

### Nebraska BOARDS SHY AWAY FROM ASSESSMENT

#### County Commissioners Do Not Want Job of Aiding in Fixing Values.

#### GOOD ROADS HOLD BOARDS

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Association of Commissioners, Supervisors and County Clerks today talked good roads.

Ross Hammond of Fremont stated that the roads should be worked to small lengths and completed before another tract is worked. It has been the custom of road overseers to grade and plow up long distances of roads and then find themselves unable to complete the work afterwards because of rainy weather which placed the highway in bad condition.

M. L. Dolan of Hall county read an article on good roads giving full details of the cost and construction of the one mile of concrete road on the Lincoln highway recently finished near Grand Island.

Secretary Fisher of the Alliance Commercial club stated that a law should be enacted providing guide signs on each corner section for the benefit of the traveling public.

Senator Hanning of Cass county advocated creating an office of highway commissioner in each county to take charge of the public highway and to act with the state engineer concerning roads.

At the afternoon session the subject of taxation of real estate was discussed. A suggestion made by the State Board of Equalization that real estate ought to be assessed by the local assessor, assisted by the county assessor and supervisors. A vote was taken on the subject and defeated.

Automobile license funds, it was decided, should be used for the road fund.

The mothers' pension law was discussed. J. H. Kebo of Franklin county, J. O. Sawyer of Richardson county, G. W. Greenwalt of Custer county, State Engineer Johnson and Senator Placock of Saunders county made brief addresses. Tomorrow is the last day of the convention, at the close of which a banquet will be given at Orpheus hall.

### Brakeman Killed by Fall from Car

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A. C. Graham of Wynona, a brakeman on the Burlington, was instantly killed at Reynolds, Neb., by falling from the top of a box car. His head was struck by the trucks of the car, crushing his skull. The train was switching in the yards at Reynolds, and a slight fall of steel made the top of the car slippery. As Graham went to step from one car to another he slipped and fell to his death. He was about 23 years of age. The body will be taken to his home near Hubbell, Neb., for burial.

### REV. DR. M'INTOSH DIES OF APPENDICITIS

SHELANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Two funeral services will be held for the Rev. D. C. McIntosh, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who died Sunday morning after an operation for appendicitis. The Rev. W. H. Frazer of Broken Bow, Neb., a boyhood friend in Nova Scotia, preached the sermon here Tuesday morning, after which the body was taken to Hopkinton, Ia., according to his death-bed request, where it will be buried in the town where he was ordained as a minister after receiving his M. A. degree from Princeton university.

It was here that he was married to Miss Minnie McConnell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McConnell. He served this pastorate thirteen years and was instructor in New Testament Greek in Lenoir college, from which institution he held the honorary degree, D. D.

Until a few days before his death he was taking an active part in the Lowry revival meetings, which are being held here in a tabernacle.

### HASTINGS' CHRISTMAS TO BE REAL YULETIDE

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A municipal Christmas tree and two programs, one Christmas eve and the other Christmas night, and the return of time honored customs, such as brightly lighted candles in the windows of Hastings homes and the singing of carols before the residences where the sick or feeble are confined, were decided upon by the municipal board today with the idea of giving Hastings the true Christmas spirit during the approaching season.

### CONDENSORY MAY TAKE PLACE OF A CREAMERY

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 15.—That a condensory offers a better market to the farmers than does a creamery was made plain at the chamber of commerce meeting last night by the report of Secretary Blake that the Fairfield Creamery prospect has been held up temporarily on account of the proposed establishment of a condensory in this city.

The citizens of Fairfield have raised \$20,000 for a creamery at that place, but they await the next move of the local proposal of a condensory.

**Poultry Show at Fremont.**  
FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The sixteenth annual show of the Dodge County Poultry association opened Tuesday with over 1,000 birds on exhibition. Two Judges, D. E. Hale of Chicago and M. W. Baldwin of Sioux City, are marking the birds. The show will continue through the week. Breeders from over Nebraska and some from adjoining states have their birds entered here.

**State Swine Herd in Bad Shape.**  
LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Commissioner Henry Gerdes of the State Board of Control has been called to the state penitentiary to look over the herd of about 400 hogs of all sizes which show appearance of not being in the best of health. Many of them are so small that they cannot be put on the market and so the board is anxious to do something if there is danger of disease.

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### Nebraska Bryan Receives Letter from Wilson, Keeping it Dark

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mayor Charles Bryan has ceased signing the little ditty, "The Letter That He Longed For Never Came," for it "has come."

At the time the petition was filed with the secretary of state placing the name of Woodrow Wilson in nomination for the presidency it was given out that Mayor Bryan had refused to sign the petition, claiming that he did not want to embarrass the president and that he would write him and ask him if it would be embarrassing to be a candidate for the presidency on the Democratic ticket, backed by the action of the Democrats of Nebraska.

Mr. Bryan stated to the newspaper men that as soon as the letter came he would let them know its contents. They waited patiently, but no intelligence came from Mr. Bryan that he had heard from the president. Now comes the information that Mr. Bryan has received the answer, but he refuses to give out its contents and the world will have to continue in the dark whether the Nebraska petition has embarrassed the president, unless the president himself throws light on the matter.

However, it is hinted by people who claim to be in a position to know that the letter received by Mr. Bryan did not prove to be a thing of beauty and a joy to be still up in the air, as far as any knowledge received from the president whether he feels embarrassed.

### Masonic Orphans' Home is Dedicated by Grand Officers

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The new Masonic Orphans' home, erected at a cost of \$12,000, was dedicated here today with impressive ceremonies. Grand lodge officers of the Masons and Eastern Star orders took part in the ceremonies. The services were held in the Masonic hall in Fremont, the officers driving to the new home, where the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the home were carried out. Children from the girls' home in Fremont and the boys' home at Plattsmouth took part in the services. Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting of Lincoln presided.

The building, which is of red brick, with stucco above first story, cost \$12,000. It was built upon the "outgoing" plan of homes for orphans. It provides accommodations for twelve girls and a matron. Fremont Masons gave \$10,000 toward the project. The forty acres of ground cost \$20,000, making the present investment something like \$32,000.

Among Masonic officers present at the dedication were Grand Chaplain Charles M. Shepherd, Lincoln; Grand Tyler Alexander E. Forter, Lincoln; Grand Custodian Robert E. French, Kearney; Past Grand Master, Thomas Davis, David City; Past Grand Master Frank H. Young, Broken Bow; Past Grand Master Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow; Mrs. George Willeit, McCook, grand matron of the Eastern Star; Miss Pearl Albertson, Fremont, past grand matron of the Eastern Star.

### Two Judgments Against Harriman Lines at N. Platte

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Settlement was made today in two railroad damage suits, one being against the Union Pacific and the other against the Oregon Short line.

Mrs. Elizabeth Danze obtained judgment against the Union Pacific for the sum of \$5,000 because of the death of her husband, James Danze. Danze was killed on July 11 last when the automobile in which he was riding turned over. It was alleged that the car struck a mound in the road caused by a ditch having been filled in there by the Charles J. Burke company of Kearney while in the employ of the railroad. The case against Burke will be carried further, he having been made a defendant also in the case.

The Oregon Short line road today confessed judgment in the case brought against it by Mrs. Helen Kirach, who alleged that her husband was killed while in the employ of the road. Kirach was killed at Peru, Wyo., on the morning of May 2, 1913. He had been sent back to guard the rear of a freight train. No one saw him killed, but it was alleged that his death was due to negligence. Mrs. Kirach will receive \$3,000 damages. She brought suit for \$50,000.

### NOTES FROM SEWARD AND SEWARD COUNTY

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The evangelistic party left for their respective homes yesterday, having closed the religious campaign with a total of 306 conversions. At a meeting of many citizens at the Young Men's Christian association last evening it was decided to permit the tabernacle, which seats 1,500, to stand until after Christmas in order to permit the churches of the city to co-operate in a community Christmas service. A splendid, tall tree will be decorated and placed on the court house square and carols will be sung around it, but the true service will be held at the tabernacle.

The Women's club of this place will celebrate Christmas with a "children's party" at the rooms in the Carnegie library.

The new county jail being erected at a cost of \$15,000 is nearing completion. The cells were torn out from the dilapidated old jail, revealing many ancient and curious things stored on the top of the walls. A newspaper thirty years old was found and all sorts of wooden keys that had been modeled by some prisoners. An old hoop skirt was found, which had been used for making tools for escape.

The ministers of Seward are preparing to take almost 400 people into their services in the next ten days.

**Widman Elected Supervisor.**  
FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Oscar Widman, well known grocer, was named to succeed the late Duncan Livingston, as supervisor, when the board met Tuesday. Mr. Widman was chosen from a list of eight candidates, his election being almost unanimous. Mr. Widman is a democrat and was a close personal friend of Mr. Livingston.

### Nebraska BRYAN MUZZLES CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor of Lincoln Has Resolution  
Passed Forbidding Them Taking  
Troubles Into Court.

#### LEGALITY IS BEING QUESTIONED

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Denied the right to appeal to the courts on pain of dismissal from their positions as employees of the city, members of the department of public safety and others have been forced to keep their mouths closed or go out into the cold world without employment.

This is the condition which faces employees of all departments of the public service in Lincoln because of the adoption of a resolution introduced by Mayor Bryan which provides that any employee of the city who may have a grievance against the city cannot appeal to the courts to adjust his claim, for if he does he must forfeit his job.

Coming as it does from a source which promulgated the slogan, "Let the people rule," it has caused considerable of a stir in this part of the state.

#### Refer to Constitution.

Friends of some of the employees are raising the question whether the commission can lawfully deprive its employees of the right to an appeal to the courts by threats of dismissal if they do. They call attention to the constitution of the state which in section 13 of Article I one says:

"All courts shall be open, and every person, for any injury done him, in his lands, goods, person or reputation, shall have a remedy by due course of law, and justice administered without denial or delay."

They insist that in passing an ordinance or a resolution which is intimidating the employees of the city and depriving them of the right to appeal to the courts on penalty of dismissal they are infringing upon the rights of every American citizen and laying themselves open to impeachment for violation of the constitution as officials.

That the resolution should be drawn by Mayor Bryan, introduced by him and voted for by him, makes the case appear all the more peculiar in the face of the fact that the Bryans have been supposed to be free speech and the right of every man to earn his dollar without intimidation.

Use The Bee's "Swapper" column.

### P. E. HALL, NEBRASKA RAILROAD BUILDER, DEAD

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—P. E. Hall, for several years construction engineer for the Northwestern, with offices at Fremont, died at his home in Cedar Rapids, Ia., Sunday morning, according to word that reached Fremont. Mr. Hall superintended the construction of the Northwestern lines from Wisner to the Black Hills and the South Platte branches. He was for a number of years general manager of the Sioux City & Pacific and the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley lines before they were taken over by the Northwestern. He was 82 years of age.

### Nebraska York Citizens Will Discuss Lighting At Mass Meeting

YORK, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The question of public utilities and the rates charged for gas, electricity and water service vitally concerns the citizens of York. Many feel that the consumer of electricity in this city is charged an excessive rate by the York Gas and Electric company and is required to pay more for service here than is charged elsewhere in the state.

A mass meeting has been called at the court house for next Friday night for the following purposes:

To discuss the report of Engineer Prince submitted to the York Gas and Electric company and which proposed reduction of the city council has been unable to get the Gas and Electric company to agree to.

Shall an effort be made to put the rate recommended by Engineer Prince into force by a direct vote of the people under the initiative?

Or shall steps be taken to construct, and operate a municipal plant?

To discuss the advisability of forming a citizens' organization in York with the avowed purpose of public ownership and operation of public utilities.

### TWO PIONEER WOMEN OF SHENANDOAH DEAD

SHELANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Two women who have lived in Shenandoah since the pioneer days died this week. The death of Mrs. A. T. Irwin Sunday was particularly sad to the old residents of the town, as was that of Mrs. Mary Laws, a settler who came in the 70's and who died at the home of her son-in-law, Dr. Cartlich, in Kansas City Monday. Mrs. Irwin was born in Pennsylvania and was the mother of Miss Kate Irwin, a teacher in the Shenandoah schools, and W. E. Irwin, advertising manager of Andrew's store.

Mrs. Laws was the mother of George Laws, who is an officer in the United States navy and is thought to be on the water at the present time. He makes his home in Washington, as does another child, Miss Kitty Laws, who is in the Treasury department.

### SAMUEL LIGHTY DIES AT HOME IN FALLS CITY

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Samuel Lighty died at his home Wednesday morning. He had been ill for some time with hardening of the arteries. Mr. Lighty was secretary of the Farmers' Mutual insurance company for a number of years and was one of the best known men of the county, having served the county in various official capacities. He was a pillar in the Brethren church and was liberal in his support to those who were not blessed with riches.

### OHIO CRUDE OIL IS ADVANCED FIVE CENTS

LIMA, O., Dec. 15.—An increase of 5 cents in all grades of local and Findlay oils was quoted by the Buckeye Pipe Line company this morning. The prices city & Pacific and the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley lines before they were taken over by the Northwestern. He was 82 years of age.

### ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS LOWER

Dissolution of Syndicate Which  
Floated Loan Followed by De-  
cline of Nearly 2 Per Cent.

#### ALL OFFERINGS ARE ABSORBED

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—With the dissolution over night of the banking syndicate which floated the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French 5 per cent loan, interest centered largely around the dealings in that security at today's stock market opening.

The first offering consisted of twenty-five bonds at 95, a decline of 1/2 points from the price which they were taken by the syndicate and 1/4 under the previous low quotation at regular sale. This was followed by numerous additional transactions of ten to fifty bonds at 94, and 94 1/2.

The bonds were readily absorbed and caused no disturbance to the general market.

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### Two Hundred Tons of Gold Arrive Here Within Six Weeks

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Two hundred tons of gold worth \$102,000,000 and occupying the space of three cords of wood, are stored in the United States assay office here. The gold is in 15,345 bars. It represents the accumulation of British sovereigns and other foreign coins, brought to the United States within about six weeks in an effort to maintain the financial balance between the European nations and the United States.

The bars have been melted down to \$16 1/2 fine. It is finer than the gold used in the United States mints. The employees of the assay office, working overtime, finished today the task of melting it down.

### FARMER NEAR LAUREL IS KILLED BY FALL

LAUREL, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—George Seibert was instantly killed at his farm, seven miles north, this afternoon and John Burns, a carpenter, and another man severely injured when a staling upon which they were working collapsed. They were erecting a large horse and cattle barn. Seibert was about 60 years old and lived with his son, Mark Seibert, his wife being dead.

### OMAHA DAVIS GETS SIX MONTHS IN CHICAGO JAIL

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—John Davis, more familiarly known among habitués of the underworld as "Omaha," was given six months in the Bridewell today for violation of the anti-dope law. Davis pleaded guilty and also turned state's evidence, with the result that he received the light sentence. Davis is well known to the Omaha police.

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### "BABY"

We can't think of any name but BABY for the doll we are going to give away this week.

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Everything about her looks "BABY": her dress, shoes, hair, cheeks, mouth, everything is just dear, innocent, pink BABY. Wouldn't you like to hold her in your arms just a week more? And think of it—she is going home with one of you next week, to be ALL YOUR OWN. How happy that little girl will be.

Maybe, that little girl is You.

Two more beautifully dressed dolls, but not so large as "Baby," will be given as second and third prizes.

"Baby" will be given free to the little girl, under 10 years of age, that brings or mails us the largest number of dolls' pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m. Saturday, December 18.

Her picture will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too.

See how many pictures of "BABY" you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m. Saturday, December 18.

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