Whitaker. FALLS CITY, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Announcement has been made in Falls City of the marriage of Miss Mabel C. Whitaker to Samuel C. Wasson at Yuma, Ariz. They will make their home at Nett Lake, Minn. The bride, who was a government teacher at Yuma, is a daughter of W. A. Whitaker of Falls City. Migot-Chanel. BROCK, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Leon Migot and Miss Ida Chanel were married by Rev. A. E. Wachtel at the Methodist parsonage. The bride is a native Switzerlander, but has spent the last few years here with her uncle, A. L. Gauchat. The young couple will reside on the groom's farm near Brock. Emery-Von Rentzel. MADISON, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Frank E. Emery of Madison and Miss Von Rentzel of Creighton, Neb., were married at the home of the groom's mother of this city at 8 o'clock, Judge McDuffee, officiating.

DEATH RECORD.

Franklin E. Hill Dies. BURWELL, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Frank E. Hill, one of the oldest settlers of this county and a resident of East Burwell, died at his home yesterday and was buried this afternoon by the Masonic lodge, of which he was a member. The funeral sermon being preached by H. H. Miles, pastor of the Methodist church. Mrs. Francis A. Blake. TECUMSEH, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. Francis A. Blake, widow of the late Hon. Palmer Blake of this county, died at the home of her son, Joseph Blake, near this city today. She had been confined to her bed for a year. She was 75 years of age. Frances A. Smith was born in Seneca county, Ohio, June 29, 1837. She was married to Palmer Blake in Decatur county, Iowa, October 23, 1856. In the spring of 1857 Mr. and Mrs. Blake came to Johnson county, Nebraska, and took up a homestead in Helena precinct, and here the family has resided since. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Blake, a number of whom survive. Mr. Blake died something over a year ago. At this time the funeral arrangements are not made. Alvin C. Curtis. AUBURN, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Alvin C. Curtis died at his home here

Declamatory Contest at North Bend.

NORTH BEND, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The annual declamatory contest of the high school to select two representatives for the district contest to be held at Fremont March 27 was held at the Methodist church last evening. There was a class of eight contestants. The judges awarded the first place to Kathleen Koskoff of the dramatic class; second to Ruth Scott of the dramatic class, and first to Lyle Hawkins of the oratorical class. The subject of his oration was "The New South."

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BOYD THEATER

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DAKOTA FARMER INVENTS NOVEL IRRIGATION METHOD

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