

Nebraska STATE BOARD MAKES EXPENSE SHOWING

Bookkeeper Weidenfeld, in a Report, Shows Amount of Money Institutions Have.

PER CAPITA COST OF YEAR Total Expense of Wages and Maintenance Up to Present Time Sixteen Hundred Thousand Dollars.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—George Weidenfeld, bookkeeper for the State Board of Control, has prepared a report covering the fifteen state institutions, which will form part of the report which the board will submit to the legislature for the biennium, or that part of the biennium, since the board took charge, July 1, 1913.

The total appropriations made by the legislature, covering all departments of the state controlled by the board, with the amount on hand December 1, 1914, is given as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Institution Name and Amount. Includes entries like 'People's Industrial Institute', 'Soldiers' Home, Grand Island', etc.

In addition to the above is an appropriation of \$57,750 for the Board of Control itself, but \$4,525 of the amount was transferred to the penitentiary, leaving the amount set aside for the board \$41,775.

Institution Statistics. A table showing the number of officers and employees in each institution and the average monthly number of inmates in the different institutions with the monthly per capita cost on each inmate for a period running from December 1, 1913 to December 1, 1914 is given in the report as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Institution, Officers, Employees, Per Capita Cost. Lists various institutions like 'People's Industrial Institute', 'Soldiers' Home', etc.

For salaries and wages the state has paid out for a period extending from August 1, 1913, to December 1, 1914, the sum of \$68,603, for railroad fare \$2,843, the total expense of all kinds, being \$71,446.

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Nebraska "Platform" Kelley Changes His Mind About Those Votes

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—F. F. Fultz of Beaver City, who will face a contest when the legislature meets in order to hold his seat in the house, is in the city and expects to stay over to the meeting of the bar association on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Mr. Fultz was elected to the legislature by a plurality of five votes, his nearest competitor being J. W. Kelley, more widely known as "Platform Kelley." While Kelley was very particular in the position of the legislature a few years ago to insist that everything in the democratic platform should be enacted into law, which was responsible for his being dubbed "Platform Kelley," indications are that he is not such a stickler for a platform unless it reads his way.

The day after election the unofficial figures on representative in Furnas county showed Mr. Kelley two votes to the good over Fultz. With a smile he said that Fultz had done as well as he could as "hundred," a little later the vote showed Fultz three votes to the good, and when the official count was made, two more were added to the Fultz majority, making five votes more than Kelley. Now Mr. Kelley has changed his mind about two votes being good as a hundred and evidently considers that five votes count a hundred in the other direction. Mr. Kelley's platform appears to read both ways.

VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE COMES UP IN LAWSUIT

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A case involving the validity of an Omaha city ordinance which provides that when a street is widened across a street car line the car company shall pay the cost of removing the electric trolley wires, has been appealed to the supreme court by the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company.

The appeal is against a ruling of the Douglas county district court, which decreed that the company should raise its wires or otherwise remove them when so notified by any individual desiring to move a building under the lines of the company. The complaint against the company was made by W. H. Barnum, a house mover, and the district court held in favor of Barnum.

The company set out that Barnum is a private individual and therefore not entitled to the rights he demands of the company. The cost of removing wires is from \$5 to \$10 per line.

NORTH BEND SENDS CAR OF FLOUR TO BELGIANS

NORTH BEND, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A car of flour, consisting of 44 sacks of forty-five pounds each, was loaded here yesterday and will go forward today as North Bend's contribution to the relief of the Belgian people. It was consigned to Philadelphia, where the vessel is to be loaded.

News from West Point

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The West Point Milling company today shipped 100 sacks of flour, the donation of the citizens of West Point, to Belgian sufferers.

News has reached the city of the marriage of Grace, Neb., of Otto Prewitt and Miss Alice Ayers, which occurred Wednesday morning at that place. The newly married pair will make their home on the Prewitt farm, north of West Point.

Henry Rasmus, a young farmer of this vicinity, was married to Mrs. Imabella Heller of the east side, by County Judge DeWald at his office Friday afternoon. The bride is the widow of the late Charles Heller. They will live on their farm in Casselburg township.

Marriage licenses have been issued during the week to the following: Anton Stieren and Miss Mary Rolf, Henry Rasmus and Miss Imabella Heller.

Garfield County Ranch Sold

BURWELL, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Another good sized land deal was closed here a few days ago when Laverty, Johnson and company sold their 520-acre Garfield county ranch to Warder, Weston, and Madrox, who have a ranch of over 2,000 acres surrounding the place in this sale. There is considerable alfalfa land, with a lot of native hay and good grazing land on the place. This makes the purchasers a ranch of over 2,000 acres, and one of the best in this section of the country.

Two Arlington Men Released

ARLINGTON, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Gilford and Cecil Adams, who were paroled from the state penitentiary last May, received their final discharge papers Christmas day from Warden Weston. They were committed in the court at Blair of stealing a hog from a buyer here and served one year in prison and were released on parole.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND REPORTED AT LINCOLN

Following is the Belgian relief fund reported at Lincoln: Previously reported \$1,100.00. Frank Spangier, Lincoln, 1.00. E. A. Crook, Lincoln, 1.00. St. Paul M. E. church, Lincoln, 1.00. Gertrude Owens, Grant, 1.00. E. R. Jackson, Grant, 2.00. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mathon, Fairbury, 5.00. The M. E. church, Lincoln, 5.00. Omaha, Neb., donation, reported by J. P. Reald, 262.24. Public schools of York, Neb., reported by W. E. Davis, 2.25. Mrs. Charles Knitton, Bertrand, 4.00. Olive Haller, Lincoln, 1.00. Cash, Lincoln, 10.00. Louis M. Ward, Lincoln, 1.00. Cushman Motor Works, Lincoln, 5.00. First Baptist church, Sunday school, 1.00. Mrs. H. M. Bushnell's class, Lincoln, 5.00. Pleasant Home, Lincoln, 10.00. Coral Dunes, Lincoln, 1.00. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dinamore, Lincoln, 5.00. Pleasant Home, Lincoln, 10.00. Reported by A. F. Ackerman, 143.00.

THEATRICAL COLLECTORS OF THE STAGE HANDS

Several hundred theatrical folk, playing at the Orpheum, Gaiety, Boyd, Brandeis, Emerson and South Omaha theaters were guests of the local body of the Theatrical Mechanical association last night at the annual Christmas program. President Ray Ryan, assisted by Deacon George Clark, presented the guests with presents, following which a banquet and dance was given.

GERMAN EFFORTS LACK COHESION

Russian Military Expert Says Fighting in Poland is Without Unity.

AUSTRIAN CAMPAIGN FAILS

Attempt to Relieve Przemysl Calamities and City Must Surrender Soon—Short of Powder and Projectiles.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—(Via London.)—The war expert of the Novoye Vremya, in a summary of the war, published today, refers to what he calls the "collapse of the Austrian campaign in Galicia the lack of cohesion on the part of the German armies to the north of Cracow and the dogged perseverance, but with waning spirit, of the Germans at Sochaczew," which he says described the situation in Poland.

Following the failure of the Austrian army on the Senok-Lesko line," the writer goes on, "their entire campaign was abandoned so that our entire attacks became more and more effective. Finally the Russian armies took the offensive along the entire front. The Austrians lost all interest in their third Galician campaign when they failed to relieve Przemysl. They began with high spirits and fresh hopes, based on the co-operation of large German troops, which had not as yet fought in Russia. Believers were placed on a simultaneously attack on a large scale by the German army before Warsaw.

Fighting Many Fronts. "At the present time there is fighting going on in the Bura, near Bolimow; in the valley of the Pilica; on the banks of the Nisza; along the river Dunajec in Galicia and in the foothills of the Carpathians. There is no cohesion other than that resulting from isolated episodes. Although large forces are engaged on both sides, there is no fundamental unity to the strategy of the enemy. Even the daily struggle about Sochaczew show that the German perseverance is merely the hope of breaking through the Russian lines, but these attacks are far less fierce than they were when the Austrians were in full swing. In this fighting the Germans used the bayonet to a much greater extent than in their previous operations.

"The fighting on the Bura showed almost unbelievable endurance on the part of the Russian troops. This leads to the belief that having held these positions for so long on the swampy banks of the Bura, the Russian forces can now spring at the enemy and overwhelm him.

"On the Galician flank, everything offered the Austrians. They had taken positions on the banks of rivers and hoped to hold out against the Russians, but the manner in which the Russian troops crossed these rivers, wading waist deep and sometimes even up to their necks in the icy waters and under a continuous fire of small arms and artillery fire, overthrew the Austrian calculations.

Ford River Deep. "All Russia is talking of the way Russian soldiers crossed the Dunajec river. They were neck deep in the water and even lost men by drowning. A similar exploit is recorded on the Lesko front. Here two Russian regiments waded the Tsho river, stormed the opposite banks held back the Austrian artillery and infantry and took four officers and 100 men prisoners.

In contrast to this, there is the universal lack of success on the part of the German army in its operations in Poland. The Germans generally build their pontoon bridges and set to the opposite side with little or no opposition, only to be overwhelmed and often annihilated before they can establish themselves on the Russian side.

The military observer of the Novoye Vremya refers to the "total control of the right bank of the Vistula," writes, "by a distance of forty miles below flow, has been a decided advantage since it kept a stop to the delivery of food and ammunition to the Germans by boat from Thom.

Przemysl Short of Ammunition. "A soldier who had been invalided from the forces besieging Przemysl says that the garrison, within the fortification in short of ammunition and is economizing in its use of shells and cartridges. The fuel supply, however, evidently is good, since free use is made of several powerful electric searchlights mounted on the forts.

December 25 one of the Przemysl forts displayed a flag of truce. This was followed by the capture of an automobile and two Austrian officers to meet the Russian. After a few moments of conversation the Austrians were blindfolded and conducted to the Russian siege headquarters. Half an hour later they were escorted back to their lines and then within ten minutes the white flag was lowered and the general bombardment was resumed.

"German aviation is again throwing into Warsaw packages of printed proclamations signed by the commander of the German army of operations promising freedom for Poland for the return of friendship and co-operation with the German troops."

Building and Loan Company Shows Big Gain for the Year

The usual 8 per cent per annum dividend was declared to all stockholders by the board of directors of the Omaha Loan and Building association at the semi-annual meeting held Thursday, when the secretary's report was read and approved. The total dividend declared was \$74,622.62 for the last six months. In addition to the dividends, \$10,521.47 was added to the reserve fund.

The increase in assets for the year 1914 was \$268,223.19, making total assets of \$7,299,047.32.

The Conservative Loan and Savings association also showed a 8 per cent dividend, the amount being \$1,000 and added \$18,300 to the contingent reserve, bringing that total up to \$250,000. The total net resources of the Conservative are now \$5,500,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 for the year.

HOOSIER OFFICIALS JAILED

Terre Haute Mayor, Sheriff, Circuit Judge and Others Indicted.

CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION

Allegations of Illegal Conduct Regarding Election in Indiana City in Last November.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—Charged in indictments with attempts to corrupt the election of November 3 last in Terre Haute, Donn M. Roberts, mayor of Terre Haute, an announced candidate for the democratic nomination for governor in 1916, was taken in custody by United States Marshal Mark Storen, Terre Haute, today.

Roberts, accompanied by Judge Ell H. Redman of the Vigo circuit court, answered a summons and sought the marshal at his hotel. At first Roberts, Redman and Storen would not talk, but later the mayor admitted that both he and Redman had been placed under arrest.

Able to Furnish Bond. County Sheriff Dennis Shea, who surrendered voluntarily earlier in the morning, emerged from Marshal Storen's temporary office in a hotel shortly after noon and announced that he had been able to furnish bond.

The arrests this morning, nineteen in number, bring the total taken in custody by the United States officials to sixty-five, forty-six having been rounded up last night.

City Judge Thomas Smith, John M. Masselink, city sealer of weights and measures and a member of the last legislature, and Maurice Walsh, county sealer, also surrendered. Masselink was the first to be released on bond. Among those taken in custody today were William Doyle, brother of Sylvester Doyle, acting chief of police; Dan Albin and Nick Burson, saloon keepers in the foreign section of the city; Charles Miller, a livery man; Enno Harna, constable of the city hall; Earl Karkness, a bartender; Joseph Kelly, a bartender; George Woodard, a saloon keeper, and John B. Green, Green and Harna served as election inspectors at the last election.

Seventy-Four Are Arrested. With the arrest of Edward Driscoll, secretary of the democratic city committee, and an employe in the city engineer's office; Robert Loyd, a member of the police department, and seven others, the total number of arrests was brought up to seventy-four this afternoon.

Judge Redman furnished bond of \$10,000 this afternoon and was released. Judge Smith and Masselink also were released on bond.

Frank C. Dalley, United States district attorney, who conducted the investigation before the federal grand jury, said today he would take up at once the Indianapolis election cases, where it is claimed frauds were committed at the November election. Evansville may also come in for an investigation, as complaints have been filed alleging frauds.

United States courts have jurisdiction in the proposed investigation because a United States senator and a member of congress were elected at the last general election.

GERMANS ASSERT TRIUMPH IN WEST

Berlin Official Report Tells of Big Victory Over Allies Near Nieuport.

FOES' ATTACKS REPULSED

Fourteen Bombs Dropped Into Village of Nancy by Teuton Aviator, Says Message from that Place.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—(By Wireless to London.)—The official announcement on the progress of the war given out in Berlin this afternoon relates German successes in the western areas of the war. English and French attacks near Nieuport have been repulsed. The statement refers to engagements elsewhere in France, but either makes no mention of the outcome, or says the situation remains unchanged.

In Russia the Germans took prisoners near Lotzen; ceased their attacks on the Bura river, and were successful on the Pilica. The text of the announcement follows: "Near Nieuport during the night of December 24-25, attacks delivered by English and French troops were repulsed. The success of the battle with English and Indian contingents near St. Hubert can be better judged today. Nineteen officers and 83 men were taken prisoner, while fourteen machine guns, twelve mine throwers and other war material was captured. The enemy left more than 3,000 dead on the field. The English asked for a cessation of hostilities to bury the dead. Our losses were comparatively small.

Many Minor Engagements. "Some minor engagements have taken place at Lihona, southwest of Amiens and at Tracy-Le-Val, northeast of Compiègne. We captured 300 prisoners. "In the Vosges, south of Diedelshausen, and in upper Alsace, west of Senheim, and also at a point to the southwest of Altkirch, there were small engagements yesterday, but the situation remains unchanged.

"The evening of December 25, a French aviator threw nine bombs on a certain small village. No troops were stationed at this place. There was only a hospital, which was plainly marked. No damage of consequence was done. In reply to this aerial attack and also the throwing of bombs on the open town of Freiburg, which is not defended, and outside the zone of operations, German aviators threw medium sized bombs into the outskirts of Nancy.

"Russian attacks in the vicinity of Lotzen have been repulsed, and we took 1,000 prisoners. In North Poland, to the east of the Vistula, the situation remains unchanged. We have ceased our attacks on the Bura river. On the right bank of the Pilica, to the southeast of Tomaszow, our offensive has been successful. Further to the south the situation remains unchanged."

Bombs Dropped Into Nancy. PARIS, Dec. 26.—A dispatch received here from Nancy says that a Zeppelin airship flew over that city early this

COLD WAVE EAST FROM MISSISSIPPI

Thermometer is Thirty-Two Degrees Below Zero at Northfield, Vermont.

EIGHTEEN BELOW AT PEORIA

Low Temperature Prevails from the River to Atlantic Coast and as Far South as Florida—Colder in South Tonight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A cold wave held the country from the Mississippi to the Atlantic coast in its grip today and broke the December temperature records in many places. Thirty-two degrees below zero was the temperature at Northfield, Vt., while Albany, N. Y., reported 16 degrees below zero; Hartford, Conn., 4 degrees below; Syracuse, N. Y., 12 degrees below, and Peoria, Ill., 18 degrees below.

The extremely cold weather extended southward as far as the Florida peninsula and below zero temperature records were recorded in New England, interior of New York, West Virginia, Michigan, Illinois, northern Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. Lower temperatures were promised for tomorrow in the south Atlantic states, but in the region of the great lakes, New York, New England and the lower Ohio valley it will grow somewhat warmer. It will moderate also in the middle Atlantic states, the upper Ohio valley and the lower Mississippi valley on Sunday.

Generally fair weather was predicted for Sunday nearly everywhere east of the Mississippi river, except that snow flurries are probable in the upper lake region.

Many Youngsters Are Provided with The Helping Hand

Sixty youngsters were given a big Christmas dinner, including chicken and a raft of side dishes, at Helping Hand Mission, 319 Leavenworth street, yesterday afternoon.

Two Lincoln People Hurt in a Collision Near Atkinson, Kan.

ATKINSON, Kan., Dec. 26.—Two people were seriously injured and seven slightly hurt when a runaway engine, starting from a round house near here, ran two miles and collided with Missouri Pacific passenger train, No. 106, early today.

Both engines were badly shattered and the tender of the passenger train telescoped the baggage car. Henry Kinser, fireman of the passenger train, and P. Turner, a mail clerk, both of Kansas City, were the most seriously injured.

Among the slightly injured were R. F. Wright and Mrs. V. Nolan, passengers, both of Lincoln, Neb.

BAUER GIVES STUDEBAKER TO FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Charles Bauer of 510 North Twenty-fifth street purchased a seven-passenger Studebaker six of the J. E. Wilson Auto company last week, and it was delivered by Mr. Wilson Christmas morning to Mrs. Bauer and children. It was a Christmas gift from Mr. Bauer and came as a very great surprise.

Savidge Feeds Two Hundred Hungry Men

Two hundred hungry and homeless men were sumptuously dined Christmas afternoon by Rev. C. W. Savidge at 115 North Ninth street. The meal was served, starting at 2 o'clock, and it was nearly 3 when the last course was served. There was plenty to go around and while all were not given turkey they fared mightily well on chicken, rabbits and other meats. Vegetables of all kinds were on the menu and if there was a hungry mouth after the meal it was the owner's fault.

Evening Billiards Are Popular at Club

Evening billiards at the Commercial club rooms is becoming popular. Christmas day, of course, the Commercial club rooms were dead, for no lunches were served and the help was all at home enjoying the Christmas festivities. During the few weeks before Christmas, however, many of the members had learned to take advantage of the opening of the billiard rooms until 10:30 in the evening.

Advertisement for Nebraska Clothing Co. featuring a 'Half Price Sale' on women's suits, coats, dresses, and furs. Includes a list of items and prices, such as 'All Women's and Misses' COATS—HALF PRICE' and 'All \$9.85 COATS—\$4.90'. Also features an illustration of a woman in a long coat.

Small text at the bottom left of the page, likely a continuation of the Hostetter's Stomach Bitters advertisement.