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## STATE'S STATISTICS

### STANDING OF NEBRASKA COMPARED WITH OLDER STATES.

### THIRD IN CATTLE NUMBERS

What Mr. Bassett Showed in an Address Recently Before Nebraska Farmers' Congress.

Though tenth in population among the twelve states of the middle west, which include Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, the Dakotas, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota, Nebraska is third in number of cattle, fifth in number of swine, fourth in wheat production, fifth in corn production and sixth in oat production. These facts were made public by S. C. Bassett of Gibbon, in an address on Nebraska's ranking, made before the Nebraska Farmers' congress in Omaha last week.

In comparison with the United States in total population, rural population and area, Mr. Bassett offered these figures:

Nebraska has 1.3% of total population, 1.7% of the rural population and 2.5% of the land area, yet Nebraska produces 7% of the corn, 7% of the wheat and 5% of the oats.

Nebraska produced five per cent of the entire corn crop of North America, South America, Europe, Africa and Australia. A very remarkable showing, asserted Mr. Bassett.

That Omaha makes possible, the marketing of these crops is urged in favor of the co-operation of the state and metropolis. On account of this gigantic production, Omaha is the second live stock market of the world, the fifth primary grain market and the fifth primary grain market for corn. And Omaha ranks first as a creamery butter producing center, more than 23,000,000 pounds annually being shipped from Omaha.

### State School Funds.

Nebraska's temporary school fund apportioned for the last six months of 1912, amounting to \$28,194, will be distributed on the basis of slightly over 87 cents to each child of school age enrolled in the state. The aggregate number of pupils in the state is 375,476. Lancaster county has 21,222 school children and will get \$18,544 of the fund. Douglas, with 42,236 pupils, will receive \$36,907. Gage is the third county in school population, having 23,232 pupils, and will be entitled to \$8,967.

### For Referendum Vote.

At the session of the executive committee of the teachers' association in Lincoln, it was decided to send ballots for the referendum vote to teachers qualified to vote, on January 15, to require that they be returned by February 3 and to canvass them in Lincoln on February 9. No ballots post-marked after February 3 will be counted.

### Lincoln Firemen Elated.

Lincoln firemen are elated over the prospects of getting a double shift system for the department. For several years the men have been working to get the single shift system. The new arrangement is a feature of the charter to be submitted to the city council.

### New Pierce Bank.

The Farmers and Merchants bank is a new institution filing with the secretary of the banking board. The bank is situated in Pierce and is incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. The officers are M. J. Schneider, president; Charles Schramm, vice president; and B. J. Inhelder, cashier.

### New Statutes Ready.

The new statutes prepared by the codification committee and sent out in advance of the regular edition are being delivered, a copy being received at the office of the supreme court clerk. The volume contains 2,156 pages. The introduction shows that since 1886 2,479 laws of a general nature have been published in the different statutes. It will now be up to the legislature to accept in whole or part the work of the committee.

### Finances of State.

Deposits in state banks decreased in 1912 more than \$3,000,000 from September 4 to November 26, reserves fell off about 6 per cent, and loans and discounts increased upwards of \$4,200,000 in the same period. Despite the fact, however, according to Secretary Roysse of the state banking board, the record for the entire year shows the bank rolls of the state were shoved upward perceptibly. Deposits of the state aggregated \$82,827,894 on November 26, or about \$5,638,000 more than a year previous.

### Officials on the Carpet.

Labor Commissioner Guye and Food Commissioner Hansen were culprits brought on the carpet by the board of secretaries of the state board of health at a meeting held in Lincoln. Both were asked why they had been publishing reports the past few weeks relative to occupational diseases. Furthermore, the doctors of this board were anxious to devise some means whereby both of the other state officials would have less to do with the sanitation of public buildings and private plants.

## STAR BOARDER COW.

Shown to Be Unprofitable and Should Be Sold.

Two hundred thousand Nebraska cows do not give enough butter fat in their milk to pay the feed bill and the product of 500,000 more can be easily doubled by proper methods of care and feeding, says Prof. J. H. Frandsen, head of the dairy husbandry department of the University of Nebraska.

This statement is based upon the work of the Douglas county Cow Testing association for the past year. The farmers of this county have been weighing milk and testing for butter fat in co-operation with the experiment station, and valuable data have been obtained. One herd of ten cows shows a net profit of \$1,032.88, while another similar herd of ten shows only \$37.82 profit. The scales and the Babcock tester show the difference and identify the unprofitable cow.

"Sell the Star Boarder," says Frandsen. The creamery butter product of Nebraska is now in excess of 30,000,000 pounds annually and is increasing rapidly. This does not take into account the ordinary product known as "country butter." The dairy experts claim that this amount can be easily doubled without materially increasing the expense of operation, by better methods of feeding and care and the use of the test for butter fat.

The results of the cow testing work in Douglas county have been published in Bulletin No. 129, which may be obtained free by addressing the Nebraska Experiment Station at Lincoln.

## Refuses to Build a Depot.

Edson Rich, attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, was at the state house and served notice on the railway commission that the company would refuse to obey the order of the commission to build a depot at the town of Gandy. The Union Pacific line passed by the town, which is the county seat of Logan county, and built its depot at a new town called Stapleton, about three miles away. The business men of Gandy entered a protest before the railway commission with the result that the road was ordered to build a sidetrack and small station at the nearest point to the town about a mile distant. The matter will probably go to the supreme court.

### Big Exhibit for Lincoln.

A big exhibit for Lincoln at the first annual show of the Nebraska manufacturers' association in Omaha next March is to be planned at a meeting of the industrial extension committee of the Lincoln Commercial club. Eight Lincoln manufacturers have rented space at the show and the plan is to consolidate this in one part of the Omaha auditorium.

### Governor Prints His Message.

Governor Aldrich will have his message printed in pamphlet form and presented to the members of the legislature, when the session begins. In this way he believes much time will be saved as formerly the legislature had to wait until after the message was printed before they could get it into their hands.

### More Taxes in 1912.

Forty-five counties of the state paid more taxes for the years 1912 and 1911 than for the years 1910 and 1909, according to a report made by State Treasurer George. The remaining forty-seven counties paid less taxes during the same period than for the previous two years.

### County Treasurer to Meet.

County treasurers, numbering about one hundred strong, are to gather in Lincoln January 28, 29 and 30, for an annual convention. Such was the word sent the Commercial club from P. A. Sommerich who is president of the state association.

### South Omaha Officials Ousted.

For misfeasance and malfeasance in office, Police Commissioners John J. Ryan and Joseph Pivonka of South Omaha were ordered ousted from office in a decision handed down by the state supreme court. The decision took the nature of a confirmation of the opinion of Referee Silas A. Holcomb of Broken Bow and practically marks the close of one of the most bitter fights between the friends of law and order and "gangs" politicians of South Omaha.

### County Seat Decision.

The act of 1895, providing for removal of county seats, was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court and the act of 1875 was held to be operative in this state. The opinion was given in the Franklin county seat fight which has been waging for the past year. The void act provided that three-fourths of all the votes cast on the question should be necessary to removal of a county seat where it had been located in one town for ten years or more previous to the passage of the act.

### Marsh-Burke Gets Verdict.

The Marsh-Burke Coal company was awarded damages of \$38,000 against J. H. Yost, owner of a string of Nebraska coal yards. H. L. Laird, secretary of the Northwestern Coal Dealers' association, and Harry M. Boyer, sales agent of a producing company that was alleged to have cancelled its contract with the Marsh-Burke company, were also defendants. The action was brought in district court. The Marsh-Burke company charged that a conspiracy had been formed to ruin its business.

## "GENERAL" ROSALIE JONES



This is "General" Rosalie Gardener Jones giving the order "march" to the band of suffragettes who trained from New York to Albany with a message which they delivered to Mr. Sulzer when he was inaugurated as governor.

## NO MONEY TRUST

### J. PIERPONT MORGAN DECLARES CONTROL OF CASH IS IMPOSSIBILITY.

### ALL BANKS COULD NOT DO IT

### Likes Competition, but Admits Combination Gives Him More Pleasure—His Deposits Are \$100,000,000—Names Steel Directors.

Washington, Dec. 21.—J. Pierpont Morgan before the house money trust investigating committee Thursday declared "there could be no money trust. All the banks and all the money in Christendom could not control money. The question of control is personal as to money and credit."

The big financier was led up to his answer by the examination of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, who asked Mr. Morgan if "he did not feel his vast power?"

Mr. Morgan answered that he did not feel it. Once when the lawyer and the witness got into a discussion of competition and combination, Mr. Morgan said:

"I'd rather have combination than competition. I like a little competition, but I like combination better. Control is the important thing. Without it you can't do a thing, but no one man could monopolize money. One man might get control of railroads, or merchandise, but never money and credit."

Mr. Morgan's declaration that there "could be no money trust," emphasized by a vigorous bang with his fist on the arm of his chair, came toward the end of the committee's session, at which the financier testified as to the relations of the house of Morgan with several great corporations.

Mr. Morgan testified that he had approved the prices at which the subsidiaries of the United States Steel corporation were taken into the big corporation. Mr. Untermyer asked if he had not named the board of directors of the steel corporation, but he might have "decided who shouldn't go in."

"Can't you give the committee a statement of the deposits of your banking firm in New York as of November 17?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

Mr. Morgan approximated it at \$100,000,000.

Mr. Morgan produced, in response to a question, copies of the fiscal agreements between J. P. Morgan & Co. and the New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad companies. Mr. Morgan said that there were no other such agreements made by his house. He said the firm acted as fiscal agents for other companies "by tacit agreement."

"You are acting for a number of other corporations, are you not, including the United States Steel corporation?" suggested Mr. Untermyer.

"Yes, but that is by a resolution of the board of directors of the steel corporation," said Mr. Morgan.

As to other agreements whereby the Morgan house became fiscal agents for corporations, he said they were "by word of mouth or by correspondence."

## Taft Frees Moonshiner.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft on Thursday pardoned Henry Nelson of Owensboro, Ky., recently sentenced to the penitentiary for moonshine distilling in the mountains of Kentucky.

## Inmate of Poorhouse Is Rich.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Word believed by the authorities to be authentic came to Charles Drake, an inmate of the county poorhouse, Thursday, that he is heir to half a million dollars.

## BRITAIN HONORS REID

### BODY OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ESCORTED IN STATE TO WAITING WARSHIP.

### REMAINS EN ROUTE TO U. S.

### Rites at Westminster Very Impressive—Over 2,500 Distinguished People, Including Royalty and Public Men of London, Attend Ceremony.

London, Dec. 23.—The remains of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid were paid the fullest honors by the British government Saturday on their removal from his London residence to the British warship that is now bearing them to the United States.

The troops escorting the gun carriage which bore the body from Dorchester house to Victoria station Saturday morning consisted of a troop of life guards and four companies of Scots guards with a band and pipers, who alternately played funeral marches and dirges. No carriages followed the body, which was taken by a naval guard of honor saluted the body. A party of seamen carried the coffin aboard the cruiser Natal, lying alongside a jetty.

Half way across the Atlantic the Natal will be met by two American warships from Nantucket. Salutes of 19 guns will be exchanged and the American ships will escort the Natal to the remainder of her voyage.

The memorial service for the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, celebrated in Westminster abbey Friday, was an impressive ceremony. The honor of such a service in Great Britain's historic cathedral has on few occasions been accorded to any but British subjects of great prominence. In the congregation of 2,500, which assembled, nearly half were American residents in England, including the staff of the American embassy and consulate general. Royalty, the government and every class of public life with the artistic and literary worlds were represented.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills Reid, the ambassador's daughter-in-law of the late ambassador, arrived at Plymouth, but the Crown Princess Ceclie decked too late to permit of their reaching London for the service.

Wreaths from President Taft and Secretary of State Knox were displayed in the abbey. Other wreaths were from King George, Queen Mary and Queen Mother Alexandra. The mourners were John Hubert Ward, son-in-law of the late ambassador; the earl and countess of Granard, Miss Breckinridge of San Francisco and the staffs of the United States embassy and consulate general.

## TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Washington, Dec. 19.—Paul Charlton, United States judge for Porto Rico, has resigned. Judge Charlton is father of Porter Charlton, in a New Jersey jail, charged with murdering his wife at Lake Como, Italy, two years ago, and awaiting decision of the supreme court as to whether he shall be surrendered to Italy for trial.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft directed the appointment of Dr. Carl L. Aisberg, chief biologist, of the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, to succeed Dr. Harvey W. Wiley as chief of the bureau of chemistry.

Wabash, Ind., Dec. 20.—Bert Jackson, aged eighty-five, an inmate of a county infirmary here, died Wednesday from fright due to the sudden death of two other inmates. Jackson had a mortal fear of a corpse.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 19.—Before the United States government has served notice of suit for dissolution upon its officers, the Elgin board of trade, in a wild session, abolished its qualification committee. The action was marked by a bolt of the dissenting faction from the annual meeting.

Little Falls, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The grand jury at Herkimer returned indictments Tuesday against several Little Falls strike leaders arrested in the riot here October 30, when two police officers were shot.

Juliet, Ill., Dec. 21.—All the girl operators of the Interstate Telephone company went on a strike here Thursday. Jealousy because an operator from an exchange in another city was placed in charge is blamed.

Munich, Bavaria, Dec. 23.—Prince Ludwig, the new prince regent of Bavaria, will become king and the mad King Otto, who never has known that he was a royal personage, will be dethroned, in all probability, next year.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 21.—Justice John P. Hand of the Illinois supreme court, who was stricken with paralysis of the right side at the supreme court building December 12, suffered a relapse last night. Fears are entertained that he will not recover.

### Jeweler Shot to Death.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Joseph H. Logue, diamond merchant in the McVicker's theater building, was murdered in his office during the noon hour here Friday. His body was found with an ugly bullet wound in the head.

### Train Cuts Off Man's Leg.

Columbus, O., Dec. 23.—While running to catch a Pennsylvania train at the Union station Friday, James Whitshire, whose home is in Lynchburg, Va., fell and his right leg was cut off below the knee by the train.

## THIRD MESSAGE IS IN

### TAFT REVIEWS WORK OF THREE DEPARTMENTS IN DOCUMENT.

### Declares Lost Motion in Machinery of Government Due to Lack of Co-Operation.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Work in the post office, interior and commerce and labor departments and affairs in the District of Columbia were reviewed in a special message, the third since the short session of congress began, was submitted to the two houses by President Taft on Thursday.

Transcending in interest what the president has to say about the work of the departments mentioned, in his direct recommendation in a sort of departments should be given seats on the floor of congress.

On this matter the president says: "I recommend the adoption of legislation which shall make it the duty of heads of departments, the members of the president's cabinet, at convenient times to attend the sessions of the house and the senate, which shall provide seats for them in each house, and give them the opportunity to take part in all discussions and to answer questions of which they have had due notice. The right holding apart of the executive and the legislative branches of this government has not worked for the great advantage of either. There has been much lost motion in the machinery due to the lack of co-operation and interchange of views face to face between the representatives of the executive and the members of the two legislative branches of government.

In the departmental section of his message President Taft speaks of the recent placing of 36,000 postmasters on a civil service basis and says that nothing could be further from the truth than the charge that the change was made for political purposes.

The president recommends revision of the land laws so that the interior department can work to the ends of proper conservation of the natural resources of the country.

"The trust question in the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law is gradually solving itself, is maintaining the principle and restoring the practice of competition, and if the law is quietly but firmly enforced, business will adjust itself to the statutory requirements, and unrest in commercial circles provoked by the trust discussion will disappear."

In writing of the work at the agricultural department the president discusses "agricultural credits." He says: "The secretary of agriculture has made an investigation into the matter of credits in this country, and I command a consideration of the information which through his agents he has been able to collect. It does not in any way minimize the importance of the proposal, but it gives more accurate information upon some of the phases of the question than we have heretofore had."

## PROSECUTOR HITS TVEITMOE

### Noel Scores All the Defendants in "Dynamite Conspiracy" Case.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20.—Olaf A. Tveitmoe, the San Francisco labor leader on Wednesday was charged with being the man who directed the Los Angeles Times explosion by Special District Attorney James W. Noel in his argument in the "dynamite conspiracy" case before Judge Anderson, in the federal court here.

Noel talked for six straight hours, during which he gave each of the defendants a scorching and appealed to the jury to protect society from organized crime.

He told the story of the guilt of the leaders and the treasury of the Times explosion more compactly than has yet been given to the public, connecting all the evidence with a complete story.

It is possible for the jury to return a verdict in the case by the end of the week.

## 148 KILLED IN THREE MONTHS

### 3,295 Were Injured by Railroads During April, May and June, According to Report.

Washington, Dec. 21.—According to a bulletin issued by the interstate commerce commission the number of persons killed in train accidents during April, May and June, 1912, was 148. The injured totaled 3,215. Accidents to employees and others due to railroad operations, including industrial accidents, totaled 19,348. Of this number 2,393 persons were killed.

The total number of casualties on steam roads for the year ending June 30, 1912, was 160,123. Of this number 10,685 were killed. This shows an increase of 189 killed and 19,179 in the number injured, compared with the previous year. For the three months, April to June inclusive, there were 8,215.

## House Adjourns to January 2.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The house adjourned for the Christmas holiday recess until January 2 without receiving President Taft's message Thursday. The message was sent also to the senate, which remained in session.

### Suffrage Defeated in Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 21.—Equal suffrage was defeated in Michigan by a majority of 760. This is the result of the canvass made by the state board of canvassers. The vote was 247,375 for, and 248,135 against.

## HELD GOOD MEETING

### Third Annual Country Life Congress in Metropolis Attended by More Than 500 Farmers.

### OTHER NEBRASKA MATTERS.

More than 500 farmers of the state attended the Third Annual Country Life Congress, which held its sessions in Omaha December 16 to 19. The Co-Operative Shipping association held the first two days of the program, the other organizations taking the last.

The meeting is said to have been the best farmers' gathering that has ever been held in the state. Questions of vital interest were discussed and resolutions adopted, looking to the securing of legislation which will solve the problems which confront the farmers of the state.

The Commercial club of Omaha pledged its efforts to aid in every legitimate way, efforts which the farmers think will secure them the recognition they desire.

The Farmers Congress pledged itself to an amendment to the constitution to permit reform in the present method of taxation; to an appropriation to make experiments in road construction and maintenance; to a law to prevent blue sky investment companies from operating in the state; to a law to permit the creation of a live stock sanitary commission with power to employ a state veterinarian and to enforce laws for the control of animal diseases; and an appropriation to send two farmers to Europe to study farming methods there.

A tentative plan for the formation of a federation to include all state agricultural organizations was approved.

George W. Coupland of Elgin, member of the Board of Regents, was elected president. Both associations voted to hold their 1913 meetings in Omaha after invitations had been extended by the Publicity Bureau.

## Canning Factory Burns.

Washington County.—The Martin & Nurre Canning company plant at Blair was destroyed by fire with a loss of fully \$100,000, 40 per cent of which is covered by insurance. The buildings covered nearly a half block and only the entire pack of sweet corn of last fall was on hand and the loss on that alone will be fully \$10,000. Until a few weeks before the company employed a watchman, but a dispute arose, since which time there has been no one to guard the property.

## Indicted Under Mann Act.

Lancaster County.—Placed under arrest and indicted as a white slaver, Percy L. Pierpont, has been apprehended at St. Joseph, Mo., and is now out on a \$5,000 bond to appear in Lincoln for trial in federal court. The indictment followed the receipt of a letter from Wyo., school teacher, who came to Lincoln to meet Pierpont. According to Miss Young's story the alleged clandestine affair between the young man and herself was brought about by her answer to an advertisement in a Denver newspaper.

## Butler County Road Contracts.

Butler County.—The county board of supervisors at its session awarded the yearly contract for the construction of all bridges for the year 1913 to the Nebraska Construction company of Lincoln. The superintendency of supervisors at its session awarded John Streeter, present superintendent.

## Providing for School Children.

Box Butte County.—The Board of Education of Alliance met and arranged for the distribution among the other schools of the pupils who have been attending the Central building, which was burned. Thirteen teachers and about 400 pupils will thus be taken care of.

## Will Have Farmers' Institute.

Gage County.—At a meeting of business men it was decided to hold a farmers' institute in Wymore the latter part of January or the first of February. J. A. Reuling was elected out of the plans. If possible a government expert will be present to build a mile of model road.

## Arm Crushed in Shredder.

Gage County.—E. E. Whitmarsh, a farmer living near Axtell, Kan., lost his right arm in a corn sheller. His helper held up his watch at noon and her of a Kansas City grain firm, was time to quit. As Whitmarsh glanced at the watch his hand was drawn into the machine and ground to pulp.

## Club Increases Roll.

The Lincoln Commercial club, which has been carrying on a campaign to raise its membership from 1,000 to 1,500, closed its work last week, the hustling committee having brought in 674 new members in three days' work, 174 more than the mark set, which was 500.

## Killed by Automobile.

Saline County.—A. J. Denton, member of a Kansas City grand firm, was instantly killed near Dorchester in an automobile accident. He was found shortly after 2 p. m. pinned under the steering wheel of his overturned car. His neck was broken and death is believed to have been instantaneous. No one knows how the accident happened as Denton left Dorchester alone in the car. The body was found by Frank West, a farmer. The accident occurred on a smooth stretch of road. This indicates he was speeding.