

# NEBRASKA NEWS

MR. AND MRS. ISAAC WALDEN  
WRITE TO GOVERNOR.

## PRAISE SCHOOL FOR BLIND

Have a Child Therein and Are Thank-  
ful for the Way in Which the  
State Take Care of the Little  
One—Other State News.

Like an oasis in a desert of anonymous letters finding fault with state institutions is the outspoken missive of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Walden to Governor Sheldon giving thanks for the good done by the state school for the blind at Nebraska City. The following letter directed to the governor may be taken as a Thanksgiving offering from two grateful parents to the people of Nebraska who pay the expenses of maintaining state institutions:

Carroll, Neb., November 18, 1907.  
Hon. George L. Sheldon, Governor of Nebraska. Dear Sir: As Thanksgiving draws nigh we all stop to think what we have to be thankful for. Our little girl, our only child, eight years old is blind. By kind friends' advice we sent her to the state school for the blind at Nebraska City. After visiting that wonderful institution and seeing the great headway our child makes in learning, we stop to marvel at our inconstancy to our Great Maker. We feel that we have a great deal to be thankful for. The people of this state cannot appreciate the wonderful good such an institution is doing for them until they are brought face to face with a terrible affliction.

Then another thing to be thankful for is that our child is under the care of such good Christian people as Mr. and Mrs. Morey. I visit there frequently and know they have the students' interests at heart. They treat them all as if they were their own. The children are well provided for in the way of food and beds. I shall certainly recommend it to people who have blind children and are afraid to send them away from home among strangers. Accept this note as a thanks offering from two grateful parents. Respectfully,

MR. AND MRS. ISAAC WALDEN.

### State Must Pay in January.

Remittances from counties is increasing and in a short time it is believed the treasury will be in good condition to meet the semi-annual school apportionment. This fund now amounts to \$255,327 and collections will not cease until in the early part of December. The state treasurer must then certify to the state superintendent the amount available for the apportionment. Last year \$251,000 was apportioned in December. The state auditor draws warrants later and receipts are sent to the various counties to be returned and signed and when these are returned the warrants are sent to the counties. All this will require until the first of the year and by that time it is believed the financial situation will be normal.

### Truant Law in Force.

The Plattsmouth truant authorities have been putting forth every effort during the past six weeks to enforce the compulsory school attendance law, and they now feel that there are few, if any, children of school age who are not in attendance. An amusing incident occurred on the streets the other morning, when the truant officers rounded up a fourteen-year-old lad who was leisurely riding about on a delivery wagon with his thoughts far from educational subjects. He was compelled to alight, requested to go home and report at Superintendent Gamble's office at the opening of the afternoon session. He reported and has since been faithfully attending school.

### Roller Skating at Tecumseh.

The roller skating craze has broken out anew in Tecumseh. Two young men from Omaha opened a rink and it seems as though some one is gliding about on the wheels most any hour of the day. The club ladies have caught the craze and have private parties on certain afternoons. Other clubs have been formed and the rink is rented on certain evenings.

### Passed Bogus Money.

The two men taken to Geneva from Wahoo on a charge of passing bad currency, pleaded guilty in Judge King's court Saturday, and were fined \$75 each and costs amounting to about \$60. In default of payment they will serve a term in jail. The men are wanted in two or three other places for similar offenses.

## MILK DEALERS PROSECUTED.

Thirteen Before Court at Omaha on Charge of Violations.

Thirteen restaurant keepers, charged with selling milk containing less than 3 per cent butter fat, were on trial in police court, Omaha. Eleven of the defendants testified that they did not sell the milk from which the state food inspector had taken the samples, merely throwing it in free with a lunch. The other two defendants were defended by a creamery company from which they bought all of their creamery products. In these cases the chief contention is over the validity of the guaranty given by the creamery company. Both sides argued the pure food law was loosely drawn. Further arguments are set for Friday.

## Railroads Pay Taxes.

The counties of York and Sherman have remitted taxes to the state treasurer, including considerable railroad tax. York county remitted \$10,000 and Sherman \$5,448. In neither case did the railroad company pay under protest, so it is reported at the state house. In the county of Lancaster the Burlington road paid without protesting. Last summer when the state board fixed the valuation of railroads for assessments it was reported that all the principal roads intended to appeal to the courts, but in the meantime would pay their taxes without resorting to injunction proceedings. The roads asked the state board to make a certain record to enable them to appeal. This the board refused to do, and the roads instituted a mandamus suit against the board to obtain the desired record. This suit is still pending in the supreme court. As the roads are paying taxes without protest, it is taken for granted that no appeal will be taken from the levy of this year, but if the desired record is obtained from the state board an appeal will be taken next year.

## Bids Exceed Appropriation.

Five bids for the construction of three buildings at the Norfolk asylum were opened by the board of public lands and buildings, but the figures were not made public and no action was taken pending an effort to get the contractors to substitute certain material in order to bring the cost within the appropriation. The lowest bid was said to be \$97,000, not including heat and light, while the appropriation available is \$87,000. As some of the bidders put in figures for different kinds of material an effort will be made to get them to bid on the same kind of material in the hope that the cost will be reduced. Brick may be substituted for stone in the proposed \$60,000 wing. Dr. Young, superintendent of the institution, attended the meeting of the board. A store house and a cottage for patients are to be built besides the "wing." The latter is really a separate building, and is to be fireproof.

## Ignores Mileage Book Law.

The Rock Island railroad has been reported as having failed to observe the Knowles law passed by the last legislature. It requires roads to sell 1,000 mileage books for \$20, good in the hands of any one and for fares limited only by the amount of mileage in the book, good for use any time within two years after purchase. Chief Clerk Maggi of the governor's office called at the city ticket office in Lincoln Thursday and asked for one of the books. He was told that the company did not have any except the old style. It is said the company will have the new books December 15. Some other roads in this state are said to be ignoring the Knowles law in that their mileage books are good for one year instead of two years.

## Girl Decides Election Tie.

At the recent election it became difficult to settle on who should be road overseer for London and Brownville precincts, Nemaha county, each having a candidate. London gave the republican candidate, George Sanders, eighteen majority, while Brownville gave the democrat, J. W. Boice, eighteen. The names of the rival candidates were written on slips of paper and placed in a book and Miss Grace Kleckner, who assists in the county clerk's office, was permitted to draw one of the slips to decide who should be overseer. Mr. Boice was the lucky man and a certificate of election was issued to him by County Clerk Teare.

## Johnson County Land High.

It would seem that farms in Johnson county had about reached the highest prices they will ever go to, but increased prices are weekly reported. Last week Mrs. J. M. Osgood, who lives nine miles southeast of Tecumseh, sold her well-improved quarter section of land to her neighbor, Richard Otterman, for \$10,000. Mrs. Osgood will not leave the farm, her family having lived on the place in question for thirty-five years.

## THE FOND PARENT—"THE KID'S ALL RIGHT; TAKE SOME YOURSELF."



## A MONARCH OF THE SEAS

The Largest Steamer Afloat Carried  
\$12,500,000 in Gold.

First Voyage of Mauretania Was  
Made Under Difficulties—Size  
of the Great Liner.

New York.—Poking her nose through a dense curtain of fog that hid the coast, her topmasts lost from deck view in the enveloping shroud, the biggest, the most luxurious ship ever launched on any sea, finished in safety her bridal voyage when at 11:03 o'clock a. m. Friday the Cunard line steamship Mauretania came to anchor off the Sandy Hook Lightship, five days, five hours and ten minutes from Queenstown.

Bearing a fortune of \$12,500,000 in gold for the money markets of the West, she fought her way through 3,000 miles of storm swept ocean, battling every mile of the course to meet and defeat the world's trans-Atlantic speed record of four days, 18 hours and 40 minutes, created and held by her sister ship, the Lusitania. Head winds and tumultuous cross seas baffled the attempt, yet the Mauretania won the coveted right to fly one "blue ribbon" at her peak. On Thursday November 21 Captain Pritchard drove the huge ship 624 knots (671 miles) by the favor of a shift in the wind to north-northeast—six knots better than the best day's run of the Lusitania and smashing all records of marine.

The average speed for the passage was 22.21 knots, or 23.80 miles an hour. Her average speed on her record day run of 624 knots was 25.83 miles an hour. Her poorest day's average was 20.81 miles an hour from noon of November 18 to noon of the 19.

Captain Pritchard believes that in a fair weather passage he can beat the Lusitania from coast to coast.

The Mauretania is 792 feet in length over all—two feet longer than the Lusitania, has a beam of 88 feet; a depth of hold of 8 feet; is 155 feet high from keel to funnel tops and 216 feet from keel to masthead; draws 37 feet 6 inches of water (mean estimate); has a tonnage displacement of 45,000; an indicated horse power of 70,000; was launched on the Tyne, (England), September 20, 1906; carries a crew of 800 odd officers and men; has accommodations for 550 passengers in the first class cabins; 500 in the second class, and 1,300 in the steerage and cost approximately \$7,500,000.

The \$12,500,000 gold brought by the Mauretania is said to be the largest consignment of specie ever carried by a ship. It was conveyed to the vessel at Queenstown in six specially guarded cars.

## A Corn Caused Death.

St. Louis, Mo.—Blood poisoning resulting from having trimmed a corn and applied a corn plaster two weeks ago, caused the death Tuesday of Mrs. Benjamin Kimball at her home here. She was 65 years old and was the daughter of Mexican General Fernando Lopez. Mrs. Kimball was prominent in society.

## He Invites the Governor.

Washington.—President Roosevelt has invited the governors of the states and territories to meet him at the White house May 13, 14 and 15, next, to discuss the question of means to conserve the natural resources of the country.

## MR. BRYAN'S SOLUTION.

Would Have Government Guarantee  
Deposits in All National Banks  
and Thus Insure Safety.

Washington.—In an interview Thursday W. J. Bryan said: "The administration is prepared, so we are informed, to recommend a postal savings bank. While this would doubtless encourage deposits and while those deposits could in turn be handed over to the banks, it does not furnish complete relief, because the plan as presented limits deposits and does not contemplate the opening of circulation accounts. The business community therefore cannot use the postal savings banks to any great extent, and besides it would take some time to inaugurate a postal savings system and secure the necessary number of employes to make the plan effective throughout the country. I believe it is possible for the government to give immediate relief by an act of congress providing for the guarantee by the government of all deposits in all national banks, the banks thus guaranteed to agree to reimburse the government for any losses incurred and to make this reimbursement in proportion to their deposits. The advantage of this plan is: "First that every depositor in such guaranteed bank will feel secure.

"Second, the expense of it will be paid by the banks which get the benefit of it and this expense will be small compared with the benefit gained.

"Third it can be put into effect immediately, thus restoring confidence and enable business to be resumed."

## Foreigners Going Home.

New York.—Serious freight congestion threatens all foreign shippers because of the unprecedented homeward rush of foreigners. The eastward-bound steamer travel during the past six weeks has been unparalleled and the demand for accommodations has been so great that bookings have been closed weeks in advance of sailings. The eastward-bound steamer or third class travel from January 1 to November 15, 1907, is already 110,000 in excess of what it was for the same period of 1906.

## Their Occupation Gone.

Chicago.—Officials of western railroads at a conference in this city Thursday decided to dissolve the Western Passenger agreement after January 1 and to disband the Western Passenger committee. The committee was formerly an organization of much importance in the railroad world, its chief function being to regulate the giving of free transportation to shippers. The operation of the Hepburn law, however, rendered it unnecessary to longer maintain the organization.

## Lewis Jury Disagrees.

St. Louis, Mo.—After having been in session over 22 hours, the jury in the case of Edward G. Lewis, charged with misusing the mails, in connection with the People's United States bank, reported to Judge Garland in the United States District court shortly after 3 o'clock Friday afternoon that the members were unable to agree. The judge then discharged the jury. They stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal.

## Nebraskans to Give Thanks.

Lincoln, Neb.—Gov. Sheldon, in his Thanksgiving proclamation Tuesday, declared that prosperity in Nebraska had been unparalleled. Crops, industries and rural expansion, he declared, called for public gratitude and thanks giving.

# ATTEMPTS TO KILL

DISMISSED KANSAS CITY EDITOR  
SHOOTS WITH EFFECT.

## SAYS HE WAS BEING ROBBED

Theatrical Manager O. D. Woodward  
Badly Wounded, and Managing  
Editor H. J. Groves Is  
Slightly Hurt.

A Kansas City, November 23, dispatch says: General Richard C. Horn, editorial writer on the Kansas City Post, today shot and seriously wounded O. D. Woodward, president of the company that publishes the paper, and then shot H. J. Groves, managing editor. Woodward was shot three times, twice in the right arm, one bullet passing through and breaking the bone, and once in the right side, the bullet shattering a rib and falling out of the wound. Groves sustained a flesh wound in the right hip.

The shooting took place in the editorial rooms of the Post. Horn, who is a stockholder in the paper and one of its founders, was discharged last night, the cause assigned being the business depression. This morning Horn bought a pistol, went to the office, and when Woodward appeared, Horn, raising the pistol, exclaimed: "No man can rob me," and began to shoot. Woodward fell, and Groves, who was in the room, tried to escape and was shot while running. Horn went to the street and surrendered to a policeman. Woodward is widely known as a theatrical manager and controls two theatres here, one in Omaha and one in Sioux City.

Horn, who was a brigadier general on Governor Stone's staff, has been prominent in Missouri state politics for many years and formerly published a newspaper at Marshall. He has been president of the board of managers of the Fulton asylum and chief statistician of the state bureau of labor.

At the police station Horn justified his action, saying his whole fortune was invested in the paper and he considered that he was being robbed. Horn is being held at the city jail with no charge filed against him.

Groves, who was shot in the fleshy part of the hip, is in a serious condition tonight. The surgeons fear blood poisoning may result from the fact that the bullet carried with it into the wound particles of foreign matter from the cloth of his suit. Owing to the nervous condition of the patient the surgeons will make no effort until tomorrow to remove the bullet, which is lodged in the muscles of the back.

Friends of General Horn tonight said that the shooting resulted from the threatening manner assumed by Woodward and Groves when they entered Horn's presence. These friends say that Groves and Woodward Horn with abuse and threatened him with violence before he used his pistol.

## MANY NEW PLANS.

Schemes for Financial Relief Are Being Submitted.

Details of many new projects for improving the currency are being submitted to the president and Secretary Cortelyou and are receiving such attention as the other exigencies of the financial situation permit. Measures relating directly to the currency which are being discussed among bankers and incoming members of congress may be roughly grouped under four heads: A central bank of issue; a central organization of the existing national bank; the issue of additional circulation against various classes of bonds other than United States bonds, and the issue of circulation upon general assets with the security of a guaranty fund. The project of a central bank based upon the general outlines of the bank of France or the imperial bank of Germany, has apparently been attracting more attention of late than at any previous time in recent years. Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota, who is a member of the finance commission, has announced that he will introduce a bill for such an institution.

## Rockefeller Adds to Gift.

The board of directors of the Rockefeller institute for medical research of New York have announced an additional gift from John D. Rockefeller of \$2,600,000. The money is to form an endowment fund, the proceeds of which may be used in any way the directors see fit.

## Russia Pays Japan.

Russia has wiped out the balance of her indebtedness to Japan arising from the war, the Russian embassy Saturday handing over to the embassy of Japan a check for \$24,302,200. This represents the balance due Japan for the maintenance of the Russian prisoners.