

NEBRASKA NEWS

SECRETARY OF STATE JUNKIN CALLS DOWN STATE BUYERS.

BILLS CONTRARY TO RULES

Finds That a Number of Vouchers Issued By Heads of Institutions Do Not Cover Conditions and Sends Them Back.

Secretary of State Junkin has found that heads of state institutions are buying goods not contracted for, goods in excess of permits issued, and goods that are neither contracted for nor covered by a permit. He has sent back a lot of vouchers for correction in this account. This will serve as a reminder that the state board of public lands and buildings means what it says when it adopts rules governing the purchase of goods for the state.

The secretary of state has notified Superintendent Sherman of the school for boys at Kearney that hereafter he must state in his vouchers for traveling expenses the mission on which he traveled. Mr. Sherman presented a bill for several trips and accompanying the account were receipts for the funds paid out, but the secretary of state desires to know something about the purpose of the visits and will insist on this in the future.

The institution to which vouchers were returned for correction to comply with contracts and permits were the institute for feeble minded at Beatrice, Hastings hospital, Lincoln hospital for the insane, school for boys at Kearney, soldiers' and sailors' homes at Grand Island and Milford the industrial school for women at Milford, home for the friendless and orthopedic hospital at Lincoln. From one to ten vouchers for each institution were found incorrect.

Governor Will Quarantine.

Governor Sheldon has decided to issue a quarantine proclamation in cooperation with the government quarantine to go into effect December 1. The government inspectors will act at state inspectors and the expense of their work will fall upon the government. The same rules that apply in the government quarantine will apply in the state of Nebraska. The proclamation will be issued before Saturday evening. The western part of the state is now under government quarantine. Under the governor's proclamation as it will be operated, inspected cattle will be given a clean bill of health while those that are not inspected will have to go to the quarantine pens. This will give those who have been asking for a proclamation what they want and will leave those who oppose it just where they are in respect to a bill of health for their cattle.

McBrien Discharges His Wife.

State Superintendent J. L. McBrien has discharged his wife from his office force and has told why he employed her. This announcement follows close onto the publication of a list of officers at the state house who employ relatives. Mr. McBrien's explanation and action in this case has caused many eyes to be cast in the direction of Land Commissioner Eaton, State Veterinarian C. A. McKim and Chief Game Warden Carter, all of whom have their wives on the state pay roll, and to other state officers and heads of departments who belong to what has been termed the amalgamated association of husbands, wives and sons and daughters of protection.

Free High School Ruling.

State Superintendent McBrien has ruled in regard to attendance of non-resident pupils under the free high school law that if a pupil is in attendance but one day in any one week, he shall be counted as belonging to the school for that week, and that on such non-resident attendance the public school district, where such pupil so attends, will be entitled to draw 75 cents per week high school tuition therefore as provided for by law. On the other hand he holds that where a non-resident pupil fails to attend a single day in any one week the public school district will not be entitled to any tuition for that week's non-attendance.

Harris' Record Unique.

According to statistics gathered on the last election R. Clement Harris of Fairbury is the only candidate in the state of Nebraska who ran against a woman this year and defeated her. Harris was a candidate for superintendent of public instruction of Jefferson county on the republican ticket. He defeated Mrs. Olive W. True, the democratic nominee, by a majority of 161.

DEATH OF WILLIAM H. LOWE.

One of First Pioneers of State Dead at Nebraska City.

William H. Lowe, who was one of the best known pioneers of Nebraska and one of its very first settlers, died Wednesday at the home of his daughter, in Nebraska City, from a complication of diseases incident to old age. Mr. Lowe was born in Michigan January 1, 1829, in what was then a wilderness and shortly after his father removed to Indiana, from thence to Illinois and shortly afterward to Missouri, landing in Aachinson county in 1847. That year Mr. Lowe enlisted in the United States army in what was known as the Oregon battalion, expecting to be sent to Mexico to see active service, but instead, was sent to the frontier, the company coming to old Fort Kearney, which is now Nebraska City, where he remained for a month and then was discharged and then for a short time herded cattle for the government. He returned to Missouri for a short stay and in 1855 came to Otoe county.

Uniform Telegraph Rates.

There is a well defined opinion at the state house that the railway commission believes it has been bunched into giving permission to telephone companies to change rates and that changes have been desired by the companies merely to drive out competition. The commission feels so strongly upon the subject that it is likely that some subject may be taken to open up the telephone rate question for the purpose of establishing uniform long distance rates throughout the state. Different rates are charged in different localities, although all telephone companies are said to establish rates on air line mileage. This would mean uniformity, but it is alleged there is no uniformity. Attorney W. W. Morsman of the Nebraska Telephone company contends that the commission has no rate making powers as applied to telephone companies, but he admits the companies must file changes in rates with the commissions.

Elk Creek Boy Insane.

LeRoy Stanton, the nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stanton, who live near Elk Creek, has been adjudged insane, and the boy's father and Sheriff H. U. Miner took him to the asylum at Lincoln for treatment. It seems the young man's mind has been affected for some time, and the tragic death of the threshermen, O. A. Geil, Roy Carmine and August Seeman, not far from where he lived on September 12, 1906, seemed to weigh heavily upon his mind at times. The men went under a threshing machine to escape a rain storm and lightning struck the machine and killed them. Young Stanton, in times of his most pronounced dementia, has insisted on going to the train at Elk Creek to meet the men whom he seemed to believe were away and were coming back.

Registration of Automobiles.

Secretary of State Junkin has announced that all members of registration of motor vehicles issued from his office prior to January 1, 1907, from number 1 to number 1,087, inclusive, which have not been re-registered as required by section 141, chapter 78, compiled statutes of Nebraska, for 1907, will be subject to cancellation on and after January 1, 1908. All registrations made in 1907, beginning with number 1,088 must be re-registered on the corresponding day and date in 1908. The registration fee is \$1. Blanks can be obtained from the secretary of state.

Mail Clerk Badly Hurt.

Mail Clerk T. E. Burg, running between Omaha and Kearney on the Union Pacific met with a painful accident Tuesday night, stepping off the mail truck but as he did so the truck was moved and he missed his footing and fell to the ground. In falling, his foot was doubled under his body in such a manner that the ligaments were torn. Dr. Hoover was called and bandaged the injured member. The doctor advised Burg to take the first train for home as he would, no doubt, be laid up for some time.

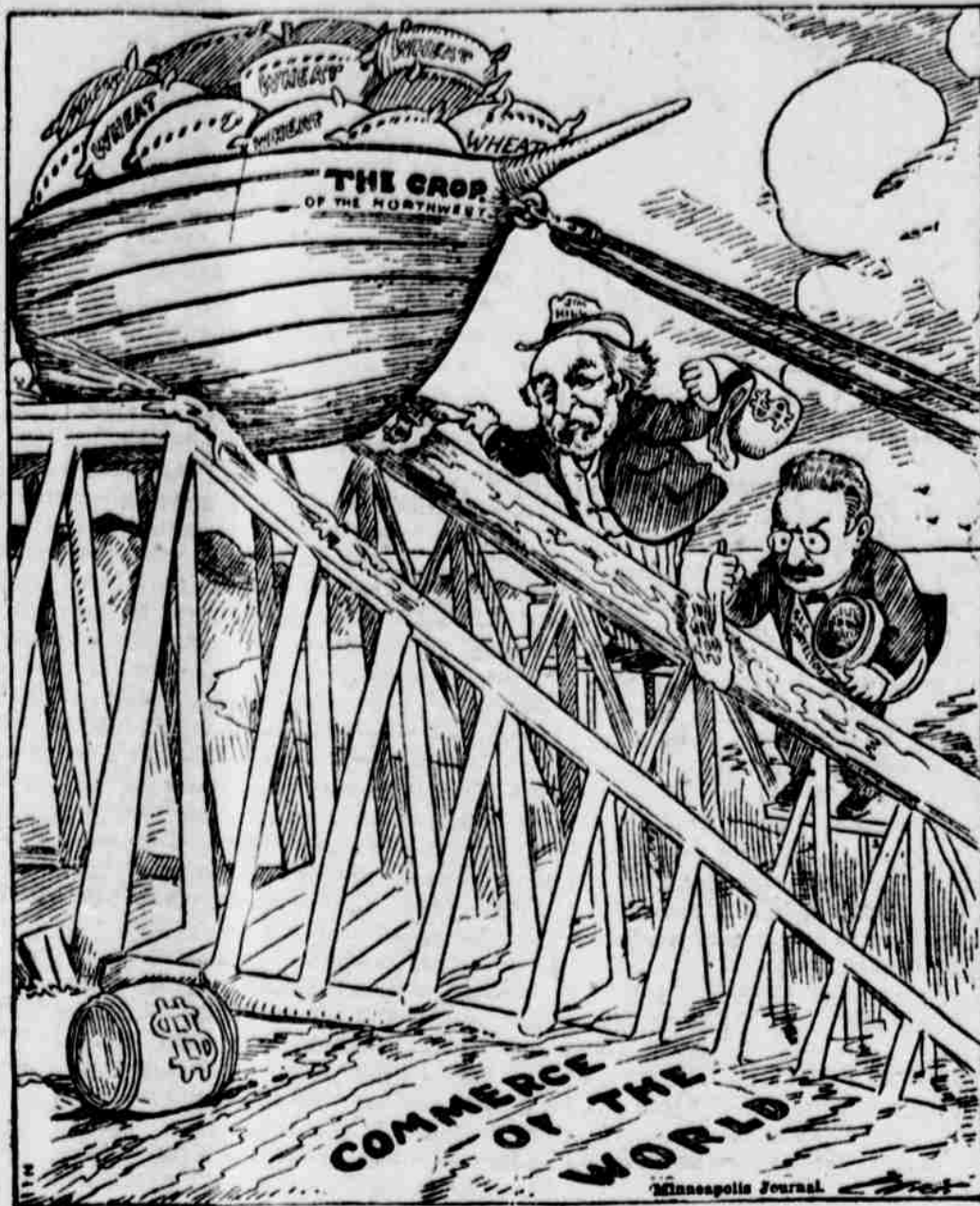
Death Warrant.

A death warrant, prepared by Deputy Clerk Victor Seymour of the supreme court, has been sent to Warden A. D. Beemer of the penitentiary. It directs him to hang Harrison Clarke, December 13, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 3 p. m., and was prepared in accordance with the decision of the court. The document recites the record of the case from the trial and sentence by the district court of Omaha, affirmation by the supreme court and denial of a motion for a rehearing and other facts that appear in the record. Unless Governor Sheldon interposes, the death sentence will be carried out.

After a Fire or Wind

Loss you need the money. Friends may sympathize but if you want a company which pays cash try the Farmers and Merchants Ins. Co., established since 1855. Over a million dollars already paid to patrons.

GREASING THE WAYS.



She starts, she moves, she seems to feel The thrill of life along her keel.

MR. BRYAN WOULD ACCEPT

States, However, He Would Make no Fight for Nomination.

Thinks He Owes it to His Party Associates to Make His Position Known.

Lincoln, Neb.—William J. Bryan will accept the democratic nomination for president in 1908, but he will neither ask nor make a fight for it. He says that for a year or more he has been pressed to answer the question, "Will you accept nomination?" and he believes the public is entitled to an answer and to know the position he occupies. The question that ought to weigh most, he says, is whether his nomination will strengthen the democratic party more than the nomination of some one else. Not only will he not seek or ask for the nomination, but he will not assume to decide the question of availability and if the prize falls to another, he will neither be disappointed nor disgruntled. At the same time, he denies that he has waited this long in a desire to see whom the republicans are likely to nominate or to ascertain the chances of victory.

Opened Russian Parliament.

St. Petersburg.—The third Russian parliament, elected finally to the czar's satisfaction, was opened in the Tauride palace at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, in the presence of Premier Stolypin and the cabinet, by M. Golubeff, vice president of the council of the empire. The religious service preceding the opening was conducted by the Metropolitan Antonius and a large number of bishops and other high ecclesiastics, and was made the occasion for a great display of patriotic enthusiasm on the part of the conservative and moderate members. The emperor was vigorously cheered.

Start Co-Operation Reform.

Baton Rouge, La.—Corporation reform through the extra session of the general assembly Tuesday, when the proposed new laws were favorably reported to the state senate. Expulsion from the state of foreign corporations which carry state cases to the federal courts and increased powers for the state railroad commission were the measures reported. One of the bills provides that no court shall have power to suspend by injunction the railroad commission's orders until final argument is rendered.

Banquet for German Visitors.

Windsor, England.—In the historic hall of St. George at Windsor castle, King Edward and Queen Alexandra gave a state banquet Tuesday evening in honor of their German visitors. The hall, which for centuries has been associated with the order of the garter, was decorated with the banners of the principal knights of the order, while the tables were adorned with the famous golden plate, one of the great heirlooms of the sovereigns of England.

Small Investor Buying.

New York.—Never in the history of Wall street has there been such enormous purchases of securities by investors in odd lots and the transfer books of railroad and industrial corporations show a record-breaking number of new share holders.

SHELLS TO COST \$3,000,000.

Thirteen-Inch Armor Piercing Projectiles Cost \$325 Each—Same Grade for Target Practice \$99.50.

Washington.—Bids were opened at the ordinance bureau of the navy department Wednesday for furnishing \$3,000,000 worth of target, common and armor piercing shells, the various proportions of each class being 26,000 target shells, 2,000 common shells and 62,800 armor piercing shells.

For furnishing target shells, the lowest bidders were: 300 13-inch, the Bethlehem company at \$99.50; 1,000 12-inch and 2,000 8-inch, the Firth Sterling company at \$81.50 and \$31.75, respectively; 1,000 7-inch, the E. W. Bliss and Bethlehem companies each \$21.50; 5,000 6-inch, 1,000 5-inch 60 pounders, 1,000 5-inch 50 pounders and 15,000 3-inch 50-calibre, the American and British Manufacturing company at \$10.72, \$6.42, \$5.87 and \$1.61 respectively.

For furnishing common shells; 2,000 5-inch 60-pounders, the Bethlehem company at \$7.55, and 50,000 3-inch 50-calibre American and British Manufacturing company at \$2.14.

Armor piercing shells: 300 13-inch, Crucible Steel company, \$325; 4,500 12-inch, Midvale Steel company, \$300; 5,000 8-inch, Bethlehem Steel company, \$94.50; 9,000 7-inch, Midvale Steel company, \$62; 40,000 6-inch Bethlehem Steel company, \$31.25, and 4,000 5-inch 60-pounders, the Bethlehem Steel company, \$20.90.

All of these bids are on the basis of furnishing the entire amount for which proposals were asked.

THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINS.

Why the Motto "In God We Trust" Was Not Placed on the New Gold Coins.

Washington.—In answer to one of the numerous protests which have been received at the White house against the new gold coins which have been coined without the words, "In God We Trust," President Roosevelt has written a letter which he Wednesday made public in which he states that he finds no warrant of law for placing the motto on the coins and adds:

"My own feeling in the matter is due to my very firm conviction that to put such a motto on coins, or to use it in any kindred manner, not only does no good but does positive harm, and in its effect irreverence, which comes dangerously close to sacrilege. A beautiful and solemn sentence such as the one in question should be treated and uttered only with that fine reverence which necessarily implies a certain exaltation of spirit. Any use which tends to cheapen it, and above all, any use which tends to secure its being treated in a spirit of levity, is from every standpoint profoundly to be regretted.

A Seat for Each Passenger.

Atlanta, Ga.—"A common carrier does not fulfill its legal duty until it provides a seat for each passenger," is the decision rendered Friday by the Georgia court of appeals. The decision was rendered in a suit for damages brought against the Georgia Electric and Railway company of Atlanta by Dr. Oscar Lindon, who it is alleged was injured by the sudden starting of a car in which he was standing.

GOING DOUBLE EAGLES

The Mint at Philadelphia Will Turn Out \$52,000,000.

This Shower of Yellow Cash is to Be Distributed to Sub-Treasuries to Relieve Money Stringency.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The United States mint Tuesday delivered \$1,000,000 in gold double eagles to the sub-treasury in this city. It is stated that within the next three months the mint here will coin \$52,000,000 in double eagles.

This enormous amount of gold will be distributed among the sub-treasuries in various parts of the country and will be employed to relieve the money stringency.

The local mint is well equipped to contribute its share of the shower of gold that has begun to fall upon every part of the United States. Many of its employees are working overtime however, it being a nightly occurrence for coin counters, weighers, adjusters and others to work as late as 10 o'clock, the usual hour for quitting work being 4 o'clock.

New machinery has recently been installed in the mint and its efficiency was demonstrated in the operation of the "split collar," a device for putting stars on the edge of the newly-designed eagles. There are 46 stars on the edge of each piece because of the approaching advent of the new state of Oklahoma to the union.

The machinery at the mint is capable of grinding out 4,000 of these pieces in an hour. There is now at the mint enough bullion for the manufacture of \$20,000,000 in double eagles but more bullion from various sources is being diverted to the big institution.

As soon as \$150,000 in half-dollar pieces and a similar amount in quarters are sent out from the mint, within a day or two, the attention of the working force there will be devoted exclusively to the task of meeting the requirement for gold.

Kansas City Promoter Arrested.

Kansas City, Mo.—J. C. Wilson, of 3939 Warwick boulevard, promoter and president of the Interstate Fiscal Agency company, was arrested Thursday afternoon on a federal warrant charging him with using the mails to defraud. The warrant was sworn out by E. L. McKee, postoffice inspector. It stated simply that the Interstate Fiscal Agency company, which is capitalized for \$500,000, represented itself to prospective investors as supported by the Kansas City Life Insurance company.

Low Fares for Oklahoma Monday.

Guthrie, Ok.—In a letter to Henry E. Asp, former chief counsel of the Santa Fe railroad in Oklahoma and Indian territory, received Thursday night, E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe system says: "The Santa Fe will accept the provisions of the Oklahoma constitution and establish a two-cent passenger fare. It will go into effect Monday."

Democratic Caucus Called.

Waco, Tex.—Congressman R. L. Henry, chairman of the democratic caucus of the house of representatives has issued a call for the caucus to assemble in the house November 30 at 5 o'clock. Mr. Henry, in answer to a question, stated that he would not be a candidate for the minority leadership of the house in the sixtieth congress.

Would Protect Mineral Land.

Joplin, Mo.—The American Mining congress in session here Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution favoring National legislation governing mining lands and a resolution endorsing the National Association of State Mining School and urging that the co-operation of this national session be secured.

Should Keep Out of Politics.

Charlotte, N. C.—The proper attitude of public service corporation toward politics was the subject of an address by President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway company, at the annual banquet of the Greater Charlotte club Friday night. He declared that participation of corporations in political affairs is not justified and advocated their complete abstinence from such activity.

Great Northern Income Decreased.

St. Paul, Minn.—The report of the Great Northern railway, which has just been issued in pamphlet form, states that the gross earnings for the year ended June 30, 1907, were \$85,144,402, an increase over the previous year of \$3,868,121. Operating expenses increased \$6,709,852 and taxes \$279,326, causing a decrease in income from operation of \$3,121,057.

Exposition May Keep Open.

Norfolk, Va.—The directors of the Jamestown exposition Thursday evening unanimously accepted a committee report favoring keeping the exposition open next year provided \$200,000 can be raised by popular subscription.