

Nebraska

HALL'S DOOR CLOSED TO THE EXAMINER

State Treasurer and Auditor's Clerk Unable to Gain Sight of Money Bags.

DEMOS KEEP UP RICH ROW

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—State house democrats have "sworn off" on some things the first of the year, but they have not turned over a new leaf when it comes to continuing the peculiar brand of harmony which has existed among them since the good old ship of state was turned over to the present crew.

Again State Treasurer George Hall is the bone of contention, and this time he is belabored by other state officers because he will not allow State Accountant DeFrance to enter his office and make an examination of the books.

One democrat makes the charge that DeFrance was denied the right to investigate the affairs of the state treasurer, and that after he had made a preliminary survey he quit while he was making other surveys, and was not allowed to go back and finish the job ordered by State Auditor Smith.

It is said that things were said by State Auditor Smith to State Treasurer Hall which are not for the ears of the public. State Treasurer Hall says that no man can check up his office unless he checks up the whole concern, and he does not propose to let DeFrance nose around unless he roots over the whole shooting match.

DeFrance says he stands ready to go to rooting over the books any old time, and proposes to follow out the instructions of the state auditor even though the heavens fall and he has to do his duty at the point of the bayonet.

In the meantime the official organ of the democratic party is digging up ancient history regarding the man it helped to elect state treasurer.

Jewelry Store at Holbrook Robbed

HOLBROOK, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Robbers broke into the Guy Butler drug store yesterday and stole fifty-two rings, eleven watch chains, three watches and some cuff buttons. They broke out a window in the rear of the store, making their entrance through that way. Mr. Butler estimates his loss at \$250.

MANY CANDIDATES OUT IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—With the Nebraska primary a little over three months off, six aspirants for sheriff have announced themselves in Jefferson, an office held by Ed Hughes, the democratic incumbent. These aspirants include four republicans, John G. Faxlow, Keller Johnson, Charles E. Gilmore and Charles Franz, and two democrats, W. F. Bonawitz and P. H. Shea. The latter is at present a deputy sheriff of Jefferson county.

There will be no contests over county treasurer or probate judge, as D. H. Crosey and Louis J. Nutman are both seeking second terms. Frank L. Davis, county attorney, will retire, having held four consecutive terms. C. H. Denney, an attorney of this city, who was prosecuting attorney from 1905 until 1909 is being mentioned for the place.

No candidates for county assessor or clerk of the district court have announced themselves as yet. County Assessor O. F. Jones will not doubt retire and Oscar Garway, clerk of the district court, has expressed himself satisfied with two terms. This will leave two vacancies.

Superintendent of Schools Henry Abrams, a democrat, who is filling his first term, will be up for re-election and will have a clear field.

C. L. E. Blauser, who represented the Thirty-second district in the Nebraska legislature from Jefferson county, probably will be in the field again for re-election. He is a democrat.

Jefferson county may have at least one candidate for a state office, as several friends of S. M. Bailey have been boosting him for the democratic nomination for state treasurer. He is cashier in one of the Fairbury banks and is an ex-treasurer of Jefferson county.

BUTTON AND THOMAS CIRCULATE PETITIONS

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Judge F. W. Button, who was appointed to the bench in the Sixth district by Governor Morehead when the late Chief Justice Conrad Hollenbeck took the oath of office, and Judge George Thomas of Columbus are circulating petitions among the voters in the district asking for their nomination at the primaries. Joseph E. Day has filed for the nomination for county attorney on the democratic ticket. It is said other candidates will be in the field soon.

MAYOR OF HOLDREGE ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

HOLDREGE, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—John BRAGG, mayor of Holdrege, died at 9 o'clock last night from the effects of a wound in the face which he received while hunting yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred as he was crossing a fence, pulling a gun after him.

Gage County Notes

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Z. C. Rockhold, a pioneer of Gage county, died at his home in this city Monday after an illness of a few days with pneumonia, aged 78 years. He located near Wynore when the town was a village and resided there until eight years ago, when he came to Beatrice. Mrs. Rockhold died a year ago. He is survived by two children.

The schools, cigar stores, moving picture shows and churches have been closed at Wynore because of the smallpox situation there. Eighteen cases were reported Monday.

George I. Smith of Johnson, Neb., died Sunday at a local hospital of cancer, aged 67 years. Nothing is known of the dead man's relatives, and the body will be held here until they can be heard from.

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Jansen Says Makers Munitions Back of Preparedness Talk

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—At the first noonday luncheon of the week of prayer meetings Hon. Peter Jansen Monday spoke on "International Peace." In referring to the preparedness program of the present administration Mr. Jansen expressed the opinion that the demands for a larger army and navy were being created by the manufacturers of munitions for the sole purpose of keeping up the dividends. He ridiculed the idea of an invasion of this country by any of the warring nations after the present war is over, and declared that such a thing was utterly impossible.

Caviness Elected Head of Kearney School for 3 Years

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A. L. Caviness, secretary of the State Normal board and well known throughout the state, was elected as superintendent of the Kearney schools last night for three years at a salary of \$2,400 a year. Mr. Caviness served for fifteen years as superintendent of the Fairbury schools and has been superintendent at Kearney since last fall. He has had a remarkable success in his work here, as his election indicated. The previous superintendent before him was to contract for one year at a time, but the desire to keep Mr. Caviness for a period developed the situation. The board also re-elected Principal Huwalt of the high school and provided for the installation of numerous pieces of apparatus on the ward school grounds.

Rancher Deeds Farm; Couple Under Arrest

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Effie Mitchell of Gothenburg is in the Hall county jail and C. J. Clough of the same vicinity in the city jail here as the result of an arrest made by Sheriff Benton of Lexington on a warrant from the justice court of this city making a statutory charge. But back of this charge it is indicated by the officials there is a more serious one.

According to the story told by the officers Clough and Mrs. Mitchell came to Grand Island from Oklahoma last September and lived here about a month as man and wife. Later the woman went to Gothenburg and there married a rancher who was aged and a widower, first, however, stipulating that he deed her a farm worth \$18,000 which he did. Then the ceremony was performed.

Young Man Is Killed Under Cars at Napier

FALLS CITY, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—George R. Burke, about 26 years of age and a printer by trade whose home was in Wichita, Kan., was killed in the Burlington yards at Napier, Mo., being run over by the cars. He had been looking for H. P. Custer, who has a job printing and supply house for the last two months and proved to be the finest kind of a man. He saved up his money to send his mother mother a gift at Christmas time and since then has made trips to Rulo for drink.

West Point Farmer Swallows Poison

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Emil Wile, a prominent farmer and well known citizen living two miles east of West Point, committed suicide Monday afternoon, by swallowing sulphuric acid. He was about 50 years old and leaves a widow and a large family. No cause is assigned for the act. He was in fair circumstances and was contemplating on retiring from the farm in the spring.

AMANDA BROWN PRESSES HER CLAIM TO ESTATE

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The claim of Amanda H. Brown of Ashville, N. C., to the \$100,000 estate of John O'Connor, was reached in the hearing in the district court today.

Mrs. Brown makes her claim as a niece. She asserts that O'Connor's real name was Lorenzo Haigler. She last saw him alive when he was about 18 years old, but was able positively to identify the body when he viewed it in the morgue here fifty years later. She said Haigler was conscripted into the confederate army at Ashville and disappeared after the war.

She heard of him in 1910, when she said O'Connor went to see relatives of hers in Tacoma, Wash., about their joint interest in an estate in Ireland. Hearing on this claim will be resumed tomorrow.

New light on the early history of O'Connor was given by a number of Hastings witnesses today who testified that O'Connor had told them he had a wife and children living in the east.

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STATE GOES AFTER THE CASH

Attorney General Trying to Get Money Where There Are No Heirs.

SEVERAL INSTANCES OF KIND

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The search for estates which revert to the state because the deceased owners have no relatives still goes merrily on in the office of the attorney general.

Those recently unearthed are two small estates, one left by Carl Mauch of Omaha and another by Mr. Warner at Seward. These amounted to about \$1,000 each.

Another estate which has been lying idle about ten years was discovered at Ord and formerly belonged to George Wall. He left a quarter section of valuable land, which was sold to meet the expenses of settling the estate. The money has been lying in a bank ever since.

Attorney General Reed is of the opinion that the proceedings in connection with the sale of the property may not have been legal, as he can find no evidence that the state was notified of the action.

Now a recluse has been found dead near Lincoln with about \$15,000 in securities in the place where he died. The attorney general has conferred with County Attorney Hager, who is trying to secure the money for the state if no heirs are found.

Ask Thomas to Lecture

The University of Missouri is insisting that State Superintendent Thomas shall deliver at least two lectures before the students of that body during the coming year. They first asked that Dr. Thomas favor them with several lectures, but he feels that he cannot be spared from Nebraska educational interests, and so they have agreed to let him off on two. Dr. Thomas has not yet made up his mind in the matter.

Secretary's Mother Dead

The State Railway commission offices were closed this forenoon in honor of the memory of the aged mother of Secretary A. B. Allen, who died at the home of her son Sunday.

Warrants Are Issued

The state auditor's office issued during the year 1915 warrants amounting to \$5,800,189.66. For the month of December 4,253 warrants were written, amounting to \$505,818.39. But two other months during the year was this amount exceeded, when in June \$547,675 was written, and in January, \$738,424.

Paul Means Chosen As Rhodes Scholar

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Paul B. Means, a former Nebraska university man, was yesterday chosen as a Rhodes scholar for this state by the special commission appointed to make the selection.

INTERURBAN MAY BE RUN TO JOIN MISSOURI PACIFIC

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Extension of the Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice interurban railway to Beatrice from Lincoln and through that city to Virginia, a distance of twelve miles, where it will connect with the Missouri Pacific railway from Kansas City, is a possibility.

Wants Peace Commission

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Wilson, 12 years old, had both hands badly shattered today while hunting near Pickrell by the accidental discharge of a shotgun.

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.



W. E. Reed

Big Judgment in Breach of Promise Case is Set Aside

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A \$30,000 verdict for breach of promise, which Mrs. Ida M. McNabb of Milwaukee, won in the district supreme court here several months ago, against John S. Kinney, a millionaire mine owner and lumberman of Palaska, Mich., was reversed today by the court of appeals.

Chicago Hospital is Held Up on Pay Day

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Two men entered the offices of St. Luke's hospital late this afternoon, pointed revolvers at Miss Mary Tobin, the cashier and escaped with a tin box containing \$3,000. It was pay day at the institution and offices were crowded with nurses and other employees receiving their salary. The monthly payroll of the hospital amounts to \$5,000 and about \$2,000 had been paid to employees before the robbers entered.

He Jumps to Death from Burning Hotel

WATERBURY, Conn., Jan. 4.—One man was killed; five others were injured and the lives of sixty guests endangered in a fire that destroyed the Hotel Connecticut in the heart of the business section early today. The identity of the dead man has not yet been established. The police say that they believe that all the guests escaped from the building.

THE HUNDREDS OF bargains in furniture, rugs and draperies

THE HUNDREDS of bargains in furniture, rugs and draperies secured in the first two days of this sale have been satisfying ones. A great many have come and found the article they were looking for at a decided saving over the regular value. Not only did they find what they wanted, but were able to make other purchases of furnishings that they did not suspect could be secured at such astonishingly low prices.

Colored Madras, beautiful bedroom effects, in pink, blue and yellow. Regular 75c values, 38¢.

FURNITURE

THE GREAT assortment of furniture items offered in the sale at extreme low prices is a powerful inducement to every economical buyer. Note the savings listed below and consider that these are only a few from among hundreds.

Table with 2 columns: Regular Price and January Sale Price. Items include Mahogany Davenport, Tapestry Chair, Jacobean Oak China Closet, etc.

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A SALE of beautiful THINGS at astonishing reductions.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS MEETS WITH DELAY

Board of Education Will Consider Request of Committee to Permit It to Be Taken.

FOUR MEMBERS ARE OPPOSED

The Board of Education last evening engaged in a discussion over a request of the Laymen's committee on Boys' and Girls' Extension Work for permission to make a religious canvass of the schools. A communication signed by J. B. Lichtenwallner, G. W. Noble, B. A. Wilcox, D. E. Cleveland and J. B. Cain, Jr., was received by the board and several members of that committee appeared in person.

President Ernst led the opposition to the plan, stating his belief that it violated the spirit if not the letter of the constitution, and he was backed by R. F. Williams, Dr. E. Holovitchner and A. C. Wakeley. Dr. D. E. Jenkins and L. W. Carpenter favored the idea, the former wishing more information as to the methods of securing the desired information.

What of Other Censuses

"Was there not a comprehensive canvass made at the time of the 'Billy Sunday' campaign," asked President Ernst. Mr. Lichtenwallner replied by saying that the Sunday house-to-house canvass yielded no reliable information regarding the children. He further told the board that the canvass now proposed would be in the interest of morals of the boys and girls and would accrue to the benefit of all denominations and creeds. He read letters from local clergymen and laymen, indorsing the canvass.

The statement was made that only half of the children of the city attend Sunday schools. Dr. Holovitchner and Mr. Wakeley suggested that the committee could get better results by making a house-to-house canvass.

Ray Gould Heads Builders' Exchange

Officers of the Omaha Builders' exchange were elected yesterday as follows: President, V. Ray Gould; vice-president, Stanley E. Hamilton; treasurer, C. S. Nelson; directors, Albin W. Bloom, C. J. Johnson, George Klene, Peter Laux, Grant Parsons and F. R. Vierling.

Traffic Bureau Helps to Collect Claims for Clients

Claims amounting to \$4,500 were collected by the traffic bureau of the Commercial club during the year. During the entire year an average of five rate quotations per day was made as a matter of information to persons inquiring. This makes a total of 1,437 rate quotations made in the course of the year.

Numerous conferences were held with the railroads on the subjects of classification, merchandising service, switching rates and regulations covering weights, demurrage, etc.

Advice and assistance were rendered to the trade extension committee, the industrial committee, the Missouri river committee and the hay market committee of the Commercial club, in connection with the routine work of those committees, much of which is closely related to traffic matters.

Eleven Missing, One Dead as a Result of Explosion on Tanker

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—One man is dead and eleven others are known to be missing, as a result of an explosion that wrecked the engine room of the Norwegian oil tank steamer Astec at a Brooklyn dock today. The dead man was a fireman on the vessel, and five of the missing men were members of the crew. The other six were employed on the dock.

Seven were injured, three of them seriously. Most of the victims were trapped below decks, and those who were not instantly killed probably were drowned by the water that flooded the engine room through a great hole blown in the side of the vessel.

The Astec had just left dry dock and the cause of the explosion is unknown, although it is believed to have been caused by the bursting of a tank of 10,000 cubic feet of gas that was used in connection with the oil fuel for the engines.

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Orchard & Wilhelm Co. Annual January Sale

DRAPERIES

HERE are a few items selected at random from many attractive bargains in all lines of drapery goods.

30 Pairs Over Curtains 2 1/2 yd. by 25 in.—Blue, Green, Brown, Rose; values to \$14.00 pair, for \$1.00 pair.

Dimity, Marseilles, English Print, Cretone and Lace Bed Sets at One-Half Price

\$1.50 value...\$.75 \$ 8.75 value...\$ 4.35
\$2.75 value...\$ 1.38 \$13.50 value...\$ 6.75
\$3.95 value...\$ 1.95 \$17.50 value...\$ 8.75
\$4.25 value...\$ 2.10 \$20.00 value...\$10.00

One lot of 25 pairs Curtains, one pair of a style—Net and Scrim—Regular values to \$3.50 pair, for 95¢ pair. Six patterns in Bungalow Net, Ivory and Ecru—Regular 50c values, 25¢ yard.

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Advertisement for VELVET JOE tobacco. Includes text: "WHEN it comes to complexions an' tobacco, any 'improvement' on Nature ain't any improvement. Velvet Joe. VELVET is made of Nature's best pipe tobacco — with its best brought out in the natural way — by two years' ageing." Includes image of a cigarette pack and an Apollo Player Piano advertisement at the bottom.

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