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QUESTION BOX FEATURE

ARRANGED FOR DEALERS
Omaha, Dec. 23—Question boxes, in which members will be permitted to ask questions relative to the business, will be the feature of the annual meeting of the Mid-West Implement Dealers Association, which will be held in Omaha January 8-10. A committee will have this department in charge and urge all members who attend to come prepared to fill the box.

The show to be held in connection with the meeting will be another big feature. The show promises to be more pretentious than ever. Practically all the space has been disposed of and the exhibitors are arranging many novel and interesting exhibits. The program, which includes many national speakers, will be sent to members soon.

WASHINGTON LETTER

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL
Events of Interest from the Seat of Government
(United States Press Association)

Washington, D. C., December 24.

All Aboard for the Parcel Post

All the big and little officials of the Postoffice Department, from chief General Hitchcock down to the division superintendents, and "Constables", who hold commissions as inspectors, have told the postmasters of the country just what they are to do, to put the parcel post into operation on the first day of the coming year. The generals are finishing their tasks by securing the publication of their orders, and are as cautious as mayors with public proclamations, that their individual names are not overlooked, when it comes to setting the type. The postal army is ready for the attack, and indications are that the new scheme will work smoothly. A comparison of the zone rates indicates that for all except short hauls on packages of any size, that the express companies still offer cheaper rates than the postoffice, though for short distance postoffice charges are less. Advocates of the parcel post, who have been fighting for years, are accepting the new scheme as an entering wedge, but the fight for an unlimited parcel post, without zones, and with a common rate everywhere, is being carried on in Washington with undiminished energy.

The President of the Senate

Two years ago the senate was deadlocked, and no president of the body was chosen. Then Vice President Sherman was on hand, and there really was no urgency over the matter. But with the death of the Vice President someone must act in order that measures may be signed, etc. Senator Gallinger was chosen by the caucus two years ago, but the progressives have succeeded in preventing his election. It is agreed that Mr. Gallinger may fill the place one-half the time, and Senator Bacon the other half. The two men have shiny bald heads, and look very much alike, and one has to look twice to discover which is which in the chair. The democrats will settle the question after March 4th.

Chief of the "Close Friend" Set

Every time there is a big vacancy in the government, the eastern papers announce that "John Hays Hammond is mentioned," and this was the case the last time the day following the death of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid. But up to date, in four years, Mr. Hammond has pulled off only the stunt of being special ambassador to the coronation of the king of England, and in signing the lists of contributions to republican campaign funds close to the top. As "the close friend of the president," Mr. Hammond has basked for four blessed years in the executive sunshine, and traveled the golf links over a distance of several thousand miles. The net result is that by the time two-thirds of this long name is pronounced people usually smile. The private tussled gentlemen of the White House will choose a new chief on March 4, and it is predicted that the mining engineer will be supplanted by a college professor.

Want the Liberty Bell

The descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence met a few days ago in the national capital, and unanimously registered their protest against the Liberty Bell being moved to the San Francisco Exposition, on the ground that the western dust and salt air, together with the racking incident to travel, would be an injury to the relic. Meanwhile the Californians, having arranged a petition, signed by school children whose signatures reach out for miles, and by mostly everybody else in California, are pulling every string with the officials of Philadelphia and of the state of Pennsylvania to get favorable action. The congressmen at Washington are being importuned constantly to intercede.

The President in Panama

President Taft and party are off for Panama. As well as Mr. Taft likes Washington, and with only a few weeks more to stay, he could not withstand the delights of Panama. The president was often called "the traveling man of the Roosevelt administration," but during his own term of office he has not delegated the job to any of his subordinates. In the business of his heart he felt that Governor Wilson ought also to enjoy Panama, and offered a warship to the incoming president for that purpose. The world's finest and most instructive trip is drawing people by the thousands, and the Hamburg-American line has pressed some of its best ships into service. According to the recent message of the president to congress 87 per cent of the excavation work at Panama has been completed, and 93 per cent of the concrete of all the locks is in place. In a few months the bed of the canal will be simply a basin of water, stretching the expanse between the oceans, and the army of workmen will disappear. A great many congressmen are spending Christmas at Panama with their families.

No More Dead Letter Sales

It has been the custom for many years for the Post Office Department to collect all the unclaimed packages from the Dead Letter office and hold an auction. Different packages were listed in a printed book, and a brief description of the contents was given, then the auctioneer, without allowing examination, called for bids, and the person making the highest offer secured the mysterious package. Sales have always been well attended, and some of the purchases proved to be bargains, while others were a perfect hoax. This year the merchants of Washington protested vigorously,

and the matter was taken to the attorney general, who after a careful investigation, called the sale a lottery, and it was declared off on the very morning it was scheduled to occur. There were 35,000 packages listed.

Short Cut to Equal Suffrage

Congressman French of Idaho proposes in a bill recently introduced, that the right of all women possessing the qualifications of age, residence, property, or education, required of men to make them legal voters, be extended to women in all states of the union, at all elections for members of the House of Representatives. Mr. French's idea is that as congressmen are purely federal officials congress has the power to give the ballot to women in their election.

Government Reclamation Work

The reclamation fund has amounted to \$100,000,000, and the receipts from the sale of public lands is constantly adding to the amount. The Secretary of the Interior says that in the government work, great care is exercised to have plenty of water to supply settlers at all times, while there is great risk on many private enterprises of an insufficient water supply during dry seasons. Uncle Sam is delivering water on different projects to more than 14,000 farms.

The House of Representatives did rather an unusual thing in ousting Representative Bowman, republican, who has held the seat as a member from Pennsylvania for two years, and then refusing to admit George R. McLean, his democratic opponent. Both men were held guilty of spending money beyond the limit, thus exceeding the speed limit prescribed by the corrupt practice act. A two million dollar memorial to Abraham Lincoln has been assured by the action of the senate, in approving the recommendations of the Lincoln Memorial Commission. It will be erected in close proximity to the great Washington monument in the national capital.

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A CORRECTION

In the page article with map on page nine in the last issue of The Herald the name of F. W. Harris as one of the members of the Alliance school board was omitted by mistake.

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BUSINESS COURSE APPROVED BY BOARD

The article in The Herald last week regarding the establishment of a business and commercial course department in the Alliance City schools has met with the instant approval of the school board. The board had considered the proposition a year ago but on account of lack of space and funds the new department was not established at that time.

This course should be a part of the high school. The board would like to have the new building made large enough to accommodate the eighth grade, which is now taken care of in the high school building. This would give enough additional room in the high school building to care for the business department. The board would also like to establish an agricultural department with a teacher for twelve months every year. This department would be of great value to the entire western end of Nebraska and problems peculiar to this end of the state could be worked out under the direction of the expert to be hired.

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NEBRASKA FAIR ASSOCIATIONS MEET AT LINCOLN JAN. 21

The State Association of County and District Fairs holds its annual meeting at Lincoln on January 21st in connection with the meeting of Organized Agriculture. This association is composed of representatives from all the county fairs in Nebraska, now numbering fifty-four, these being also affiliated with the state fair. This annual conference of fair officials is doing much to establish uniformity in agricultural exhibits in the counties and to encourage better farming through the stimulus of healthy competition.

These county fair associations and county agricultural societies also have a direct connection with the State Board of Agriculture, which body is made up of members elected from the various local county societies. The present organization of the State Board of Agriculture is fixed by statute and consists of 29 members elected by the county societies as follows: 5 from the first congressional district, 3 from the second, 5 from the third, 5 from the fourth, 5 from the fifth, and 5 from the sixth.

State meetings of twenty-two agricultural societies will occur in Lincoln during the week of Jan. 20-24, and the big apple show and corn show will feature two of Nebraska's most profitable products.

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NEBRASKA STATISTICS PUT STATE IN HIGH RANK

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 25—Though tenth in population among the twelve states of the Middle West, which include Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, the Dakotas, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota, Nebraska is third in number of cattle, fifth in number of swine, fourth in wheat production, fifth in corn production and sixth in oat production. These facts were made public by S. C. Bassett of Gibson, in an address on Nebraska's rank, made before the Nebraska Farmers' Congress in Omaha last week.

In comparison with the United States in total population, rural population and area, Mr. Bassett offered these figures:

Nebraska has 1.3 per cent of total population, .7 per cent of the rural population and 2.5 per cent of the land area, yet Nebraska produces 7 per cent of the corn, 7 per cent of the wheat and 5 per cent of the oats.

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