# NEBRASKA'S PRISON Question Comes Up As to Workings

SOME SERIOUS CRITICISM ON ITS MANAGEMENT.

### COMPLAINT IS NOT VERIFIED

Doubts As to Prof. Taylor Being Well Informed by a Brief Visit to the Institution.

Since coming to Lincoln, Prof. Braham Taylor of Chicago university taxable. bas delivered a number of addresses in each of which he is quoted as infulging severe strictures on the mansgement of the Nebraska peniten-Bary. Among other things he is quoted as saying that prisoners confined there were better men than the late Warden Delahunty and he also infulged in unsparing criticism of conlitions which now prevail. Officials assert that all Prof. Taylor knows about conditions at the prison he obtained during a forty-minute visit to the institution, during which he walked through and talked a few convicts.

Warden Melick and the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, which has charge of the prison, assert that on little or no information and no opportunity to ascertain the truth or falsity of stories on which they are predicated, are the most baleful inlluence they have to combat at present. All such stories find their way back to the convicts and produce a spirit of resentment and insubordination which renders the task of get-Mng matters back to the normal just that much more difficult.

Just as long as such agitation, it is said, is kept up, it will be necessary lo enforce restrictions on the conricts which would not be required if agitation did not render them dissatisfied, according to officials, and instead of bettering the condition of the convicts some who doubtless mean well are standing in the way of betterment.

As to former Warden Delahunty, it s pointed out that when Warden Smith was in charge all the convicts except one petitioned Governor Shal-

as deputy warden. Manager Lee of the Lee Broom and Duster company, which has the contract for prison labor, is being prodded to find work for more men. He was offered 294 and took only 169. The board will insist that he pay for the excess whether he uses them or not, as his contract calls for 325 nen, and it is none of the business of the board if the company is overstocked with goods.

Can Retain the Fees. who is doing an abstract business and who has given bond under the law regulating abstractors, has a right to making of abstracts of title outside of his official work. The deputy attorney general has also decided that ning of such an abnormally long balthe election called in Blaine county in the year 1911 to abolish the office of county assessor was legal and that the office has been abolished and the county assessor cannot hold over unfler the law of 1911 extending the

Bids for State Printing. Bids for state printing will be received by the state printing bureau July 1. Notices have been sent to printers informing them that bids will be received on biennial reports of several state departments and on miscellaneous printing for the state.

term of county assessors one year.

Twenty-three Divorces Granted. During the month of March twenty-three divorces were granted by the district court of Lancaster county, decrees being granted to seventeen women and six men. The most common complaint upon which applications were based was that of cruelty.

### Norris Coming to Nebraska.

Unless the contest over the parcels post in the house precincts. Congressman Norris contemplates coming to Nebraska for the windup of the primary campaign. It had been understood that neither Norris nor Brown would personally take part in the campaign, but plans seemed to have been changed.

### A Lengthy Ballot.

Secretary Thomas of the state printing bureau has made an estimate of the length of the ballot in Clay county, where he resides, and finds it will be five feet long. In other counties it may be much longer on account of more candidates for county offices.

Dogs, Hound or Otherwise, Barred Commandant Hilyard of the Milford me for soldiers does not believe in kicking the dog around, but he has issued an ultimatum to a member of the home that he must not keep a dog in his room on the second floor The old soldier and his wife who own the animal both resent this ruling and make the counter charge that Commandant Hilyard himself keeps a dog The letter says he does not keep his 'skimo dog in the house. The canof the old soldier must go or he

is wife must do so.

pletdan't Build More Bridges. went gineer D. D. Price of the "I hrigation has not received of mysions for bridges to rewhen Ires swept out by the re-

bushand of Nebraska streams ewaet wis many after the mail suddenly, 8 because the small NEW TAXATION LAW.

of the Same.

Any real estate morigages held by state banks taxable under the new mortgage taxation law? This question has been propounded by a banker to the attorney general and referred to Henry Seymour, secretary of state board of equalization and assessment. Mr. Seymour takes the position that when a bank loans funds on real estate and takes a mortgage on real estate and no agreement is made between the parties as to who shall pay the tax on the mortgage, the mortgage is not taxable to the bank. In the event the money is borrowed from a private person, the mortgage is

Mr. Seymour argues that state banks need not pay taxes on mortgages because the money which they loan on such property is not assessable to banks. Loans and deposits are not assessed against banks, but deposits are assessed to depositors. Banks are assessed upon capital stock. The mortgage taxation act provides that the plan of taxation of mortgages shall not apply to corporations whose property is exempt from taxation. This section, Mr. Seymour believes, exempts loans and discounts of banks from taxation, therefore minutes with Morley and a few other | mortgages owned by banks are exempt. His ruling does not apply to mortgages held by banks as collateral security.

The attorney general's department such intemperate language, founded is inclined to the belief that a mortgage may become in fact an interest in real estate and taxable as real estate. Mr. Seymour says if this is true, money invested in mortgages of banks must be deducted from capital stock upon which taxes are paid, for the revenue law provides that real estate and other property of banks taxable separately, shall be deducted from capital stock on which taxes are paid. If bank mortgages are assessed as real estate and deducted from capital stock, in most instances state banks would pay no tax on capital stock, because loans and discounts often exceed the amount of capital stock. National banks are not permitted to loan funds on real estate.

Tubers Are High.

Potatoes are higher this spring than they have been for several years. Saturday they retailed from 51 to 55 cents a peck. They sold close to \$2 a bushel. Last spring commission enberger to have Delahunty retained men had large consignments on hand and expected to realize big prices for them. Instead they lost considerable money, for potatoes dropped as low as ninety cents a bushel. The speculators had underestimated the amount of stock on hand. This season, it is declared, they are making big profits. The shortage is marked and no one seems to know when the advance will be checked.

Primary Bill Too Late. bounty, has said that a county judge presidential and state primary at the faith. same time. "There is too much for the voter to grasp in such a primary to obtain really intelligent action. retain fees which he collects for the Either the selection of state officers or the presidential preference will be to some extent neglected in the scan-

> lot," he said. Lapsley Ends in Prison.

Lloyd Lapsley of Beatrice last week made the last station of his wedding journey, which was the penitentiary. Lapsley is an electrical engineer who formerly lived at Beatrice until the his address to the prison. He forged a check for \$200 and with the proceeds started on a wedding journey. Sheriff J. L. Schiek of Gage county overhauled him at Dennison, Tex. His trial resulted in an indeterminate sentence of from two to ten years.

To Play Nebraska Wesleyan. Creighton university will play Nebraska Wesleyan college in tennis on During the three years he has been May 4 according to an agreement made last week. The Coyotes will be on an extended tour through Nebraska, lowa and Kansas and white in Omaha will meet both Omaha uni-

May 3. Workman Accident Association.

versity and Creighton, the former on

A workman accident association organized among the Ancient Order of United Workmen in this state, and natterned after the Woodmen accident association, is shortly to become an active organization in this state. Application for the right to organize and do business in the state was filed with the state auditor.

Mr. Bryan on Speaking Tour.

W. J. Bryan left for an extended speaking tour of the middle and eastern states, during which, it was stated by those who have arranged his itinerary, he will make a number of political addresses and will speak pointedly on candidacies and policies.

Notified to Pay Up. The secretary of state is sending notices to corporations to pay the annual occupation tax to the state, which is due the 1st day of July of each year.

Permit to Burlington.

The railway commission has given the Burlington road permission to absorb awitching charges on sand shipped from pits that are on Burlington lines and are not reached by other ends, when the freight amounts to a car.

Ballot Forms Bother. The form of the ballot for the coming primary election is giving the secretary of state some trouble. The contention is made by some of the statesmen that the constitutional amendments should precede everygood for tored to good working thing else. The state official believes Your heart's does not see any not, and says that the presidential "Except instruction of more preferences, together with the sons preferences, together with the senatorial preferences and the candidates see?" she covered by applicator for electors should go at the top of far easie file. The full cost of the ballot. This is to be the way if fresh (, spplied for aggregates will reach the people, according to the state official,



"It thirsts and burns for distinction; and, if possible, it will have it, is it unreasonable, then, to expect that some men, possessed of the loftiest genius, coupled with ambition sufficient to push to the utmost stretch, will at some time spring up among us? And when such a one does, it will require the people to be united with each other, attached to the government and laws, and generally intelligent, to successfully frustrate his de-

"Distinction will be his paramount object, and although he would as willingly acquire it by doing good as harm, yet nothing left in the way of building up he would sit down boldly to the tasy of pulling down. Here, then, is a probable case, highly dangerous."-From Mr. Lincoln's Speech Before the Young Men's Lyceum, Springfield, Ill. (From The Omaha Dally Bee, March 19, 1912.

# TAFT MAKES GOOD PROMISE TO LABOR

Administration's Record Squares With Its Pledges.

MANY NEW LAWS ENACTED

Postal Savings Banks, Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Laws Passed-Eight-Hour Law Upheld-Labor Recognized on Commissions.

From the day three years ago, when it placed its interests in the keeping of William Howard Taft, to this hour, I. D. Evans of Kenesaw, author of labor has critically scanned his every the primary law and one of its most act and with discriminating mind it is Deputy Attorney General Ayres, in persistent champions, said that it was judging him as one who, without teply to a question from Seward manifestly a mistake to have the clamor or demonstration, has kept the

On September 9, 1908, Theodore Roosevelt, then president of the United States, wrote a letter to Conrad Kohrs on the issues of the campaign, and addressing himself to the laboring men, said:

"If there is one body of men more than another whose support I feel I have a right to challenge on behalf of Secretary Taft it is the body of wage-workers of the country. A stauncher friend, a fairer and truer representative, they cannot find within the borders of the United States He will do everything in his power district judge and a jury transferred for them except to do that which is wrong; he will do wrong for ho man, and therefore can be trusted by all

The workingmen of the country judged Mr. Taft in 1908 by a record of twenty-seven years as a statesman administrator of national affairs and presidential adviser, and they helped to give him the magnificent majority which put him in the White House. president his excellent record has been maintained so splendidly that the laboring men have been confirmed in the belief that they never had a better friend in the White House.

The establishment of the postal savings banks, which was recommended by President Taft, was one of the things that organized labor favored. The sixteen million dollars now on deposit in these depositories represents the savings of the wage-earners.

Taft's Personal Interest,

President Taft approved a law on March 30, 1908, to compensate workmen for injuries received while in the employ of the United States. After the passage of this act a number of workmen in the employ of the federal government were killed and their families, not being familiar with the provisions of the law, falled to file affidavits within the specified time. The secretary of commerce and labor had no power to set aside the provision of the law, and was, therefore, obliged to disapprove of the claims.

The matter was taken up by the president, and he satisfied himself that justice was not being done to the families of the men who had been killed. He sent a special message to congress recommending that a general act be passed allowing all such claimants compensation if their claims were otherwise meritorious. This was an instance that proved the president to be broad-minded, and anxious to aid the workingmen in any way that he could.

An employers' liability act, approved held to be unconstitutional. Another of laboring men,

Delegates Pledged to Taft.

On Saturday, March 30, 1912,
the delegates to the Republican
national convention pledged to
President Taft were as follows:
Alaska 2
Alabama 22
Colorado 8
District of Columbia 2
Georgia 24
Indiana 18
lowa 8
Michigan 6
Missouri 8
New Mexico 7
New West
New York 79
Oklahoma 4
Philippines 2
South Carolina 16
Tennessee 16
Virginia 24
Tatal
Total278
Necessary for choice 539

of this sort was passed on April 22, 1908, which, as yet, has not been tested in the courts. Through the efforts of the president a commission was appointed to make an investigation of the subject of "employers' liability and workmen's compensation."

Labor Men Appointed.

The report of the commission, the evidence taken before it and the draft of the bill prepared as a result of the findings of said commission have been transmitted to congress accompanied by a special message by President Taft, in which he recommends the passage of the proposed measure. In their deliberations the members of the commission had the benefit of frequent consultations with the president. It is believed the act will stand the test of constitutionality.

In order that the commission might have the benefit of the experience of a practical man, President Taft appointed as one of its members Daniel L. Cease, the editor of the Railroad Trainmen's Journal, the official organ of the railroad trainmen. Mr. Cease has devoted the best years of his useful life to the cause of labor. The president also appointed experienced labor men as inspectors under the locomotive boiler inspection law. They were John F. Ensign of Colorado and Frank McManamy of Oregon, for chief inspector and assistant chief inspector,

Seeking to Remedy Defects.

The defects in the present eighthour law have not escaped the attention of President Taft. He has recommended to congress amendments which will make it really effective by 'providing that public works shall be construed to include not only buildings and works upon public grounds, but also ships, armor and large guns when manufactured in private yard or factories."

With regard to the high cost of living, which increases the burden of the wage earners, President Taft has already taken the initiative that will result in a world-wide inquiry into this problem. He has advocated the assembling of a world's congress to discuss its varied phases and to suggest remedies

This unparalleled record of thirty years' service to the cause of all the people is deserving of consideration. No charge of broken faith or of broken promises can be made, no hint of departure from the plain path of duty can be laid at the door of William Howard Taft, who without ostentatious display, has wisely and fearlessly administered the trust imposed upon him in 1968 when he was June 11, 1906, was on January 8, 1908, elected to his high office by the votes in its numerous phases has brought

expenditures. However, the president singled out the department of agriculture as an exception. He said, to quote his exact words: "In the department of Agriculture the use of scientific experiments on a large scale, and the spread of information derived from them for the improvement of general agriculture must go on." This view the president has steadily maintained, and in various messages to congress he has urged appropriations

In his comprehensive message on conservation President Taft said: "The feature that transcends all others, including woods, waters, minerals, is the soil of the country," and that all means at the government's disposal should be used to conserve the soils, adding, "a work of the utmost Importance to inform and instruct the public on this chief branch of the conservation of our resources is being carried on successfully in the department of agriculture."

Reports made recently to Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture by the heads of his bureaus justify this solicitude on the part of the president for the department. In calling for these reports the secretary asked that they be brief, and that they mention notable achievements of the last five years only, inasmuch as that period is really the period of fruition in the department, the period during which, owing to the broad foundations previously laid by the training and grouping of many corps of scientific men, by securing farreaching legislation, by gathering together masses of statistics and other information, by providing scientific and other equipment, it has been possible to produce most marvelous results for the common good of the people of tho United States.

dent Taft emphasized the importance of the maintenance of the forests, and of reforestation. In accordance with and managed for the public benefit a great achievement.

Since January 1, 1907, when the food and drugs act went into effect, more has been done to provide a good, clean food supply than in all the preceding life of the nation. A wonderful change has also been effected in the character of the drugs on sale. The department has a trained force of inspectors and chemists doing excellent work in all parts of the country in behalf of pure foods and pure drugs. This salutary law, however, needs amendment, as the Supreme court held in May, 1911, that its provisions, to quote President Taft's words in his vigorous message to congress a month later: "Do not cover the knowingly false labelling of nostrums as to cura tive effect." The president added: "An evil which menaces the general health of the people strikes at the life of the nation. In my opinion the sale of dangerously adulterated drugs constitutes such an evil and war-

attention of the congress.'

Work of Soil Mapping. been the work carried on in the past five years of soil mapping and classification, so that now the area included is 407,009 square miles, or nearly 41,000,000 acres. The value of this work is incalculable, as it aids settlers in the west as well as the farmers. Disseminating the valuable infor-

mation acquired by the department has proven a wonderful work. Practically 200,000,000 publications have been distributed since Secretary Wilson assumed control of the department, and more than half (103,598, 100) of that number have been distributed within the past five years. Other work accomplished by the department includes a comprehensive system of weather warnings and foreeasts, the meat inspection service in which 2,500 experts are employed, protection of live stock, the checking of rodent pests, the destruction of nexions insects, the conservation of water supplies so that every dollar expended in the presecution of this work

keeper. From this humble start grew what was the largest individual coal

To Have Purpose is a Duty. Working to a purpose is everything producer," writes Isaac F. Marcosson a young man, he walked to Pittsburg, as a key to life. When man conscious-

## Hints and Advice on Social Forms

By MME. MERRI

For Music Pupils.

about ten little girls—music pupils. Kindly give me some idea as to how

to entertain them; some musical game and contest. Also what shall I

I enjoy your corner so much .- L. G.

I think the description of a musical

party given below will assist you, and

am sure that nothing could please

A MUSICAL PARTY.

and rose when his or her word was

mentioned and turned around. The

forfeits were redeemed by playing a

Then they had a novel spelling

match upon the plano. The hostess

said the tones would spell words, any

one who could tell the tones in let-

of course, invaluable as an ear test.

The tone combinations were played

very slowly and repeated several

times. The following were the words

spelled; Bag, abe, abed, bad, abbe, ace, add, dad, bed, bead, age, be, aged, beef, beg, ebb, added, fag, fed, fad,

The prizes were candy boxes in the

shape of musical instruments. There

were ice cream and cookles for re-

freshments and to make fun the cook-

ies were cut in letters, only the first

seven being used, and the children

had to tell the signature in sharps or

flats of the key represented by the let-

"What Would You Do?"

with my girl friends. They are near-

ly all "angry" at me just because

loose them. Now, I don't intend to do

this at all. I attend high school and

have my own boy friend. But still

this girl friend of mine refuses now

to even speak to me. I miss her

friendship and have told her I would

give up this young man to her, be-

cause I care more for a girl's friend-

ship than a boy's, but to this she made

go with her again and won't even

speak to her because she treats me in

this manner. What would you do?-

I have been having a great trouble

ter each took.

no reply.

H. E. H.

deaf, fade, egg, cage, faded dab.

piece upon the piano.

This party was given for a class of

serve?

I want to give a little party to

Says Work of Department of Agriculture Must Go On.

AID TO FARMERS

TAFT INSISTS ON

LABORS FOR CONSERVATION

Far Reaching Legislation Administered by Scientists of Rank Brings Good Results to Tillers of Soil-Food and Druge Act Upheld to the Letter.

in the first inaugural address of his administration President Taft called attention to the deficit then existing in the revenues and the consequent necessity for rigid economy in for the work of the department.

Taft for Conservation.

In his conservation message, Prest urged their scientific treatment, "so that they shall be made to yield a large return in timber without really reducing the supply," and in other messages he pointed out the necessity these views, much available work has been done in protecting the national forests and by researches in the laboratory of the department at Madison, Wis.; and in the past five years the work of reforesting burned-over areas has proceeded at the rate of 15,000 to 30,000 acres a year. The department takes justifiable pride in its forest work, considering the administration of 100,000,000 acres of land protected

rants me in calling the matter to the

Of importance to the farmer has

anck a hundred fold to the people.

lin dresses. length have straight, clinging, not incurving lines, and a pigeon tail back.

> cloth Many of the new skirts are trim-

Suit coats are about 26 to 28 inches belt effects -- a sort of modified Rus- Barciay.

The best plan you can work is to get the boys to defend you by saying you do not use any especial art to attract them but make them have such a good time that they can't help liking you, and perhaps you can win the girls back.

Question From "Uninformed." I find your columns very helpful, and will ask you to answer the follow-

When a lady is visiting should she send cards to her gentlemen friends at her home town, and should she on returning home send cards to the gentlemen with whom she has made acquaintance while gone? Should a lady assist a gentleman on

with his overcoat? When a boy asks a girl to dance what should she say and what answer should she give him on being asked

to attend the theaters? UNINFORMED.

I presume you mean, should postcards be sent? The post card habit seems to be a fixture, and I see no as the guests will be little people I harm in it, aside from the inconvenience it causes the postmen, only them more than to have ice cream I would not send more than one if away for a very short time. A man is quite capable of putting on his overcoat, unless he is quite elderly or an young students about the age of 12. invalid. After a dance all you have to First they played musical "stage say is, "That was very pleasant," and coach," after the same fashion as we if you accept the theater invitation, all used to play it years ago, only simply say: "Thank you, I would be each child was given a musical term very glad to go."

From "An Orphan."

I have been reading your columns for some time and as it has been so helpful to others I would like to have your advice. If a girl has been going with a certain boy for a year or two, would it be considered silly if ters was to do so, writing down the she should show her affection for him words upon slips of paper. This was, in his company.

How is my writing? I am nearly fourteen .- An Orphan.

My dear, you are entirely too young to be thinking of the boys, and it would be decidedly improper for you to show affection for any boy at the age of fourteen. I would advise you to play with your dolls for awhile yet.

Form for Visiting Card. I am a bride and wish to have cards engraved. Is it just as proper

to have MRS. CHARLES A. JONES

MRS. CHARLES ALLEN JONES? I prefer the former.

Would appreciate your advice.+ Mrs. C. A. J. Either form you suggest for the

they say every young man they get to cards is proper; the latter is more go with as soon as they meet me they used but the former perfectly good form if you prefer it. Send Self-Addressed Stamped En-

get book or list of contests.-Pauline. Names and addresses are not permissible in the department, so please send me a self-addressed envelope and The young man says he never will I will gladly send you the desired in-

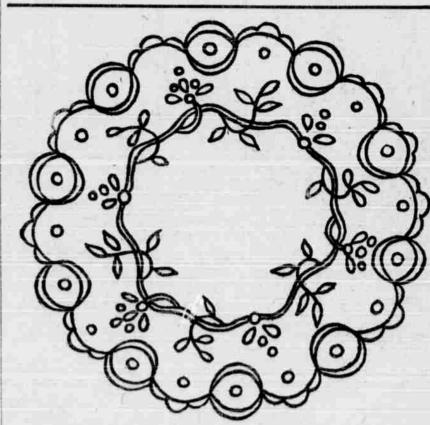
Will you kindly tell me where I can

MADAME MERRI.

Corded Cottons.

The cottons are lovely. Those in Being too popular seems to bring corded effects, especially corduroy and its own troubles, which I am afraid bedford cord, promise to be decidedly. you will have to settle for yourself. popular.

Pretty Design May Be Put to Either of Two Purposes



This is a pretty design for a tumbler dolly. It may also be used as a cover for a small pincushion. The scallops are padded, then closely buttonholed. The dots are worked as eyelets, the leaves and vine in solid embroidery and the stems in the outline stitch. Mercerized cotton No. 25 should be used.

at the bidding of fashion The grelot or ball fringe is used

to edge the tunics of voile and mus-The evening gowns of demitrain

A few collariess utility coats are eing shown, the net being finished off with folds of silk, ratine or plain

der petticoat; others have side trimmings, and some have loops and but. incrusted with jewels. colors in embroidery. Lace continues

to be used on everything in every style and weight and every known

| sian blouse, without the fullness about the waist or hips.

While the low side fastening is still a noticeable feature of many of the spring models ,the revers are so made The short coat of lace has returned that they do not disclose as much of the dress or waist as was formerly the case.

Newest Pendant.

Every one possesses a talisman of "god luck," whether it is a charm of ancient Egyptian workmanship or the 'crooked sixpence." At present it is the fashion to con-

ceal these mascots of fortune, or rather eashrine them in a fitting case. These pendants may be as elaborate med. Some show the tunic with un- as desired. Very often they are of

wonderful Indian workmanship, richly The point is to have a secret clasp, The newest note is the use of vivid known only to the wearer, which protects the charm from curious eyes.

Each heart must pass through the furnace for itself. To hear of the refining of others has no lasting effect in length. The inclination is toward on the heart's own alloy.-Florence

"It must be borne in mind that men | burg coal barens. He was born on amassed wealth in Pittsburg before a farm in Butler county, Pennsyl-

First Coal Baron

in an article in The Munsey entitled and began to dig coal. It lay under ly made the choice of civilization be "The Millionaire Yield of Pittsburg." the sidewalks and lined the hills. imposed the duty of purpose on every "Take coal, without which there When he had saved enough to buy a individual and sharply differentiated would be no steel empire today. It horse and wagon, he would dig his himself from the other animals. From created a dozen millionaires. None own coal early in the morning and that time purpose and work have been

steel became the dominant money- vania, early in the last century. As was more picturesque than William then peddle it around town in the absolute essentials to happiness.—The Heary Brown, the earliest of the Pitts. afternoon. His wife was his book. Economist

business on the inland waters."