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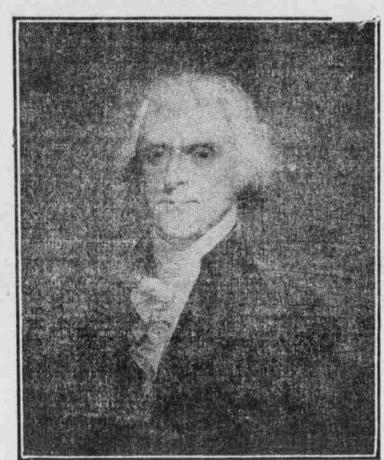
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NEBRASKA NEWS

Agricultural Department Has Agent at Work in Omaha.

BEGINS HIS MISSION SECRETLY

Visits Poultry and Butter Houses and Makes Inquiries About the Markets. Grand Jury at Lincoln Looking Into Alleged Price Pact-Member of Wrolesale Grocery Firm Called Before Body to Give Testimony.

Omaha, Jan. 28.-Uncle Sam has taken a hand in trying to find out the cause of the increase in the cost of living in Omaha and the west. His agents are now making inquiries in Omaha. Tuesday a well dressed man called on David Cole and said his name was Penney and that he had a farm near Rusers and wanted to know some facts as to the probabilities of his making money if he turned his farm into a chicken ranch. He asked all sorts of questions as to the price Cole paid the farmer and what he got for his chickens and how much the retailer made when he sold them. Several reporters were in Mr. Cole's office at the same time and one told him he must be a government inspector, as he was too well posted for a farmer. He assured the reporter that such was not the case, but that he had a lot of barnyard grouse on a farm in Iowa, that he wanted to bring them to his Douglas county farm and that he simply wanted to find out the situation to see if he could make any money.

A little later, Mr. Penney visited the Fairmont Creamery, where he met Mr. Rushton, the manager. Mr. Rushton had met him during the summer and knew he was an employee of the department of agriculture and he said so at that time. He wanted figures on the creamery business and again his questions were such that showed he was trying to find out who make the profit on butter.

Grand Jury Probing at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 28.-From the fact that A. E. Hargreaves was one of the witnesses before the grand jury. it is generally believed here that body is engaged in making an investigation into the workings of the alleged meat trust. In a recently published article Mr. Hargreaves made the assertion that four local representatives of the big packing houses have a close working agreement; that the prices made by each of them are absolutely the same at all times and that a dealer whose credit is not good with one of them cannot purchase from any of the others. It is alleged that a dealer who does not pay up his account promptly at the end of the week is not only barred from further credit from the house with which he has een dealing, but that an order placed with either of the other houses will not be filled. It is further charged that there is absolutely no competition in the matter of prices. Mr. Hargreaves is a wholesale grocer.

NO EXTRA SESSION

Governor Will Not Call Legislature Together to Act on Bank Guaranty. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 29.-Governor

Shallenberger announced definitely that he will not call an extra session of the legislature for the enactment of a new bank deposit guaranty law, as he has been asked to do. The governor says the constitutionality of the Oklahoma law, which is similar to the enactment in Nebraska that has been declared unconstitutional is now pending in the United States supreme court, and awaiting a decision. He says an extra session would not be

The indorsement of the income tax law amendment by Nebraska, Governor Shallenberger says, is not of vital interest at this time.

SPRAGUE ABBOTT DEAD

Champion Golfer Passes Away in Omaha Hospital.

Omaha, Jan. 29.-Sprague Abbott, well known in golfing circles, died at the Clarkson Memorial hospital, following an operation for an abscess in the left lung. Mr. Abbott took up golfing several years ago in an effort, it is said, to fight off incipient consumption. He was not only successful in this, but developed into a champion. He won the transmississippl championship at Rock Island in 1907 and held the Nebraska state championship more than once.

Mr. Abbott's sister is the wife of Finley Peter Dunne, the well known humorist. He was thirty years old and unmarried.

Racing Circuit Is Organized.

McCook, Neb., Jan. 29.-Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy and Chase counties have organized a district racing circuit, with A. Barnett of McCook, president; Elmer Kay of McCook, secretary; C. C. Barr of Benkelman, treasrrer. At a meeting to be held in this city in the future the dates for the district, purses and other details will be decided upon.

Indians Oppose Sale of Lands.

Omaha, Jan. 27.-Major J. S. Reynolds of the Craw Indian agency passed through Omaha on his way to Wash- the adjutant general. ington, where he is sent in connection with a proposed congressional measare for the sale of the surplus land on the reservation. A party of about twenty Indians from the Crow agency is also on the way to Wasnington to - the bill.

RUTABAGAS FOR CORN FEED

Nemaha County Farmer Finds Method of Fattening Stock on Cheap Food. Auburn, Neb., Jan. 31.-One of the bright farmers of Nemaha county has found a substitute for high priced Danger of Great Calamity in Kinds of Good corn. He says "the cheapest way to make pork is to raise rutabaga turnips and feed them in connection with clover and a little corn to hogs. Three bushels of corn with this feed will take the hog through the winter all FALL OF OVER FIFTEEN INCHES right. The feed makes good pork, too, and at a low price." E. Case, a retired farmer, residing here, has Drop Is Sufficient to Bring Sense of made public an experiment he made with beets last summer. He had oneeighth acre in which the white clover was dying. He plowed up this ground and sowed it in drills with two pounds of "corn saving beet" seed. He thinned the growing beets two or three times and kept them well cultivated with a hand cultivator. They grew prodigiously and when harvest came Case found he had, by actual weight, fortynine bushels of beets at fifty pounds to the bushel, making 2,450 pounds

CREIGHTON HEIRS LOSE

rate a full acre would produce 49,600

pounds, or twenty-four and a half tons.

Case has been trying experiments

with the beets during the fall and win-

ter and now finds that they make

splendid hog feed. The hogs eat them

with great relish and put on fat with

this feed at rapid rate. Case states

that starting hogs on this feed the

ration should be one-third each of

corn, alfalfa and beets, the corn and

alfalfa being gradually reduced until

Defeated in Another Court Ruling at Omaha, but Will Fight On.

the hogs are on a beet diet.

Omaha, Jan. 31 .- Attorneys for the heirs of Count Creighton were defeat ed in court when they led a fight of the residue of the estate to go to the working girls' home.

court figure it out that the proportion due would come to \$34,375. (This be

sides the \$50,000 in specific bequests.) The attorneys for the helrs contend ed that the amount should be \$32,282 The question turned on what the phrase "whole estate," as used in the will, means. The attorneys asserted that this meant the estate after the charges for administration and debte the Comedie Française, with both its against it had been deducted. The electricity and heat gone, was open. judges said the whole estate meant all Count Creighton had when he died

If the charges are deducted from the total then, of course, the propor tionate part of the residue which goes to the working girls' home is smaller larger. The significant announcement was made by attorneys for the heirs that they intend to fight the whole city, but the danger is great. case to the last ditch.

SCHOOL MERGER DEFEATED

Bellevue Will Continue as Independ ent Church College.

n, Neb., Jan. 27.—After an a day session the committee appointed to pass upon the proposition to merge the Bellevue and Hastings Presbyterian colleges, settled the matter by a compromise. Believue college was made an independent school with the approval of the church and Hastings college was made the only synodical college. This arrangement is to take effect at the close of the present school year.

Prison Self-Sustaining. the state penitentiary expects to come before the next legislature in such good shape that he will get a pat on the back. He has now employed 250 convicts by the Lee Broom company at 55 cents a day, or \$42,900 annually employed by the chirt factory, 100 men at 621/4 cents a day, or \$16,250 annually; lighting for other state institutions, \$5,340; paid for room and power by the Lee company, \$2,400 annually, making his total receipts \$66,-890 annually. The legislature appropriated for maintenance \$60,500 an nually, leaving him at this time \$6,390 to the good, providing, of course, the unexpected does not happen.

Bank at Alexandria Fails. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 29 .- The loaning of too much money and the maintain

ing of too small a surplus is given as the cause of the failure of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Alexandria, which was closed by the state banking board. C. H. Beaumont, bank examiner, is now in charge. It is said that the bank is not insolvent and all claims will be paid in full within a short time.

Changes on Burlington. Aluance, Neb., Jan. 31.-E. P.

Bracken, general superintendent of the Wyoming district of the Burling ton, with headquarters at Alliance has been transferred to the lines cast as assistant general manager, with headquarters at Chicago. He will be succeeded here by E. E. Young, at present superintendent of the Sheri dan division, with headquarters at Sheridan, Wyo.

Money for Veterans.

Lincoln, Jan. 31.-Out of the \$60,000 received from the government for the pay of Spanish-American war veter ans, there remains in the hands of the governor some \$7,000. This amount is credited to some 600 veterans, who up to this time have not been located by

Snow Falls Out in State. Tecumseh, Neb., Jan. 31.-A heavy snow has fallen over Johnson county, 1 on age in covering the large acreage of last year a torn that is still in the

SEINE IS FALLING

Paris is Past.

Relief, Though Situation Is Critical in Many Points-Submerged Districts of City Are Closely Guarded by Soldiers to Prevent Pillaging. Work of Relief Goes On.

Paris, Feb. 1.-While most of the imminent peril of the flood is past, the fall of the Seine has only measured fifteen and one-half inches. At this rate it would require a fortnight for the river to reach its normal level. from the one-eighth acre, and at this Fortunately, tidings from the flooded section above Paris gave hope of a more rapid subsidence after today.

In the meantime the situation in Paris and in many places throughout the country shows little improvement. Indeed, the ravages of the flood within the city seemed actually to increase. The water was higher in some of the streets, while the situation at the inundated towns between Paris and St. Germain was distinctly graver.

A stream of water twelve feet deep was rushing through Gennevilliers and Colombes, making the work of rescue and succor more difficult. Several of the houses collapsed, and many persons were taken off the roofs of their homes, where they had been clinging for days.

Hundreds are reported without food or shelter, and all day an army of to have modified the recent ruling or troops and civilians worked relentlessthe court with respect to the amount ly in the flooded territory, bringing succor to the distressed and distributing provisions by boats to the thou-The three judges of the district sands of victims surrounded by water, who refused to quit their homes. Within the city itself are great throngs of sightseers.

The Champs Elysees, ordinarily a pathway of brilliant light, last night had hand lanterns strung along the curbs. The usually gay boulevards were wrapped in silence and darkness. Most of the theaters were closed, but

Although there is no intention on the part of the government to declare martial law, the completely submerged districts, such as Javel, are in the hands of the military to prevent pillaging. The soldiers have orders and the amount left for the helrs is to give short shift to criminals caught in the act of looting. Thus far there have been no such cases within the

Outside of Paris, however, many deplorable instances of looting have been reported. A band of thieves have been at work in the vicinity of killed two of the pillagers at Ivry and two at Brie.

SHIPP GREETED AS HERO

Man Who Served Term for Connection With Lynching Given Ovation.

bands playing "Dixle" and "Home, Sweet Home," Captain Joseph E. Shipp was greeted here by 10,000 of from the train that bore him to his Lincoln, Jan. 31.-Warden Smith of home from Washington, where he had just completed a sentence in prison for contempt of court in connection with the lynching of Ed Johnson, a negro.

BLACK HAND MEN IN PRISON

Ten Men Convicted at Toledo in the Leavenworth Penitentlary.

Leavenworth, Feb. 1.-Guarded by a United States marshal and eight deputies, ten members of a Black Hand gang, who were convicted in Toledo, and sentenced to from ten to sixteen years' imprisonment, arrived at the federal prison here. The convicted men gave no trouble on their journey.

THREE DROWN AT MEMPHIS

Disabled Gasoline Launch Run Down by Tow Boat.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 1.-Floating helplessly in a disabled gasoline launch, three men were drowned when the launch was run down by the tow boat Enterprise, off Hopefield point. The dead are: Albert Schinner, Jo seph Dietrich and Harry Hurst.

FATAL DUEL IN KENTUCKY Deputy Sheriff and Miner Are Mor-

tally Wounded. Middleboro, Ky., Feb. 1.-In a pistol duel at Edgewood Deputy Sheriff Gordon Givens and Benjamin Gatliff. a miner, were each mortally wounded. Givens was attempting to arrest Gat-

liff on a charge of disorderly conduct. Higher Price for Bibles.

Chicago, Feb. 1.-The price of bibles will go up on March 1, according to an announcement by a large bible publishing house. The cause for the advance is the enforcement of the new tariff on imported leather and

Dr. Cook in Sanitarium, Heidelberg, Germany, Jan. 31.-An attendant of the Rozgenau sanitarium said that Dr. Frederick A. Cook had that institution for

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