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## NEBRASKA NEWS

### Omaha Breweries Shut Down While Litigation Is Pending.

### WANT TO KNOW RIGHTS FIRST.

Hearing to Determine Result of License Fight Is Resumed Before Judge Estelle—Case Will Go to Finish Before Adjournment—Between Six Hundred and Seven Hundred Workers Are Idle for Present.

Omaha, Jan. 3.—Hearing on the question of brewers' licenses began before Judge Estelle at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The court announced that the hearing will go to a finish before adjournment.

No brewery in Omaha is manufacturing beer or will until the litigation affecting its rights to a license is determined, and that is indefinite. Some 600 or 700 brewery employees, most of them married men, are temporarily out of work as a result of this litigation and will have to seek new employment if the case stands against the breweries.

"We have too much beer on hand to make any more while our rights are in jeopardy," said one of the brewers.

### GRAFTERS KEEP BUSY

#### Latest Proposition to Be Worked in Texas Town Lot Swindle.

Tecumseh, Neb., Jan. 3.—Grafters seem to be unusually numerous in this section of Nebraska this winter. The latest proposition to be worked is as follows: A smooth looking fellow appears at the places of business of the professional men and merchants in the smaller towns. He says he is selling lots in a certain town in Texas, and that he will give the man approached one of the lots with no other expense than \$4.50, which is to pay for an abstract. The grafter explains that he wants to interest as many people in the town as he can in the lots and by having his list of lot purchasers headed by some of the most influential citizens he will be better able to interest others. Three or four men in each town are "given" the lots. It develops that the stranger is not a real estate man, has no lots, but has the money of the easy ones.

### BOY KILLED WHILE HUNTING

#### Accidentally Shot by Discharge of Shotgun in Hands of Brother.

Osceola, Neb., Jan. 1.—Francis, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Steever, was killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his brother, George, aged fourteen years, while out hunting rabbits on his father's farm, near Stromsburg. There were three boys in the crowd and the accident happened when the boy who was killed had leaned forward to pick up an animal that he had just shot. The father and mother were away from home when the accident happened.

### WILL KEEP WITHIN LIMIT

#### Deficiency Is Likely in Only One Normal School Fund.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.—Secretary Louden of the state normal board filed his annual report of the finances of the two normal schools and of the board with the governor. The report says that unless something unforeseen occurs the board will be able to complete the biennium within the appropriations made by the legislature, with the possible exception of the employees' wage fund at Peru. The appropriation for this purpose was \$2,000 less, the report says, than the actual payroll.

### BLINDED BY WOOD ALCOHOL

#### Nebraska Prisoner Drank Liquor He Had Stolen From Factory.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.—Simeon Hudson, a convict stole a pint of wood alcohol in the Nebraska prison broom factory, drank it, and is now suffering from paralyzed optic nerves. He is totally blind and the condition may be permanent. Hudson had about a year yet to serve of a five and a half years' sentence.

### Primary Law in Doubt.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1.—Owing to the doubt of the Ollis primary election law, including the nomination of a candidate for the United States senate to be voted on at the primary election next August, Governor Shallenberger probably will ask the attorney general for an opinion on the matter before he issues his election proclamation.

### Sixteen Bananas Fatal to Boy.

Bladen, Neb., Jan. 3.—After eating sixteen bananas John Claussen, ten years of age, became ill and died at his home at this place. With a number of companions, he entered a restaurant. For a cash payment of 5 cents the proprietor offered the boys all the bananas they could eat. It is claimed that the fruit had been frozen.

### Half Million in State's Banks.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.—The payment of \$52,000 into the state treasury by Douglas county swelled the funds in the hands of Treasurer Brian as shown by the December statement. Receipts for the month were \$605,404. The total balances in the various banks of the state is \$495,287.

### THREE GOVERNORS TO MEET

#### Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska Executives to Consider Banking Law.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—Governor Shallenberger sent a letter to Governor Haskell of Oklahoma acquiescing in the suggestion of the latter that a conference of the governors of Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas be held to adopt a policy concerning the bank deposit guaranty laws in view of the action of the courts declaring illegal the enactments of Nebraska and Kansas. Governor Shallenberger announced his willingness to co-operate, and suggested Jan. 18 at Washington, when there is to be a meeting of many governors, as the time and place.

### Poultry Show at Hastings.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 4.—The forthcoming Nebraska poultry show, which will mark the silver anniversary of the State Poultry association, is expected to be the largest and most successful exhibition ever held by the organization. It will take place in the Auditorium, beginning Jan. 17 and continuing one week. Secretary L. P. Ludden of Lincoln, who will be the general supervisor, will establish headquarters here, Jan. 14. The association will hold a brief business session Jan. 18 and on Jan. 20 there will be a general session for the election of officers and the consideration of various matters pertaining to the poultry industry.

### Bixby Heads Poultry Men.

Omaha, Jan. 1.—The Transmississippi Poultry association elected the following officers: F. A. Bixby of Council Bluffs, president; F. S. King of Omaha, first vice president; E. E. Smith of Lincoln, second vice president; W. R. Prewitt of Onawa, third vice president; Anton Landstrom of Omaha, secretary; L. C. Fauble of Council Bluffs, treasurer; board of managers, S. S. Nevins of South Omaha, John B. Keeline of Council Bluffs, Max R. Nippel of Benson, Frank C. Ahlquist of Omaha and A. D. Riegel of Benson.

### Long Distance Now to Alliance.

Alliance, Jan. 2.—The Wehn Telephone company, which has just completed a line down the right of way of the new Union Pacific line from Bridgeport to Ogallala announced that it has opened up the first long distance telephone circuit for Alliance, giving this city connection with North Platte, Grand Island, Fremont, Lincoln and Omaha. When the line is completed in detail a similar connection will be made with Denver and other Colorado points.

### Man Drops Dead in Depot.

Omaha, Jan. 3.—A man forty years of age, supposed to be William D. Miller of 4452 North Market street, St. Louis, dropped dead in the waiting room of the Union depot. It is believed death resulted from heart failure. An inquest will be held. The dead man's pockets contained a ticket from Hot Springs, S. D., to Danville, Ill.

### Agricultural Meetings Soon.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—The meetings of "organized agriculture" will be held in Lincoln, Jan. 17 to 21, 1910. Sixteen state associations plan to hold their annual sessions at this time, a farmers' institute conference and dairy, horticultural and live stock association gatherings.

### Former Governor Has Rally.

Osceola, Neb., Jan. 3.—The slight improvement reported in the condition of ex-Governor Mickey has continued and apparently he is gaining some strength. He is apparently brighter and makes himself understood more readily by members of his family.

### Bertuca Case on Trial.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—The case of the state against Farino Bertuca, charged with murdering John Preuhls, a boy, at Wymore last summer, was called for trial in the district court. Many witnesses from Wymore are in attendance.

### THOMPSON IN GUATEMALA

#### Nebraskan Seeks to Extend Pan-American Railroad.

Guatemala City, Jan. 1.—David E. Thompson, the retiring American ambassador to Mexico, who resigned his post to devote his attention exclusively to the Pan-American railroad, purchased by him, is now here. President Cabrera gave a banquet in his honor, at which the speeches were highly complimentary to the United States.

The object of Mr. Thompson's visit is to arrange for the continuation of the Pan-American road into Guatemala, although the right of construction to the border has already been granted to the Central railroad, a Guatemalan and American enterprise. Mr. Thompson will return to Mexico next Wednesday.

### EXPLODING COMBS KILL HER

#### Celluloid Ornaments Get Afire and Woman's Death Is Sad Result.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Magie McLane, wife of Deputy Recorder McLane, was fatally burned. She arose at 3 a. m. to take medicine, and after lighting the gas threw the match into a tray. The burning match caused the celluloid combs to explode and the flames ignited Mrs. McLane's night dress and she died several hours later.

### ROUMELIAN PLAIN A VAST LAKE

#### Many Reported Drowned and Crop Damage Is Heavy.

Philippopolis, Bulgaria, Jan. 3.—Eastern Roumelia has been swept by the most disastrous flood in fifty years and the whole plain resembles a vast lake. Many persons are reported drowned, while the losses in crops and live stock will be extremely heavy.

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