

# NEBRASKA NEWS

MAIL INSURANCE CO. READY TO QUIT BUSINESS.

## APPLIES FOR A RECEIVER

State Insurance Deputy Pierce Intervenes and Insists That State Should Have a Voice in the Appointment of Same.

President G. F. Johnson of the Mutual Hall Insurance company of Nebraska beat the state insurance department to the district court with a request for the appointment of a receiver. He has made application to the district court of Lancaster county. Insurance Deputy John L. Pierce has notified the court that he and attorneys for claimants against the company desire to be heard before a receiver is appointed. They believe they should have something to say who shall be named for receiver. The company has been doing business principally among Swede farmers and most of the losses occurred in Phelps county.

Examiner H. S. Wiggins for the state insurance department examined the company's accounts and reported September 25 that a 20 per cent assessment had been called and that this might be sufficient to pay losses. Five thousand dollars had been paid on the assessment September 25, but he did not believe much more would be collected. He recommended the appointment of a receiver. The report of the examiner dated December 7 showed nominal resources amounting to \$15,650. This was made up of \$12,875 of unpaid assessments and \$2,800 cash. The liabilities included losses for 1907 amounting to \$13,230, leaving a nominal surplus of \$2,449. President G. F. Johnson has made his home in Lincoln while Secretary O. P. Almont lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

## EGG THROWING STUDENTS.

Supt. McBrien Holds Teachers May Punish for Action.

The teachers in the Fremont high school may legally punish students who threw eggs at Dan V. Stevens, a member of the board of education, who had voted as a member to abolish basket ball and other athletics from the schools. Although the boys were not going to nor coming from school when the assault was committed, and it was outside of the school hours, the culprits may be punished by a teacher. The boys have not been whipped yet, and the question before the state superintendent is whether or not the teachers may administer punishment in such a case. It is the opinion of the state superintendent that the throwing of eggs at a member of the school board, even though the casting of eggs be outside of school hours, interferes with the discipline of a school and punishment can be meted out when the offenders come slinking back across the sacred portals of the halls of learning.

The state superintendent's ruling closes: "In the event that the home fails to administer the proper punishment on a pupil or pupils guilty of such unbecoming conduct as that implied in your question, the only recourse left for the proper discipline of the school is to give the teacher the unquestioned right to administer punishment commensurate with the offense."

## School Teachers Needed.

State Superintendent McBrien is not a member of any employment bureau and does not charge a fee of \$2 for obtaining employment for a teacher, but he is sometimes requested by school officers to find teachers for them. He has been asked to get teachers for schools in Cheyenne county. He has written presidents of state and private normals if they have any worthy young men or women who will accept schools in that county to write the following persons: S. H. Babb, Dalton, three months' school at \$40; Busaker, Weyerts, four months' school at \$40; Earl Dye, four months' school at \$45; Adam Shinks, Sidney, four months' school at \$45; F. D. Wacker, Sidney, four months' school at \$45.

## Train Jumped the Track.

A Missouri Pacific northbound freight train jumped the track on Freeling hill near Falls City. No one was injured and the damage to the rolling stock was small. At this point the track has not been renewed and the ties were too rotten to hold the rails from spreading. New rails and ties have been distributed along the grade north from this place but have not been put in place. This work is being pushed as fast; however, as the weather will permit.

## OMAHA CHILD SAVING INSTITUTE

What It Is Doing and Its Urgent Needs Financially.

Among the children received into this institution the present month are three little ones, ages 2, 5 and 6 years, whose father is dying at one of the city hospitals and whose mother is an invalid and compelled to surrender the children for adoption, there being no relatives or friends to help take care of them. Another child brought to the Institute one week ago was suffering from neglect, the eyes being so inflamed that the oculist on our medical staff, who made examination and gave treatment stated that three days more of neglect the child would have been totally blind for life. Now the child is on the way to complete recovery. Another child requires a surgical operation which will be attended to immediately after Christmas.

These and many others are deserving cases of charity requiring the expenditures of considerable sums of money, and the institute is without resources to meet the demands. Since the work is supported altogether by voluntary gifts we appeal to the readers of this paper for a Christmas donation. The average number on hand daily is from forty to sixty. Please make postoffice orders and checks payable to C. W. Lyman, treasurer. We trust you will help make these homeless and friendless little ones happy until permanent homes can be found for them. A. W. CLARK, Superintendent.

## SUICIDE AT SUTTON.

Old Resident of Harvard Takes His Own Life With Revolver.

R. S. McCune, a resident of Harvard, Nebr., was found dead in the rooms of Swearingin & Delaney in Sutton. He was found lying on a bed with a revolver in his hand. At the coroner's inquest it was shown that it was the verdict of the jury that he came to his death by his own hand. No motive for the deed was shown. He was 55 years old and had but one child, a daughter living in Denver. He was an old resident of Clay county.

## E. B. Fairfield, State Accountant.

Ernest B. Fairfield, for many years bookkeeper at the state penitentiary, has been appointed state accountant. Auditor E. M. Searle made the appointment and it was approved by Governor Sheldon, whose approval is required by statute. It is to take effect about the first of the year. The auditor and governor will determine the amount of salary to be paid. It is understood it will be not less than \$1,800 and not more than \$2,000 a year and traveling expenses. The legislature created the office of state accountant and while no fixed salary is mentioned in the bill, an appropriation of \$6,000 for salary and traveling expenses was made for a period of two years.

## Pettit Draws a Jury.

Henry Pettit, who was arrested a few days ago on the charge of stealing a horse and rig from Fred Wrenn in Hastings, waived preliminary examination at Plattsmouth and pleaded guilty to the charge. He was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, but pending the return of the sheriff, who is out of town, will not be taken to Lincoln for several days. The horse he is alleged to have stolen was recovered near Raymond, in Lancaster county.

## Miss Krebs Goes to Lincoln.

Miss Myrtle Krebs, who graduated from the Peru state normal last year and who has been taking advanced work in the normal this year, has been called to a position in the Whittier school in Lincoln. Miss Krebs is a teacher of very successful experience, having previously taught in the public schools of Ravenna and Scotia. She has also been a prominent leader in the various organizations of the normal school.

## Dentists Licensed.

Dr. H. C. Brock of North Platte, secretary of the Nebraska state dental board has issued a permanent license to each of the following named persons of Nebraska who were successful in passing the examination just given by the state dental board: Dr. G. V. Gibbons, Hickman; Dr. J. C. Thompson, Dannebrog; Dr. F. C. Hosterman, Lincoln; Dr. G. E. Lyons, Grand Island; D. J. J. Wilson, Omaha; Dr. A. R. Settell, Bloomfield.

## Creamery Man Fined \$25.

Carl Roche, proprietor of the Spring Creek Creamery company of Creston, Platte county, was prosecuted by County Attorney Hensley for operating a creamery without a license and testing cream without a permit. He paid a fine of \$25. County Attorney Hensley has issued a notice saying that merchants and others must obey the pure food law.

## BUSY DAYS IN THE HOUSE.



## HAS RECALLED THE TROOPS

Those at Goldfield to Be Removed December 30.

The President intimates That He Was Deceived As to Conditions—Nevada Must Act.

Washington.—President Roosevelt Friday directed the withdrawal of United States troops stationed at Goldfield, Nev., on Monday, December 30, next.

In two telegrams to Gov. Sparks made public Friday he intimates that he was deceived as to conditions at Goldfield when he ordered the troops sent there. Says the report of the commissioners sent to investigate conditions satisfies him that there is no disturbance threatened which the state of Nevada ought not to be able to control if it starts to work with a serious purpose to do so but that no effort is being made to that end. Under such conditions he declines to do police duty for Nevada with United States troops.

Goldfield, Nev.—News of the president's order removing the federal troops from Goldfield on December 30, has caused a sensation among the mine owners and the residents of the city generally. The news was received at noon Friday and during the afternoon conferences were held between Captain Cox, the representative of Gov. Sparks in Goldfield, and Col. Reynolds, commanding the troops here, and between the mine owners and members of President Roosevelt's committee.

The civic bodies of Goldfield were holding sessions Friday night. At these meetings two extreme measures were discussed. One involves the closing down of all the mines of Goldfield indefinitely, the other bringing in of a large number of strikebreakers to be on the ground by the time the troops leave. President Dowlin before the meeting said that he favored closing the mines.

## Oklahoma University Scorched.

Norman, Ok.—Shortly after three o'clock Friday afternoon painters at work on the dome of the main building of Oklahoma university accidentally set fire to the structure. The flames quickly spread and for a time there seemed no chance of saving any of the college halls. Vigorous work on the part of students confined the flames to the main building. The college records, which were in vaults, are thought to have been uninjured. The loss is estimated at \$125,000 to \$150,000, partially covered by insurance.

## Refused to Endorse Hughes.

New York.—By an almost unanimous vote the republican committee of New York county Thursday night refused to adopt a resolution endorsing Gov. Hughes for the republican presidential nomination. When the resolution was offered, a motion was immediately introduced providing that the resolution go over for consideration at the next meeting of the committee in January. This motion was adopted with a shout that could be heard outside the committee room.

## Active Work for LaFollette.

Lincoln, Neb.—W. L. Houser, of Madison, Wis., who is in Nebraska in the interest of the presidential candidacy of Senator LaFollette, Wednesday established permanent headquarters in Lincoln and said an aggressive canvass would be made to secure the Nebraska delegation to the Chicago convention.

## MORE MINERS DIE.

About 250 Are This Time Buried in the Hills of Pennsylvania by an Explosion.

Jacobs Creek, Pa.—An explosion of gas in the Darr mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company, located here, Thursday entombed between 200 and 250 miners and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mines alive. Partially wrecked buildings in the vicinity of the mine and the condition of the few bodies found early in the rescue work indicate an explosion of such terrific force that it seems impossible that any one could have survived it. All of the 13 bodies taken out up to this time are terribly mutilated and three of them are headless.

This is the third mine disaster since the first of the month in the veins of bituminous coal underlying Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia for the Naomi mine near Fayette City and the two mines at Monongah, W. Va., in which the earlier explosion happened are in the same belt as the local workings. Thursday's catastrophe swells the number of victims of deadly mine gas for the 19 days to between 550 and 600.

## FIST FIGHT IN CONGRESS.

Representatives Williams and DeArmond Indulge in Personal Encounter on Floor of the House.

Washington.—John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, leader of the minority, and Representative David A. DeArmond, of Missouri, engaged in a fist fight over the passing of the lie on the floor of the house of representatives Thursday afternoon immediately after adjournment at 2:21 p. m. Mr. Williams struck the first blow and Mr. DeArmond retaliated vigorously with clenched fists. When the combatants were separated blood was flowing down Mr. Williams' face from a small gash in the left cheek and his forehead was red and abraded. Mr. DeArmond bore no mark of the fray. The encounter was witnessed by more than 100 members of the house and by as many more persons in the galleries, among them a score of women.

## Government Crop Estimates.

Washington.—The department of agriculture Friday issued a report giving final estimates of acreage, production and value of farm crops, showing winter wheat acreage to be 28,132,000 production 409,442,000 bushels; value per bushel 88.2. Spring acreage wheat 17,079,000; production 224,645,000 bushels; value 86c. Corn acreage 99,931,000; production 2,592,320,000; value 51.7. Oats acreage 31,837,000; production 754,443,000; value 44.3c. The average weight per bushel is shown by reports received by the department to be 56.9 pounds for spring wheat, 58.9 pounds for winter wheat and 29.4 pounds for oats.

## Steel Mills Starting Up.

Pittsburg.—The American Sheet Steel & Tinplate company has received orders necessitating increases in its working forces and output. At the Monessen plant, near here, consisting of 28 mills, only 13 have been operated since early in October. Eight more mills were started Wednesday and announcement was made that all others will start the first of next week, employing at full time the entire force of 1,400 men.

## More Gold Coming.

New York.—The Irving National Exchange bank Wednesday announced an engagement of \$700,000 gold for import. This makes a total of \$106,950,000 engaged during the present movement.

## THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

A Condensed Account of Transactions at the National Capital.

The Most Important Items Gathered From Each Day's Session of Senate and House.

### To Respect State Laws.

Washington.—A bill to prevent the sending of intoxicating liquors into local option states under the protection of interstate commerce was drawn by Senator Knox and introduced in the senate by Senator Tillman Wednesday. The bill provides that all intoxicating liquors transported into any state or territory or remaining therein shall upon arrival within the state and before or after delivery to the consignee, be subject to the laws of such state, in the same manner as though originating in such state or territory and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced in original package or otherwise.

### House Committees Announced.

Washington.—Shortly after the house of representatives convened Thursday Speaker Cannon announced the various committees which are to serve during the Sixtieth congress. The new members of the ways and means committee are Calderhead of Kansas, Fordney of Michigan, James of West Virginia, Bonyng of Colorado, and Longworth of Ohio, republicans, and Griggs of Georgia, Pou of North Carolina and Randall of Texas, democrats.

### A Navy to Promise Peace.

Washington.—A concurrent resolution "for the promotion of international peace," was introduced in the house Thursday by Richmond P. Hobson, of Alabama, who subsequently spoke of it as intended to be an entering wedge for the navy enlargement campaign he proposes to wage in the 60th congress. "I have been greatly and widely misunderstood," said he, "as being for war. I am for peace. One way to insure peace is to discourage attack."

### Short House Session.

The house session was limited to 25 minutes and little business beyond the introduction of bills was transacted. The speaker announced the appointment of the committee on appropriations. Both houses agreed to adjourn on Saturday for the Christmas holidays, the recess to continue until January 6. The house then adjourned until Thursday.

### To Prohibit Dealing in Futures.

Washington.—Dealing in grain futures is prohibited by a bill introduced Thursday by Representative Scott of Kansas, the new chairman of the committee on agriculture. It follows the general lines of the Burleson bill restricting trade in cotton on margin and its object is to prevent transactions which do not involve the actual transfer of grain.

### Union Pacific Earnings Increase.

New York.—The pamphlet report of the Union Pacific railroad for the year ending June 30 last was made public Friday. The statement shows gross operating earnings of \$76,040,727, an increase of \$8,759,184, and total operating expenses of \$40,574,889, an increase of \$7,313,718. After payment of charges including taxes, interest, sinking funds, rentals, etc., there remained \$24,589,903, an increase of \$3,155,044.

### The State Law Governs.

Chicago.—Judge Heap, in the municipal court Wednesday declared that the defense in Sunday saloon cases cannot introduce or refer to the city ordinances permitting open bars on Sunday. He asserted that the state law is supreme and that the city council cannot lawfully enact ordinances which conflict with any act of the legislature.

### A National Forest in Arkansas.

Washington.—President Roosevelt has signed a proclamation creating a national forest in the west central part of Arkansas, covering more than 1,000,000 acres. It will be the farthest east of any government forests. The forest is located in the counties of Scott, Polk, Montgomery, Yell, Logan, Perry, Salid and Carland.

### Santa Fe Must Establish Stations.

Guthrie, Ok.—The railroad commissioner of Oklahoma Friday night ordered the Santa Fe to establish stations at all points on the state line crossed by the company. The action is taken because of a decision on the part of the commission that the Santa Fe had failed to sell inter-state tickets at the two-cent rate.

### Christmas in the White House.

Washington.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt have abandoned their holiday trip to Pine Knot, Va., owing to the rush of official business and the fact that Mrs. Longworth will be unable to be up after her operation for appendicitis until Christmas day.