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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Poultry Show Opens in Auditorium at Omaha.

Record Making Display From Every Part of the Country Also Includes Diversified Exhibits of Pet Stock, Nebraska and Iowa Lead.

Omaha, Dec. 28.—When the Trans-Mississippi Poultry and Pet Stock association's big show opened today, the big leghorn cock-o-the-walk announced it early by starting a crowing, which was taken up by many other feathered fowls which have cages in the Auditorium, with the result every exhibit was awake before the caretakers were on hand.

The big show promises to be one of the best ever held in the Missouri valley. Exhibitors are here from every part of the country, with Nebraska and Iowa leading. In addition to the numerous cages of poultry and pet stock, many incubator and breeder manufacturers have large spaces for their exhibits. The show will continue for four days.

THREE SUSPECTS AT MINDEN.

Men Arrested Are Being Questioned in Connection With Bank Robberies.

Minden, Neb., Dec. 29.—Three men have been arrested in Minden and are being closely questioned in respect to the robbery of the Farmers and Merchants bank at Hartwell and the State bank at Keene and the Ceresco bank. These men, who have been hanging about Minden for two or three months, have made numerous trips in the vicinity in a manner that attracted attention and caused the local officers to detain them. Two, Otis Leggett and Albert H. Carr, live at Red Cloud. The third gives his name as Claude Lloyd.

Suspicion was directed to the men by their frequent disappearances when these tallied with some of the recent bank robberies. On the night the bank at Keene was robbed, the men left Minden and went to Wilcox, where they ate lunch late and disappeared. Wilcox is not far from Keene.

Governor Sheldon Pardons Sellick.

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—John C. Sellick of Omaha, who escaped from the penitentiary several years ago, joined the army, went to the Philippines and fought with a good record, serving his country three years and ten months, received an unconditional pardon from Governor Sheldon. Sellick has been in Omaha several months, where he married last September. He voluntarily revealed his identity and asked for clemency.

Second Tragedy in Ambroz Family.

St. Paul, Neb., Dec. 28.—Albert Ambroz, Jr., living with his parents near Farwell, committed suicide Christmas day by shooting himself in the breast with a shotgun. It is the second tragedy in the family within two weeks, an older brother having been killed in a runaway accident. No motive is assigned for the act of the young man, whose family is prominent and wealthy.

20,000 Acres of Hay Land Burned Over.

Dickens, Neb., Dec. 28.—Twenty thousand acres of valuable hay land was burned over and \$5,000 worth of hay destroyed near here. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it burned for twenty-four hours before it was gotten under control. S. K. Fowler, a ranchman north of town, was the heaviest loser, nearly a hundred tons of fine hay having been burned on his farm.

Youthful Santa Claus Badly Burned.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—During a Christmas entertainment at the detention home, James Wise, the youthful "Santa Claus," upset some candles attached to the tree, and his flimsy clothing became ignited. Prompt action by Sheriff Hoagland and District Judge Frost, who were present, prevented a serious fire panic. No one was injured aside from Wise, who was badly, but not fatally, burned.

Arthur Kloepper Tires of Life.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 29.—Arthur Kloepper, aged twenty, took his own life by shooting himself in a fit of despondency, resulting from ill health. The young man belongs to a prominent family near Clatonia. The parents were away from home at the time and found the boy's dead body on their return.

Burlington Brakeman Killed.

Cambridge, Neb., Dec. 25.—The mangled remains of Harvey B. Patterson were found on the Burlington track near Holbrook. He was head brakeman on an extra that had passed over the road a short time before. Nothing is known as to how he happened to fall under the wheels of the train.

Woman at Dannebrog Killed.

St. Paul, Dec. 26.—While shopping in the store of the Dannebrog Mercantile company, Mrs. Didrik Jepson stepped into an open cellar way through the floor and fell to the floor below in such a manner that her skull was crushed and she lived only a few minutes after.

Entire Family Is Poisoned.

Beaver City, Neb., Dec. 26.—Seven of the family of Henry Taylor, who lives in the south part of the county, are suffering from ptomaine poison. Four are still in a critical condition. It is supposed that the poison was contained in meat eaten for breakfast.

ATTACKS AGENT AND IS SHOT.

Alleged Participants in Attempted Holdup in Jail at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—A man giving the name of Joel B. Clarke and Omaha as his home is a prisoner in the city jail, with a bad bullet wound in the leg, the result of an encounter with W. D. O'Grady, night agent at the Rock Island station. With Clark in jail is a man who says his name is Charles De Vorak, also claiming Omaha as his home. O'Grady charges the two with attempting to hold him up at the station, and it is alleged their plan was to rob the depot. The men came in on the westbound Rock Island train, and after its departure entered the baggage room, where the agent was at work. They said they were express company employees, and asked permission to remain in the room until daylight. O'Grady refused to let them stay, and says they assaulted him, knocking him down. He managed to get his revolver and fired at them repeatedly, wounding Clark. De Vorak ran for a passing freight and managed to get aboard, but policemen attracted by the shooting chased and pulled him off. Clark, on account of his wound, was easily captured. The men admitted to the police that they had trouble with the agent, but denied any intention of robbing the depot. Clark explains his conduct by saying he was drunk.

NAMED BY SHALLENBERGER.

Governor Elect of Nebraska Announces Additional Appointments.

Alma, Neb., Dec. 26.—Governor Elect A. C. Shallenberger has announced the following additional appointments for his administration: Dr. Joseph Percival of Omaha, superintendent hospital for insane at Norfolk; Dr. H. L. Wells of West Point, first assistant to Dr. Percival; Dr. J. F. Steele of Hastings, first assistant physician at Hastings hospital; Dr. Crutcher of Mount Clare, second assistant at Hastings hospital; Dr. Halle of Ewing, reappointed second assistant physician at Lincoln hospital for insane; Dr. E. L. Rice of Beatrice, superintendent of institution for feeble minded at Beatrice; Emma C. Johnson, superintendent of home for friendless at Lincoln; Dr. Ernest O. Webster of Valparaiso, first assistant physician at Lincoln insane hospital; Charles Fernland of South Omaha, deputy food inspector; E. W. Carson of Edgar, deputy food inspector; J. E. Bodle of Lincoln, deputy food inspector.

Apply Torch to Weed Jam.

Beaver City, Neb., Dec. 28.—By setting fire to an immense jam of Russian thistle weeds which had formed in a cut a few miles north of town, a most unique railroad blockade was raised. The immense propagation of the thistle the past two years has caused much apprehension to farmers. With a lack of snow thousands of them have been broken off and rolled in heaps across the prairie, filling the railroad cuts to an extent which made it necessary for trackmen to remove them with pitchforks. Conductor Enright set fire to the weeds and it took but a few minutes to clear the cut.

Cutting Affray at McCook.

McCook, Neb., Dec. 28.—Otto Hendrick and Harry Pearce, the latter colored, are seriously injured as the result of a brawl and several other young men who attempted to take a part in the melee received slight cuts. Hendricks and Pearce quarreled over some trivial matter and both drew knives. They slashed each other in a frightful manner, but none of the cuts touched vital spots. Several young men of considerable prominence are said to have been mixed up in the affair, which has caused a sensation.

Fairbury Girl Fatally Burned.

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 26.—Miss Cora White, eighteen years old and a daughter of W. H. White, living at Twelfth and Oak streets, started a fire in a stove by pouring coal oil on the embers. An explosion followed and she was so badly burned that her recovery is thought impossible. Her sister, who was in the room, was slightly burned and Mr. White, in trying to extinguish the flames, was badly burned on his face and hands.

Suit to Oust Trolley Line.

Lincoln, Dec. 26.—A suit was filed here in the district court asking for a writ of ouster to eject the Lincoln Traction company from the streets of Haystack, a suburb. It is alleged that the franchise has expired. Recently a mob attacked the street railway tracks and bridge near Haystack, the refusal of the company to give a 5 cent fare causing a popular outbreak.

Lincoln Man Drowned While Skating.

Lincoln, Dec. 26.—Harold Bowers, a young business man of Lincoln, was drowned while skating on Salt Creek near the state penitentiary. He broke through the ice and it was several minutes before his male and female companions could rescue him, life being extinct. His parents are old and prominent residents of Lincoln.

Child Dies From Burns.

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 26.—A little daughter of John Crawford died from burns received while she, with other children, was playing around a bonfire, which they had started. Her clothing caught fire and before assistance could be rendered she was so badly burned that it was impossible to save her life.

Two Boys Drowned While Skating.

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 29.—While skating on a pond near here, Albert Blanchard and Carl Hildebrand, each twelve years old, broke through the ice and were drowned.

SISTERS PUT ON TRIAL.

Charged With Death of Captain J. Clayton Erb.

Victim of Shooting at Country Home Was Prominent National Guardsman and Politician and Husband of One of the Defendants.

In a crowded courtroom at Media Pa., Tuesday the unusual spectacle was presented of two sisters called upon to plead to the charge of compassing the death of the husband of the one and the brother-in-law of the other. Both of the women pleaded not guilty.

Owing to the prominence of the victim in the case, Captain J. Clayton Erb, who was a well known politician, national guardsman and lieutenant to Israel W. Durham, the Republican leader, interest throughout Pennsylvania is focused on the trial. One of



MRS. J. CLAYTON ERB, the defendants in the case is Mrs. Florence Erb, and the other is her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel. They are each charged with voluntary and involuntary manslaughter, the charges growing out of the death by shooting on Oct. 6 of Captain Erb at his country home, Red Gables, at Village Green, Delaware county. Media is the county seat of Delaware county.

Shot in Family Quarrel.

It is charged by the prosecution that Captain Erb was shot by Mrs. Beisel after a bitter family quarrel at Red Gables following a long series of domestic dissensions. Captain Erb had forbidden his sister-in-law to visit the house, but she was admitted by Mrs. Erb. Returning to his home unexpectedly, Captain Erb found his sister-in-law there and ordered her from the house. A quarrel and the shooting followed. The charge against Mrs. Erb is that of being an accessory to the shooting.

Mrs. Beisel's plea is self defense, and Mrs. Erb denies any complicity in the shooting. Servants will be called upon to testify to the relations of the deceased and the two defendants and to the occurrences on the day of the shooting.

NO DELAY IN PITTSBURG TRIALS.

President Lends Aid in Investigation of Bankers.

The prosecution in the corrupt practices of Pittsburgh councilmen and two former bankers under arrest declare the trials will be urged to as speedy a conclusion as the court machinery will permit. District Attorney Blakeley said he would try to have the cases disposed of before the municipal election in February, at which the councilmen arrested are candidates for re-election. Attorneys for the defendants say they will be ready to meet the charges at any time.

Atlantic Fleet Passes Aden.

The sixteen battleships composing the American Atlantic battleship fleet, under command of Rear Admiral Sperry, which is cruising around the world, passed Aden, Arabia, Monday, bound for Suez. The fleet left Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 20.

Coopers Are Denied Bail.

Judge Hart has refused bail to Colonel Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of Senator Carmack at Nashville, Tenn.

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