

BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

MELLOR, DEFEATED SECRETARY, HAD SERVED ELEVEN YEARS.

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
W. R. Mellor, secretary of the Nebraska state board of agriculture, for the last eleven years, was defeated for re-election at the meeting of the board at the state farm Wednesday morning. The vote stood 42 to 28. E. R. Danielson of Osceola succeeded him.

All the other old officers were nominated and elected by acclamation. They were: J. A. Ollis, of Ord, president; R. M. Wolcott, of Central City, first vice president; J. F. McArdle, of Omaha, second vice president; Jacob Saxe, of Chalco, treasurer.

Against the protest of Mellor after his defeat, and on the recommendation of Danielson, the secretary was removed from a vote on the board of



J. A. OLLIS

of Ord, member of the House from the 56th District, who was re-elected president of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture.

directors. E. R. Purcell was put on in place of the secretary. On the directorate are now the president, vice presidents and George Jackson, of Nelson, and Charles Graff, of Bancroft, both re-elected.

W. C. Caley, of Creighton, replaced Danielson, who the past year was on the board of directors.

To Amend Corrupt Practices Act

Representative Lloyd C. Thomas, who looks after the interests of the people of Box Butte and Sheridan counties, and who is a newspaper man, has an amendment to the corrupt practices act that he will push. Under the present law a candidate need not include newspaper and periodical travel and personal expenses, but he must include all other expenditures, including newspaper and periodical advertising. The exception in the present law reads: "Provided that money expended by any candidate for his necessary personal expenses incurred for himself alone, for travel and subsistence, for stationery and postage, for writing or printing and distributing letters, circulars and posters, and for telegraph and telephone service shall not be regarded as an expenditure within the meaning of this section and shall not be considered as any part of the sum herein fixed as the limit of expenses and need not be shown in the statement herein required to be filed."

Mr. Thomas cannot see why no restrictions should be placed on the printing bills of a candidate and yet the amount of his advertising be limited. For a candidate for a state office the limitation is around \$1,100. To secure insertion of a five-inch advertisement one time in all the newspapers of the state would cost between \$500 and \$500.

With the meeting of the Nebraska horse breeders' association as an opener, the sixteenth annual week of organized agriculture began at the university farm Monday afternoon. The attendance was the largest of opening meetings in the history of this event, over 350 persons being present.

Sheridan County Farmers in Lincoln

Sheridan county farmers and business men, 170 strong, arrived in Lincoln on a Northwestern special train Monday evening, while a crowd of Lincoln people cheered and welcomed them to the city. The big delegation who were here to attend the sessions of organized agriculture, occupied half a dozen coaches, with a carload of baggage, and made the long trip from the far northwestern corner of the state in about twenty-two hours' time, leaving Rushville at 8 o'clock Sunday night.

Would Condense the Ballot

A shorter ballot in voting for presidential candidates in Nebraska will be proposed in a bill to be introduced before the close of the session by Senator James W. Hammond, of Furnas. The senator is a practical printer and editor of the Cambridge, Neb., Clarion, and represents Gosper, Phelps, Furnas and Harlan counties in the Nebraska senate. The bill will still leave the names of the electors and the presidential and vice presidential candidates on the ballot, but in a much more condensed form.

STUDENTS AGAINST IT

Start Fight Against Compulsory Drill at University

A merry battle against compulsory drill at the university is promised in the organization of a group of pacifist students, who are determined to secure from the legislature a law making drill entirely voluntary, or to submit the question to a vote of the people by the initiative and referendum. C. A. Sorenson, secretary of the legislative reference bureau, an alumnus, and Anton H. Jensen, a senior student from Blair, are the principal agitators. Jensen being president of the organization. Manfred Lilliefors and Wahlfred Jacobsen, both from Omaha, are important members. They declare that the university has no right to force military conscription upon students, and they declare the only purpose of the drill is to make military propagandists.

Adjutant General Appeals for Funds

Adjutant General Phil Hall, of the Nebraska national guard, has mailed from his headquarters at Fort Crook to the chairmen of the finance, ways and means committees of both houses at Lincoln, an exhaustive biennial report and recommendations for the future of the state militia.

In this report is included an appeal for additional funds "in order that this state may meet the requirements of the federal act that will make the national guard a part of the national defense as well as a protection to the people of this state against riots and unforeseen calamities." The appropriations urged upon the legislature are itemized as follows:

Adjutant general's salary, 2 yrs.	\$4,800
Asst. adjutant general's salary	3,600
Chief quartermaster	2,400
Assistant quartermaster	2,000
Stenographer	1,920
Caretaker of rifle range	1,920
Office expense	5,000
Armory rental, lockers and equipment	50,000
Support of national guard	75,000
Promotion of rifle practice	10,000
Aviation	5,000
Gun shed	2,000
Total	\$164,140

Must Be Co-operation

In his address on "Some Marketing Problems for the Nebraska Farmer," before the three hundred and fifty farmers attending the Wednesday morning session of the Corn Improvers' association at the state farm, Prof. C. W. Pugsley of the extension service said that the problem of distribution was the problem demanding the attention of the Nebraska farmer today. His solution for the problem was the individual support of the farmer and the community. The distribution problem cannot be solved by consumers and producers individually, but must be done in the spirit of co-operation.

Opening Attendance Breaks Record

All attendance records at previous opening sessions of Organized Agriculture week at the university farm were shattered Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, 1917 opening days of this event. Between 800 and 1,000 men and women, most of them out-of-town visitors, invaded the university farm Tuesday morning.

Even standing room was not available at the first session of the Nebraska Corn Improvers' Association in the Plant Industry building, and an overflow crowd extended into the corridor. It is estimated that between 400 and 500 men attending this meeting.

Mayfield is Confirmed

The senate confirmed Governor Neville's nomination of Eugene O. Mayfield of Omaha to succeed Judge Howard Kennedy as a member of the state board of control next July. By a vote of 12 to 29, with one absent, the senate defeated a motion by Sandall of York to defer action one week and to appoint a committee of five to investigate and report. By a vote of 30 to 2 the nomination was confirmed.

Dedicate New Dairy Building

The modern dairy building on the university farm campus, just completed at a cost of \$200,000, was formally dedicated Wednesday night when regents of the university, Chancellor Avery and members of the faculty received several hundred Nebraskans in attendance at the sessions of organized agriculture.

The Dry Federation Bill

The amended dry federation bill, drafted by W. H. Thompson's committee, was introduced in the senate Wednesday morning under the names of Beal, Chappell and Sandall. This was for the purpose of getting it before Senator Beal's prohibition committee along with other proposed dry measures, to be disposed of as the committee sees fit. The amended bill allows the consumption of liquor in the home within limits, and relieves some of the responsibilities from the druggists of the state.

Fish for the Bill of Fare

Fish to cut the cost of living, no fish to tempt the sporty angler's eye, is the utilitarian idea of State Fish Commissioner O'Brien, in his annual report to Governor Neville. He appeals to be allowed to stock the shallow and marshy waters of Nebraska with German carp, instead of trying in vain to get bass and fancy breeds to thrive there. The sportsman would protest, he says, but the man who can't afford porterhouse would welcome the suggestion. More crappies and more yellow bullheads is his idea.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- Feb. 6-7.—Nebraska Association of Thermen Annual Meeting at Lincoln.
- Feb. 6-7.—Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers' Association Convention at Omaha.
- Feb. 7-8-9.—Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' Association Convention at Omaha.
- February 15.—State Volleyball Contest at York.
- February 20-21.—Nebraska Clothiers Association Meeting at Omaha.
- Feb. 26 to March 3.—Omaha Automobile Show.
- March 5 to 10.—First Annual Auto Show at Lincoln.
- March 6 to 10.—Mid-West Cement Show and Convention at Omaha.
- March 12-17.—Annual Merchants' Market Week at Omaha.
- March 18.—District Meeting of Odd Fellows at North Platte.

Holt county hay dealers and shippers are up in arms because of their inability to secure enough cars from the several railroads to take care of all of their contracts. Matters reached a crisis when Frank Vana, heavy shipper of O'Neill, filed an action in the district court to mandamus the Burlington to furnish him cars at O'Neill and Hay Point. Hundreds of tons of hay now are stacked up along the right-of-way at these two and other heavy hay shipping points in the county. General car shortage is the reason offered by the roads for not furnishing cars. An average of about thirty cars a day now is being shipped from Holt county points. More than 8,000 cars, or 80,000 tons, of hay were shipped from Stuart, Atkinson, Emmet, O'Neill, Inman, Stafford Wing, Page and Hay Point, the hay stations of the county, last year. The amount will be almost doubled this year. O'Neill and Inman are the two second largest hay shipping points in the United States, Newport, Neb., being the largest.

Preparations are being made by North Platte Odd Fellows to entertain the lodges of western Nebraska on March 18. At that time several hundred Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from all over the western part of the state will visit North Platte. Frank L. Gandy of Denver, grand sire of the world organization and executive head of 2,683,000 Odd Fellows, will be the guest of honor.

More sidewalks, paving and organization of a community center are to be pushed this year by the Crete Commercial club, according to action taken at the annual banquet. The club now has over 100 members.

The Grand Island brewery will make near-beer after May 1, according to the recent decision of the directors. Henry Faldorffs and Richard Goehring succeeded Martin Schimer and Henry Voss to the directorate.

A wolf hunt was held near Avoca a few days ago and two wolves were killed; several escaped. A scope of country five miles square was taken in by the hunters and over 200 men participated in the roundup.

Plans have been perfected for the construction of a new five-story hotel at Kearney, to cost at least \$150,000, and modern in every particular. Work on the building will begin early next spring.

Carl Schroeder near Avoca is the owner of a full-blooded pig with six legs. It was born last September and is strong and healthy. The pig is on exhibition at the Schroeder farm.

Judge W. V. Allen spoke at a public reception and banquet which Madison citizens held to celebrate the return of Company H. Whistles blew and bells rang to compete the welcome.

Choice lambs or the South Omaha market reached the unprecedented price of \$13.90 per 100 pounds last week. This is the highest price ever paid on that market.

Seventy-six thousand dollars is the amount the York county board of supervisors estimate it will take to pay all expenses of the county for the year 1918.

A new potash company, with a paid-up capital of \$100,000, has been formed to operate another plant in the vicinity of Alliance. Beginning with May 1, 1917, the town of Seward will have free delivery of mail.

There is close to 150,000 bushels of wheat stored in elevators and temporary bins at Kenesaw. Much of the grain has been on hand for months with no cars or at best one occasionally available for shipment. Several carloads of grain have been hauled overland to other railroad points, where cars can be had.

Charles Peters, one of the pioneer settlers of Stanton county, aged 80 years, was struck by a westbound Northwestern passenger train at Stanton and instantly killed.

Plans are being perfected to provide Lincoln with two new, modern hotels. Stock for a new hostelry to be built at Fourteenth and P streets, to cost around \$800,000 and to be twelve stories high, was put on sale a few days ago. A second new hotel to cost \$1,000,000 will be built two blocks south of O street, near Fourteenth, it is said.

The report of the manager of the Farmers' elevator at Petersburg showed net profits of \$6,700 and 250,000 bushels of corn, wheat, oats, rye and barley handled.

Within a very few years it is believed that most of the ambitious projects now supported by the Nebraska State Irrigation association will be realized in fact. Resolutions adopted at the meeting held in Bridgeport early in December embrace four projects, all of which either have been or will be initiated in congress this session by the introduction of bills. The state association adopted resolutions, which were forwarded to all members of the Nebraska delegation, urging an extension of the North Platte project to cover the Bridgeport unit, the construction of a school at Scottsbluff for agricultural, irrigation and mechanic arts education in connection with the experimental station there, an appropriation for the proposed irrigation project in Gosper, Phelps and Kearney counties and a law giving purchasers of water on the old canals along the North Platte river twenty years instead of ten in which to pay for their water.

The Bratton Union consolidated school, which is situated eight miles north of Humboldt in Richardson county, is now open and school is being held daily. The building is a modern brick structure, well equipped and lighted. The school opened on January 8, with an enrollment of seventy-one. Twenty-three are in the high school, twenty-eight in the grammar and intermediate room and twenty in the primary room. These pupils live on twenty sections surrounding the school house. The school is to be a social center, it having two rooms which can be thrown together. Two farmers' unions which met in school houses have united and meet at the Bratton school. The combined organization promises to be one of the largest in the state. Leaders have been appointed to develop junior organizations. A short course from the extension department of the University of Nebraska will be held in the building following the week beginning February 5.

The Omaha Commercial club is exceedingly interested in a bill before the legislature at Lincoln which is aimed to declare pipe lines common carriers, in view of the possibility of establishing a pipe line between the Wyoming oil fields and Omaha, and more particularly interested in the possibilities of piping oil to Omaha from Chadron, where some recent oil discoveries have been made.

Announcement was made recently that a new corporation has been formed to operate another potash plant in the vicinity of Alliance. This concern begins with a paid-up capital of \$100,000, all of which has been subscribed and paid up. It is understood that the stockholders are all Nebraskans, some of them being local capitalists in Alliance.

Louis Assman, charged with the robbery of the Winslow bank, was convicted of the crime by a jury at Fremont and was sentenced to the penitentiary for three to fifteen years. Thomas Calcord, charged jointly with Assman in the bank robbery, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to from three to ten years by District Judge Button.

Cleora Allen, a conductor of Sidney, and Otto B. Jones, brakeman, of Cheyenne, Wyo., were shot and killed near Kimball by a man who was stealing a ride on a Union Pacific train. A. E. Carroll is the name given by the alleged slayer, who is being held at Kimball on a charge of murder.

The Hamilton County Farmers' Telephone association held its annual meeting at Aurora. Reports submitted show more than \$45,000 was the earnings of the company during the past year. This company is the largest mutual telephone association in the state.

Efforts will be made by the Omaha Christian Endeavor union to have the Omaha Commercial club guarantee the \$15,000 necessary to secure the 1919 biennial convention of the International Christian Endeavor association for Omaha, according to S. C. Wigg, president of the union.

February 6 to 9 are the dates set for the annual meeting of the Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers' association, which is to be held in Omaha. A number of important topics will be up for discussion at this meeting and an unusual large delegation is anticipated.

H. O. Waldon and G. F. Dunn of De Witt, who left a few days ago for Wisconsin, have purchased two carloads of fine Holstein cattle, which they will ship to the De Witt vicinity the first of next week.

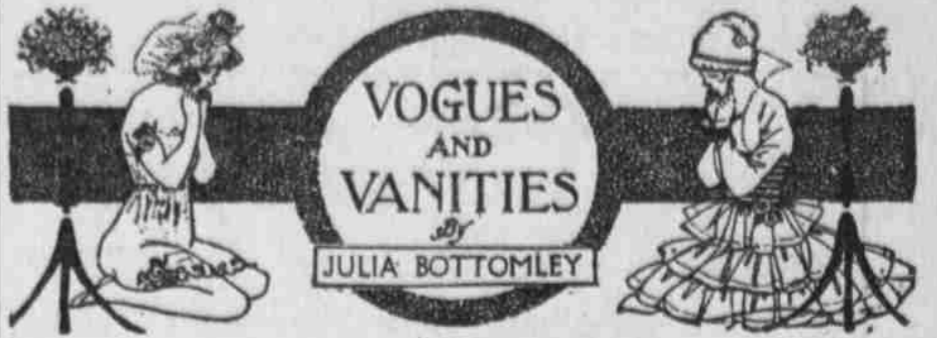
The manufacturing campaign of the American Beet Sugar company at Grand Island has closed after a run of one hundred and one days. A total of 8,500,000 pounds of sugar were produced. During the coming summer months the work of remodeling, only partly done during 1916, will be completed.

Fairbury is to have a new \$100,000 hotel. A syndicate of Fairbury capitalists has been formed to finance the project. Work on the structure will commence early next spring.

Charles Sherman, aged 40, and his father, Samuel Sherman, were instantly killed and two other men were injured when an automobile in which they were riding, turned over near Grand Island.

A religious survey just taken of Norfolk indicates that the population of the city is something under 8,000, of whom there are 2,300 who have church affiliations.

J. B. Douglas of Tecumseh is a candidate for the appointment as a director of the federal farm loan board for the Omaha district.



Whatever You Will in Coiffures.

Just at present, coiffures are almost as diversified as heads. In the matter of hair dressing there are no styles that govern and about everything is left to individual taste. The hair dresser asks you what you will have, and is prepared to execute any sort of order, even to bobbing off half your locks and curling what is left of them. He is not arbitrary about a single thing, but is insistent that waved hair is better than straight hair, no matter what style you may elect to make your own.

Young women like the style in which the hair is combed back off the forehead so well that they are reluctant to part with it. It is still a favorite. But it is much less becoming than waves or curls about the face, and newer coiffures insist upon covering at least a portion of the forehead. All of them present waved hair as an essential feature and all of them are exquisitely neat.

A coiffure for evening dress is shown in the picture, with the hair parted a little to one side and waved. Only half of the forehead is uncovered and the waved hair almost covers the ears. There is a fad for turning the ends of the hair under and pinning them in

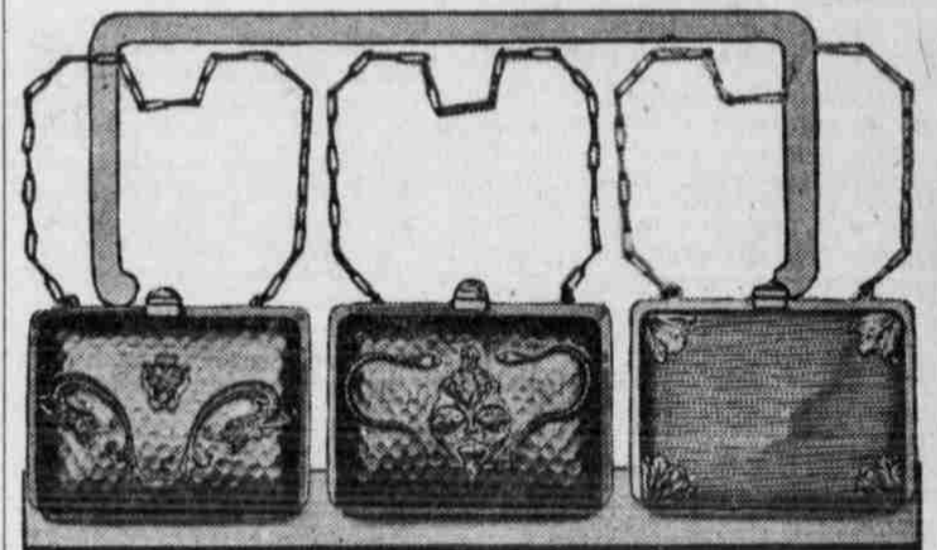
without coiling them into a knot or making them into puffs. This is not so easy to do if the hair is long. The ends are usually disposed of in a knot at the top of the crown, as in the coiffure pictured.

Not many hair ornaments, except combs, are worn; but in this as in coiffures, the individual may please herself. Some of the smartest women have worn a single soft feather, held by a brilliant ornament, in the hair at the opera.

Artificial Flowers.

Hortense is very fond of the present artificial flower bud, which she says is "so Frenchy." Possibly never before have artificial flowers had such a vogue as they have just now, and a small corsage flower is one of the best means to giving color to a dark street frock or suit.

There are bunches of tiny flowers in brilliant red that are very good. There are bouquets consisting of a rosebud, a few forget-me-nots and a sprig or two of green that are good. Then there are nasturtiums, poppies and many other flowers in their own natural, rich coloring.—Paris Correspondence.



Three Pretty Vanity Cases.

Vanity bags bob up or dangle in the most unexpected places. They swing from umbrella handles and from fans—they are concealed in shopping and party bags, and are even suspended from pretty garters. But vanity cases are frankly carried in the hand and hold, in the most compact arrangement, all the aids needed in emergency cases of beauty in distress. They also accommodate small coins—in case they are wanted.

In the illustration three cases made of German silver are selected from an array of many different patterns. There are perfectly plain cases with polished surface and others with satin finish, but, in the long run, the fancier cases look better than the plain ones. In the case at the left, two uncompromising dragons, rampant against a field of hammered silver, show a disposition to swallow everything inside and out of the strong-looking case. But there is a small "watchdog of the treasury" represented as on guard, between them.

In the case at the right, the decoration is much simpler. Parallel lines across the back, with a leaf motif at each corner, are sufficient for this quiet design. The center case is made interesting by a device that suggests an old adage. We may infer that the

two serpents on it typify evil, and "the love of money"—but you know the rest. A Chinese mask, between the serpents, grins unmoved by anything outside of the case—knowing what is within.

Boots for the Street.

One sees the most frivolous dancing boots, high of heel and paper thin of sole with street tailored garb for shopping and runabout wear in town; but such boots are not correct according to the canons of conventionality. Pretty boots of bronze or light-colored glazed kid are intended for formal wear with dancing or reception frock when one travels by limousine or brougham; the walking costume in tailored style demands a smart walking boot with long, slender lines and heel, high perhaps, but not too curved for comfort.

Box Plaits Even on Sleeves.

The tendency toward box or other plaits is very well expressed on the sleeves. A customary form is a box plait reaching from the shoulder to the cuff. Or again the fullness of the sleeve may be gathered or plaited at the upper part of the armhole and the sleeves cut in such a manner that these plaits or gathers are smoothed out at the wrist. Plaits, sometimes, begin from the elbow down.