

# NEBRASKA NEWS

## State's Grain Exceeds in Value Mineral Output.

### FIGURES TELL THE STORY.

Coal is the Closest of Corn's Competitors for the Lead—Nearly Equals Total Value of All Crops, Live Stock and Manufactured Products in Nebraska—Live Stock Beats Gold and Silver Production of Country.

Omaha, Jan. 17.—From the office of the United States geological survey has just been issued a tabulated statement giving figures on the mineral production of the country for the year 1908. The table shows that the price per ounce of silver declined from 67 cents in 1906 to 66 cents in 1907 and to 53 cents in 1908. Total production of silver during 1908 amounted to 52,440,800 troy ounces, having a value of \$28,050,000. Of gold the production was 4,574,340 troy ounces, having a value of \$94,560,000.

Thus the total value of gold and silver for 1908 was \$122,610,000. For the same year, by government figures, the corn crop of Nebraska was worth, "on the farm," \$104,941,000. Fed into hogs and cattle, the corn crop of this state undoubtedly exceeded the value of the gold and silver production of the year. From another angle, comparison with Nebraska products makes the gold and silver piles look quite modest, for in 1908 the value of the live stock in Nebraska was \$138,955,530.

Copper production for 1908 more than equalled gold and silver together. The production totaled 942,570,721 pounds, having a market value of \$124,419,335. Nebraska corn and wheat for the year had a value of \$126,565,710.

**Iron Ore and Corn.**  
Iron ore reached the high water mark in 1907, when 51,720,619 long tons were produced, with a value of \$131,996,147. For 1908 the production was 35,983,336 tons, with a value of \$81,845,724, being \$7,453,974 less than the value of the 1908 corn crop of Nebraska.

The lead and zinc production for the whole country during 1908 just about equalled the value of the hay and spring wheat crops of this state, which together footed up in value close to \$44,000,000.

The coal mines are the closest of corn's competitors for the lead. Of bituminous coal 332,573,944 short tons were dug out in 1908, having a value of \$374,135,288. Of Pennsylvania anthracite 74,347,102 long tons were put above ground, with a value to the producers of \$158,178,849. The two sums total \$532,314,137. Before the coal is burned into ashes it probably costs the consumers nearly twice as much. The year's production of coal comes mighty close to equalling the total value of all the crops, live stock and manufactured products of Nebraska.

**HURRY BRIDGE TO BEAT ICE**  
Union Pacific Trying to Complete Structure Before Floods Begin.

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 17.—By working night and day on the concrete foundations for the new double track bridge west of this city the Union Pacific hopes to have the structure completed before the ice in the Loup river breaks up this spring. About 150 men have been employed at the bridge all winter and there have been many accidents resulting from slipping on ice coated wood and steel. This is the largest and longest bridge on the Union Pacific main line in Nebraska. At present there remains about a week's work on the foundations and then it will require about ten days to lay the stone pier. As each sixty-foot single track span is replaced by the new double track structure traffic is delayed a little over an hour, the new spans being slid into place on greased tracks. Another reason for rush work is that the ice in the river is exceptionally heavy this winter and the large amount of snow makes a big flood quite probable and they want all the false work taken out so there will be nothing to stop the ice.

**GARDINER FILES COMPLAINT**  
Commander Asserts Liquor is Being Sold to Soldiers.

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—That soldiers at Fort Crook have been furnished with intoxicating liquors and have been found in the barracks in a drunken condition is the report made to Governor Shallenberger by Colonel Gardiner, commander of the Sixteenth infantry, in a complaint filed against a man named Lowry. Colonel Gardiner states that Lowry has rooms in connection with a brewing company's plant and has sold intoxicants to the soldiers contrary to law. Governor Shallenberger has notified the county attorney to make an investigation and bring a prosecution under the law.

**Quarantine Halts Neff Case.**  
Tecumseh, Neb., Jan. 17.—The case of the state against Dr. J. G. Neff of Sterling on a charge involving his daughter and set for trial in the Johnson county district court beginning today, cannot be tried at this time. The complaining witness, Miss Lora Neff, is at the Geneva industrial school, which has been quarantined for scarlet fever and Miss Neff cannot leave the institution at this time.

## SAYS NEW JERSEY IS PROUD

Revels in Name of Being Corporation State, Governor Fort Asserts.  
New York, Jan. 15.—Governor Fort told the New York Traffic club that the people of New Jersey are rather proud to be considered a corporation state.

"Our fathers," he said, "saw the trend of the times and anticipated the future by enacting the first compre-



GOVERNOR FORT.

hensive corporation act, back in the forties. The corporation is here to stay. It is the safest and best means yet devised for carrying on great enterprises. The man who inveighs against the corporation is out of date. The problem is not to rid ourselves of corporations, but to find the limit of their power."

## LIBERALS RETAIN CONTROL

Party Will Hold Place in British Government.

London, Jan. 17.—At the close of the general elections the standing of the various parties, including unionist seats, was as follows: Unionists, 43; liberals, 27; laborites, 6; nationalists, 5. Unionists' gains, 18; liberal gains, 3; labor gains over liberals, 1; no change, 69.

The first engagement in the fight for tariff reform, a great navy and the supremacy of the lords as against the free trade, reform of the house of lords and home rule, ended with neither party in a commanding position. The results of the polling tend to confirm the forecast that the liberals will retain control of the government with a greatly reduced majority.

## TO LESSEN RACE WASTE

Association Begins Campaign to Check Infant Mortality.

Baltimore, Jan. 17.—The American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, which grew out of a conference recently held at New Haven, has opened permanent headquarters at the Medical and Surgical Faculty building in this city, and begun an active campaign, having for its object the prevention of race waste rather than race suicide.

On the ground that a baby is a citizen of the future and that one given a good start has a better chance to grow up to healthy manhood or womanhood, the work of the new organization will be directed toward securing that chance for the baby.

## MORE MONEY FOR MISSIONS

New York Laymen Vote to Increase Offerings \$325,000.

New York, Jan. 17.—Five thousand laymen, representing practically all the Protestant churches in the city, voted unanimously at a mass meeting in the Hippodrome to increase the foreign missionary offerings of the Protestant churches of Greater New York by \$325,000 during the coming twelve months. Nineteen cities, including New York, in which conventions have already been held, have pledged an increase of \$1,750,000 for foreign missions during the coming year.

## LAND TO BE THROWN OPEN

Twenty Thousand Acres Will Be Given to Entry.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Twenty thousand acres of land bordering upon the Columbia river, about 190 miles east of Portland, Ore., embraced in the third unit of the Umatilla irrigation project in Oregon will be thrown open to homestead entry at 9 o'clock Feb. 16. This announcement was made by the secretary of the interior.

## President Press Indian.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Because he is in bad health, President Taft has granted a pardon to William Deschamps, a Flathead (Mont.) Indian. The man was guilty of having introduced liquor on an Indian reservation and was sentenced to sixty days in jail and to pay a fine.

## Diekema Out for Speaker.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Representative G. J. Diekema of Michigan announced himself as a candidate for speaker of the house to succeed Speaker Cannon when the Sixty-second congress is organized.

## Harvester Trust Melon.

New York, Jan. 15.—Another "melon" of large proportions, the distribution of \$20,000,000 in common stock, is to be given to the stockholders of the International Harvester company.

## Meets Death on Sleigh Ride.

Wabash, Ind., Jan. 17.—Mrs. George Daugherty, a member of one of the most noted families in Wabash county, was killed by being thrown from a sleigh while driving into this city.

# FOR WATERWAYS

## President Outlines Plans to Conserve National Resources.

### SENDS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Favors Continuing Contracts for Improvement of Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri Rivers—Urges Bond Issue to Carry Out Unfinished Irrigation Projects—Would Control All Water Power Sites.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Pension legislation was interrupted in the house by the reading of President Taft's special conservation message. When the reading of the message had been concluded a roar of applause arose from the Republican side of the chamber and several Democratic members also joined in the demonstration of approval.

Following are the recommendations made in the message:

A law expressly authorizing the secretary of the interior temporarily to withdraw public lands from entry and validating withdrawals already made.

Official and definite classification of public lands and their contents. Disposal of the surface of agricultural lands, while retaining coal, oil, asphaltum, natural gas and other treasures.

Federal control of water power sites which could be rented under proper restrictions.

Drainage of swamp lands and improved treatment of soils.

A bond issue not exceeding \$30,000,000 for completion of western irrigation projects.

Provision in river and harbor bill for continuing contracts for completion of Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri river improvement projects.

Repeal of timber land acts of 1898 and new law providing for public sale of timber.

Scientific treatment of the 190,000,000 acres of forests within the United States.

## COHEN HELD AS KIDNAPER

Waiter Who Eloped With Philadelphia Heiress Remanded.

Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—After a brief hearing Frederick Cohen, who eloped with Miss Roberta de Janon, was committed to the county prison without bail for further hearing Jan. 28, on a charge of kidnaping.

The police made the emphatic statement that Cohen did not harm the girl and the young runaway still adheres to her story that she alone was responsible for the affair.

The girl is in a private apartment of a hospital, under the care of a nerve specialist. It is quite likely she will be kept there for some days.

Mrs. Julia Cohen, the deserted wife, who was taken to a hospital in a state of nervous collapse, is better today.

## MAE WOOD CASE DROPPED

Woman Accused by Senator Platt Not Prosecuted.

New York, Jan. 15.—The charges of forgery and perjury against Miss Mae C. Wood were dismissed in general sessions court here and Miss Wood was discharged from custody. She was indicted in 1907, following the trial of her suit against former Senator Thomas C. Platt, who, she alleged, was married to her in this city. Senator Platt's illness has made impossible his appearance to testify against Miss Wood.

## HELD ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Pittsburg Capitalists Indicted for City Depository Selection.

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—President E. H. Jennings and Vice President F. A. Griffin of the Columbia National bank; Max G. Leslie, county delinquent tax collector; Charles Stewart, former councilman, and F. F. Nicola, a capitalist and real estate operator, were arrested on warrants issued by District Attorney W. A. Blakeley, charging them with conspiring to cause the selection of the Columbia National bank as a city depository.

## LEVEE STREWN WITH DEBRIS

Ice Gorge Creates Havoc on River Front at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 15.—The Mississippi river front at St. Louis presents a devastated appearance. The river, gorged with ice, rose from twenty-two feet to 31.9 feet and then the gorge broke. Inside of three hours the river fell more than five feet.

The boats on the river were left high and dry by the rapid fall and the levee was strewn with wreckage. The property loss will exceed \$200,000.

## Trouble in Several Mills.

Boston, Jan. 15.—The adoption of the fifty-six-hour law has caused minor troubles at a number of Massachusetts points. Strikes have occurred this week at the Slater mills, Fitchburg; North Adams Print works and in several other mills elsewhere.

## White Slave Jury Indicts.

New York, Jan. 15.—Two indictments were found by the Rockefeller grand jury which is investigating the white slave traffic.

## Senator Clay Is Improving.

Atlanta, Jan. 17.—Senator A. S. Clay, who has been in a local sanitarium for the last two weeks, is much improved.

# BIG SLAUGHTER SALE

10 Days, Commencing

## Thurs., Jan. 20

I must make room for spring goods and everything must go during this sale. I will undersell anything yet offered in this city

**Dry Goods A Few Prices Come Early**

American prints Calico, Lot 1, 7c, now 5c  
 American prints Calico, Lot 2, 7c, now 5c  
 Turkish Toweling, 25c pr., now 17½c pair  
 Muslin for sheeting, 29c yard, now 26c  
 Bed Spreads, \$1.50, now \$1.00  
 Percale, 10c, now 7c  
 Toweling, 8c, now 4½c  
 Pillow Cases, 45c pr., now 33c pair  
 Bed Spreads, \$2.00, now \$1.65

I have a big assortment of DRAWN WORK which I will close out at **25% Discount**

Silk Petticoats, \$9, now sell for \$6.50  
 Silk Petticoats, \$7.00, now sell for \$5.00

## Gents' Furnishing Goods

Fleece-lined Underwear, 50c, now 37½c  
 Wool Underwear, \$1.25, now \$1.00  
 Extra heavy Fleece-lined Underwear, 60c, now 45c  
 Big assortment Flannel Shirts, prices run from \$1.25 to \$1.75, now \$1.00  
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