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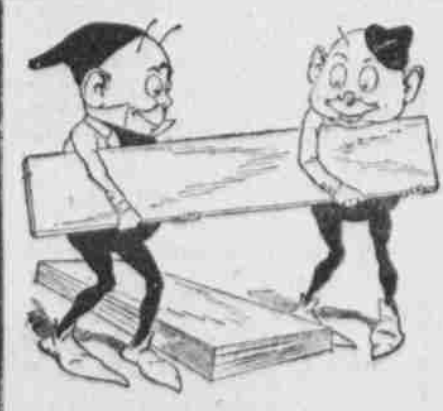
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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Holcomb Will File Suit to Test Supreme Judge Appointments.

House Passes Appropriation Measure Volpp's Banking Bill, With Voluntary Guaranty Scheme, Introduced in the Senate.

Lincoln, Jan. 19.—The proceedings in the courts whereby the appointees of Governor Shallenberger hope to establish their right to places in the supreme court will be instituted here today on the arrival of Homer Sullivan of Broken Bow. Mr. Sullivan is attorney for Silas A. Holcomb, who has consented to make the fight to test the legality of the action of the legislature in canvassing the returns on the supreme court amendment. The suit to be filed by Mr. Sullivan, it is understood, will be in the nature of quo warranto. The petition will assert the right of Judge Holcomb to the position. The other Shallenberger appointees will await the outcome of this case before taking action.

Houses Passes Supply Bill.
The appropriation of \$100,000 to pay the salaries of legislators and employees of that body and the incidental expenses of the session has passed the house. Because the money is required for immediate use the bill carries an emergency clause.

A bill was also introduced making an appropriation for the office expenses of the governor.

The committee on public lands and buildings believes the juvenile court at Omaha and the detention home in Lincoln are responsible for a substantial decrease in the number of boys at the industrial school at Kearney, an inspection of which they have just finished. The normal school at that place was found to be in fine condition, with a large attendance.

There will probably be introduced during the present session of the legislature a joint resolution indorsing the Carnegie pension fund. In order for members of the faculty of Nebraska university to benefit by this fund it is necessary for the legislature to indorse the movement.

On behalf of the resolution, it is stated that the state university will be enabled to retain many of its high class professors, who would remain because they were sure of a pension, whereas if they were not they would accept better salaries in other institutions when they were tendered.

Volpp's Banking Bill.
In the senate the Volpp banking bill was introduced by the Dodge county member whose name it carries. Under its provision any state bank may take advantage of it to have its deposits guaranteed, and that a year's time is allowed for checking up the bank's account before the state steps in. The governor is made comptroller of banks and is empowered to appoint three assistants. One must have been a resident of Nebraska for not less than ten years and the other two must be bankers. They are allowed \$5 a day while employed. A secretary of the board, on whom devolves most of the work, will receive \$3,000 a year. The minimum amount of capital is placed at \$15,000 for banks in towns of less than 500 population, and the maximum is placed at \$250,000 for cities having more than 5,000 population.

Senator Randall of Madison county has prepared a bill giving women who own property a right to vote at municipal elections. He will introduce it in the senate within a few days.

FARMER KILLED IN RUNAWAY.

Ainsworth Editor Badly Injured in Fall on Icy Walk.
Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 19.—Edward Stokes, a farmer living nine miles north of here, is dead as a result of a runaway. He was on his way to town when his horses became frightened and ran, overturning the wagon on top of Stokes. He was found in a gully dead, with the wagon box on his body.

J. M. Cotton, editor of the Star Journal, received dangerous injuries from a fall on the icy walk, his hip and arm both being broken.

Death of Mrs. S. S. Halliday.

Leigh, Neb., Jan. 19.—Mrs. S. S. Halliday, whose husband is a Nebraska pioneer, is dead from a heart affection, aged eighty years. Her entire life was spent in Iowa and Nebraska. She leaves a large family of grown children, all of whom have acquired wealth and prominence.

Fire at Fort Omaha.

Omaha, Jan. 16.—A fire which started in the government supply building at Fort Omaha this morning destroyed the entire building and its contents. The loss will reach \$150,000. The building contained all the wireless apparatus used at the fort, including two government balloons.

Sidney Has Big Fire.
Sidney, Neb., Jan. 19.—Fire entirely destroyed the building and dry goods stock owned by Simon Fishman, totaling a loss which will exceed \$20,000, with insurance of \$15,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery. It was the worst fire to visit the city for many years.

Killed by Switch Engine.
Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 19.—While working under a car at Wymore, Edward Vernon, foreman of a Burlington repair gang, was killed when a switch engine pushed three cars across his body. He leaves a widow and six children.

ROBBERS BUSY AT LINCOLN.

Several Attempts at Highway Robbery and One Suspect Arrested.

Lincoln, Jan. 18.—William Gardner was arrested and taken to the county jail on a charge of complicity in attempts at highway robbery by three men on the outskirts of the city. S. N. Barnett, a farmer, returning to his home from the city, was stopped by men who pointed revolvers at him and demanded that he stand and deliver. He whipped up his horses and escaped. Reports reached the sheriff's office of other attempts at highway robbery. One report was that shooting was heard on the road and that one unknown man, with hands and face bloody and carrying a revolver, had been seen by a farmer. Sheriff's deputies are searching for other suspects.

DALE AND MRS. GEIGER HELD.

Given Preliminary Hearing and Bound Over for Trial on Murder Charge.
Ogallala, Neb., Jan. 15.—Lafayette Dale and Mrs. Jennie Geiger, the latter claiming to be Dale's wife, who are held here to answer the charge of murdering Volly Mann and burying his body in a ravine near this place, were given a preliminary hearing and bound over for trial. Sheriff Beal was the principal witness and told of alleged confessions made by Dale and Mrs. Geiger, in which each charged the other with shooting Mann while he lay sleeping in his camp on the prairie. Both Dale and Mrs. Geiger were partaking of his hospitality.

DEVERESEE MAY RECOVER.

Omaha Detective and Outlaw Who Shot Him Still Alive.

Omaha, Jan. 15.—Albert Clark, the desperado who killed Patrolman Smith and perhaps fatally wounded Detective Devereese, following Clark's attempt to hold up a Ninth street resort, has been identified as a Council Bluffs man who up to a short time ago was bartender in a downtown saloon. Clark is said to have come from Sioux City a few months ago. The wounded officer and desperado are still at the Emergency hospital, being cared for in adjoining rooms. Both are dangerously wounded and their chances for recovery are about even.

Curtain's Colorado Record.

Denver, Jan. 16.—Jack Curtain, believed to be the man who killed a police officer, seriously wounded another and was himself dangerously wounded in a battle with police in Omaha, has many aliases. Detective Leiden says that Curtain's real name is Hugh Jackson. Arrested for burglary, followed by two sensational escapes from the jail at Greeley, one without interference and the other after a battle with the jailer, in which the latter was beaten into unconsciousness, and a term in the state penitentiary, is a part of Curtain's Colorado record.

Second Charge Against Willard.

Chappell, Neb., Jan. 16.—A second charge of horse-stealing has been filed against Vance Willard, already under indictment on a similar charge. The last charge is that of stealing nine horses, valued at \$900, and selling them to an Ogallala horse dealer. Grades are in favor for fine footwear, while the heavy staples are in great demand for medium and low priced lines. The domestic blue market shows increased activity and prices for country hides have advanced sharply.

Nebraska Farmer Killed.

Franklin, Neb., Jan. 16.—William Wessels, a prominent young farmer living near here, is dead as the result of an accident received while hauling corn. The last seen of him he was walking beside his wagon. When found his skull was crushed and he was in a dying condition. It is believed he fell beneath the wheels and was run over by the wagon.

Oil Inspector Has Opposition.

Lincoln, Jan. 16.—There is indication that Arthur Mullen, appointed oil inspector by Governor Shallenberger, may lose his official head through failure of the state senate to confirm his appointment. There has been some dissension between the oil inspector and some members of the senate and several of them have declared themselves opposed to him.

Fight May Prove Fatal.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Jan. 15.—During a fight between John P. Thacker, a farmer living south of here, and John Clarence, aged twenty-two, Thacker received two bullet wounds from which he probably will die. Clarence, who gave himself up to the sheriff, says Thacker started the trouble and hit him over the head with a heavy stick.

Court House Has Close Call.

Albion, Neb., Jan. 15.—The court house had a narrow escape from being destroyed by a fire which started in Sheriff Evans' office. The entire interior of the office was ablaze when discovered, and only prompt work of the fire department prevented an extensive conflagration.

Shallenberger Names Four Judges.

Lincoln, Jan. 18.—Governor Shallenberger appointed the following supreme judges: John J. Sullivan of Omaha and Jesse L. Root of Plattsburgh for three-year terms, and Jacob Fawcett of Omaha and Silas A. Holcomb of Broken Bow for the one-year terms.

Postmaster Williams Reappointed.

Cambridge, Neb., Jan. 18.—The scramble for the postoffice here has been put to an end by the reappointment of George Williams, who already has served eight years.

3 DEAD IN BATHROOM.

Double Murder and Suicide at Seattle, Wash.

That Attorney Killed Wife, Daughter and Self While Insane Over Financial Troubles Is Theory of Coroner and Police.

W. L. Seeley, an attorney and former bank examiner for Illinois; his wife, Mrs. Kate M. Seeley, a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and his daughter, Miss Rene Seeley, a student at the University of Washington, were found dead in a bathroom of their home in the fashionable Capital Hill district at Seattle, Wash.

The victims had been dead since the previous Thursday. The women, each of whom was clad in night robes, had been murdered by being struck on the head, evidently with a hammer.

There was no mark of violence on Seeley. He is believed to have been partially chloroformed and then drowned in the bathtub. All three were kneeling at the side of the bathtub, with their heads submerged in the water. A steamer trunk was on the bodies of Seeley and his wife.

That Seeley killed his wife and daughter while insane over financial worries and then committed suicide is the theory of the coroner and the police.

Seeley went to Seattle about two years ago from St. Joseph, Mo. He had lived there two years and had moved there from Ottawa, Ill., and had engaged in the practice of law wherever he had been for the past thirty years. Seeley was fifty-five years old, his wife about three years his junior and his daughter twenty-two years of age. The bodies were found by Guy M. Smelzer, affianced husband of Miss Seeley, and E. R. Seibbe, a friend of the family.

An empty chloroform bottle was on the stand in the bathroom. Clutched in the hand of Seeley, which was beneath the water, was a pocket handkerchief, which, although soaked in water for a day, still carried a faint trace of the odor of chloroform. There were three wounds on the head of Mrs. Seeley. The blow that evidently killed Miss Seeley was dealt her over the left eye.

Seeley, for three years, was treasurer of the St. Joseph Stock Yards company and a director in the stock yards bank. His financial condition while he was there was thought to be good. He was a member of the best clubs and society. His daughter was a favorite in St. Joseph society.

VESSEL LOST IN STORM.

Wreckage Found Along Long Island Shore but No Trace of Crew.
In a snowstorm off the Long Island shore, another vessel, the schooner Swallow of St. Johns, N. F., and her crew paid the toll so often demanded of those who go down to the sea in ships. The story of the wreck was told by the sea itself, for it strewn the beach east of Fire island for several miles with bits of wreckage from the ship and cargo. On some of this flotsam appeared the name "Swallow, St. Johns, N. F." and this told the beachmen the name of the vessel that had pounded itself to pieces in the howling gale. Of the crew, probably five or six men, judging from the schooner's size, there was no trace. But looking out at the wildly tossing seas, the thick, driving snow, with its attending bitter cold, the beachmen knew their fate.

It is supposed that the Swallow was bound from Newfoundland to New York with a cargo of frozen herring and she carried a deckload of lumber. Caught in the storm, the members of the crew probably lost their bearings and struck on one of the many sandbars a mile or so off the shore of the Blue Point station. There the wind and heavy seas pounded the vessel to pieces in a short time and the men aboard were speedily lost in the sea.

RESOLUTION TO MOVE CAPITAL.

Senator Bartos Starts Ball Rolling for More Central Point.
Lincoln, Jan. 18.—A well supported effort is on foot to remove the capitol from Lincoln to a city more centrally located. Senator Bartos of Saline county started the ball rolling today with a resolution providing for a committee to examine into the condition of the old building, and to consider the feasibility of removing it to a city which will be more easily reached from the western part of the state. To remove the capital takes a majority of the electors at a special election, but the possibility of such action being taken is by no means remote. Senator Bartos' resolution recites that the center of population is no longer in one spot in the eastern end of the state, and that the necessity is apparent for seeking a more central point. Kearney is mentioned as a suitable place.

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FIRE DESTROYS 348 AUTOS.

Storage Station at Boston Burns With Loss of \$800,000.

An automobile storage and repair plant in Boston burned, destroying 348 automobiles, valued at \$750,000. The fire spread to the old shed of the Park Square railroad station and destroyed the bicycle track and a large pavilion used for exhibition purposes. The damage to the building will bring the total loss to above \$800,000.

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