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Senator Gore was praising the art of compromise. "Compromise" is a good thing," he said. "Take the case of a young builder I knew. He got married about a year ago and after the marriage he and his wife had an interminable dispute as to whether they should buy two motorcycles or a five-horsepower runabout, suitable to their means. He said: 'My wife and I wrangled for months and months, but thank goodness, we have compromised at last.' 'What have you compromised on?' I asked. 'A baby carriage,' he answered with a wise, glad smile."

It is apparently the intention of the revolutionaries to obliterate altogether the old distinctions between Chinese and Manchu. One of those was that whereas a Chinese had three names, a Manchu had two. Yuan Shih-k'ai, for example, is proved a Chinese by his triple name, whereas the members of the late ministry had dual names, and were thus proclaimed Manchus. It is now decreed that the Manchu is to acquire a third name, and the old distinction, which was often helpful to the European student of Chinese affairs, will thus vanish.

A patent has been granted for a system of generating electricity wherein the prime movers are a windmill and an internal combustion engine, both operating on the generator shaft and connected together by means of a clutch. When the windmill is idle the load is taken by the engine, and as the windmill gathers speed it works both the dynamo and the engine until the speed attains that which is designated the critical point, when the engine is disconnected by governor balls and the ignition circuit is opened, thus stopping the engine.

The champion stingy church congregation has been found in Marshalltown, Ia. The pastor of the Friends' church there resigned when his flock voted to cut his salary from $1,000 a year to $800. That was bad enough, the pastor thought, for a man with a wife and six children to support, and he decided it was rubbing it in for the church to demand that he keep account of all fees received and credit the amount on his reduced stipend. He has quit in disgust.

"Singers who have time to spare for other artistic work are not caricaturists," says a letter from Berlin. There are on exhibition now in that city the sculptured works of Wilhelm Herold, the Danish tenor, member of the royal company, which are said to be of a high order. One of the busts has been purchased by the Danish government and will find a permanent place in the national museum, a fact which is referred to as "a unique honor for a professional singer."

Species of cacti that grow taller than some buildings, palms and foliage never before seen on the North American continent, were brought here by the steamer Nevandan from Salina Cruz. The plants, carefully crated and guarded as if they were treasure, are in charge of George Howard, a botanist and scientist, who spent more than five years in South America looking for tropical plants for the home ground of E. L. Doheny, of Los Angeles.

In excavating at Preston, Kan., an image of what appears to be a god or idol of some prehistoric race was dug up at a depth of 17 feet below the surface of the ground, in clay soil which has apparently not been disturbed for ages. Numerous fragments of the peculair plasterlike material of which the image is made were found scattered through the soil.

A Scotch minister took one of his parishioners to task for his nonattendance at kirk. The man said: "I dinna like lang sermons." The parsons with some wrath replied: "John, ye'll dee, and go to a place where ye'll not have the privilege of hearing lang or short sermons." "That may be," said John, "but winna be for lack of parsons."

In the Australian commonwealth house of representatives the bill providing for the construction of a transcontinental railway from Kalgoorlie, in western Australia, to Port Augusta, in South Australia, was read a second time without a division.

An oscillatory electric spark has been found by C. Chaudrelier to be made up of about 10,000 individual sparks a second. An air current separated the sparks one-twelfth inch, and this and the velocity of the air gave a means of estimating the number.

Rubinstein once declared to some one that he was descended from one of the crusaders who accompanied Richard Coeur de Lion to Palestine. "On the piano, presumably," was the smiling response.

Talleyrand's conservatism was summed up by a witty compatriot, Paul de Courrier, who declared that if Talleyrand had been present at the creation he would have exclaimed: "Good gracious! Chaos will be destroyed!"

Little Lola, aged 5, went to the door in answer to the postman's ring, and received a postal card, the first she had ever seen. "Oh, mamma," she exclaimed, "here's a letter for you, but it hasn't got any skirt on!"

The Pan-American railroad reports an increase of 15 per cent to 75 per cent a month in earnings last year over the corresponding periods of 1909, both passenger and freight traffic having been heavier.

An automatic stabilizer for aeroplanes with which the French army is experimenting utilizes a movable pressure plate connected with compressed air mechanism, for manipulating the elevating planes.

An ingenious Pennsylvanian has patented a hat trimming machine which unreels ribbons, sews it in place and cuts it off automatically when a hat has been trimmed.

A double barreled telescope, to permit two persons to view the same object at the same time, has been invented by a Swiss optician.

The French government proposes to place the great concessionaire railway companies under more direct state control.

A tiny storage battery driven electric fan has been perfected to be placed in side a top hat to keep its wearer's head cool.

An English inventor has copied an old idea in the history of telephony by designing a transmitter shaped like a human ear.

French army authorities are disturbed over the great decrease in the number of horses in Paris.

A steel cane that can be taken apart and rebuilt into a substantial stool in half a minute is a French novelty.

FIGHT TO PREVENT UTILIZING STREAM FOR POWER MAKING

Final Argument in Submission of E. L. Kirk's Enterprise to Supreme Court.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—Reply briefs of the state have been filed in the case where E. L. Kirk, of Sioux City, is asking for the entire flow of the Niobrara river in Knox county. This flow he desires to transform into power which is to be sent over a wire to Sioux City and utilized to run the street cars of that town.

Attorney General Martin takes the ground that the Niobrara is a Nebraska river and that no question of interstate commerce can be raised. He insists that Mr. Kirk cannot appeal from a part of the order of the state irrigation board and avail himself of the benefits of the remainder. In this case Kirk was given the grant he desired, but the permit carried the proviso that "the power generated hereunder must not be transmitted or used beyond the confines of the state of Nebraska."

The attorney general says that if the supreme court can interpose its discretion in the place of the discretion of the state board, then it is clearly attempting to legislate. He took the position that the proposition of Mr. Kirk to take the waters of a Nebraska river to draw the street cars of an Iowa city is no different from a proposition to utilize its waters to irrigate lands in South Dakota, and that the latter would be a preposterous demand to make.

"The Niobrara river," says the attorney general, "belongs to the people of Nebraska. That power which the rushing river had was just as much the property of the people of the state as is the water itself. It is just as much dedicated to the use of the people of the state of Nebraska as is the water itself. It is just as valuable an asset of the people of Nebraska as is the water. To my mind, therefore, if the state board should permit Kirk to appropriate this power for the beneficial use in another state, they would clearly be using their office against the welfare of the people of Nebraska."

Kirk argued that when the power is transformed into electricity it becomes a commodity, and to prohibit the transfer of a commodity of this sort across the state line is unconstitutional by reason of its interference with interstate commerce. The attorney general says this is ridiculous, and that the argument could only apply if a power plant were already in operation and the state should attempt to prohibit the transfer across the state line. He adds:

"In the last few years there has arisen a great demand for the conservation of natural resources, both national and state. This includes water power, and it has undoubtedly been demanded by the people of the state that this water power be conserved to the use of the people. That is precisely what the legislature sought to effect in passing these irrigation acts and giving to the state board of irrigation the discretion to refuse an application or to modify an application, or to attach conditions to an application, as was deemed for the general welfare."

LORD SCULLEY'S SCHEME TO AVOID TAX MISCARRIES

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 18.—Yesterday Judge Walden entered a decree in the Lord Sculley inheritance tax case, whereby Mrs. Angelia Sculley will have to pay into the county treasury the sum of $18,413.35. This case was started some months ago by County Attorney McGirr and was the first case of the kind in this county. The heirs tried to show that the land belonged to Mrs. Sculle, but at the hearing it was plainly shown that the same had been transferred from Lord Sculley to his wife shortly before his death with a view, it is said, of avoiding the tax. H. E. Spafford was appointed appraiser to determine the value of the lands at the time of Lord Sculley's death in 1905. The total valuation placed upon the lands at that time amounted to $1,851,335, of which $1,029,325 are in Gage county and $822,011 in Nuckolls county. The Sculley holdings amount to 65,000 acres, valued at $28.49 an acre.

TRAINED NURSE HELD UP WHILE ROBBERS PLUNDER

Axtell, Neb., Dec. 18.—The home of Peter Weedlun, living on a farm near here, was entered Thursday night by one or more robbers and $1,000 in cash and a gold watch stolen. Miss Helman, a trained nurse of Omaha, who has been attending Miss Weedlun, who is ill, had left the house to get a pitcher of fresh water from the well. As she was returning, she asserts, someone seized her from behind, pressed a handkerchief against her mouth and nostrils and carried her away. When she regained consciousness at 9 o'clock today she was in a church some distance from the home. Her assailant is then supposed to have entered the house by the door she left ajar. The young woman is in the care of a physician, and the sheriff and county attorney are investigating.

SHE SEEKS DIVORCE FOR MENTAL CRUELTY

Cigar Merchant Says His Wife Is Not in Nevada Divorce Mecca.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 18—Charges of nonsupport and extreme mental cruelty, filed here in a divorce complaint by Mrs. Mattson against Frank C. Mattson, a well-to-do cigar merchant of Philadelphia, have been followed by a series of sharp letters addressed by the husband to the plaintiff's attorneys in which he declares his wife is not in Reno.

The couple were married in 1906 and have two children. One of whom is here with the mother and nurse, as Mrs. Mattson is in ill health. She alleges she left her husband last spring, after harsh, surly, abusive treatment and profanity. He expressed the wish she would die, she says.

CUMMINS GETS BAIL.

New York, Dec. 18.—William J. Cummins, who was recently convicted of grand larceny, in the manipulation of trust funds of the defunct Carnegie Trust company was today admitted to bail of $50,000.

ALBANY, N. Y.—A man supposed to be Ed Donato, the Italian wanted for the murder of the four members of the Morner family at Defreestville last Tuesday, was arrested at Coxsackie, a river town a few miles below Albany, early this morning by the police of that place.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

FREMONT—T. C. Custer, of Norfolk, Neb., carried off the prize for having the best scoring bird in the Dodge county poultry show this week. Custer exhibited White Orpingtons.

GRAND ISLAND—The seventeenth annual convention of the Nebraska Association of County Commissioners, Supervisors and Clerks, had excellent weather and everything in its favor. The attendance was over 150.

NELIGH—Alfred Graham, a halfbreed Indian from near Cody, Neb., aged about 20, who is claimed to have been "beating" his way on a westbound passenger train was fatally injured as the train was entering this city. Several ribs and the man's right leg were broken. He died, however, from internal injuries.

LINCOLN—At the request of Senator Brown written from Washington, Secretary of State Wait forwarded on Thursday a nomination blank for the April primaries. Mr. Brown is preparing to file as a candidate for renomination. His opponent, George W. Norris, has not yet made a filing and it is probable that Brown will get his papers in first.

DAVID CITY—Charles Lemley, who resides on a farm eight miles west of this city, is now at Omaha attending the sheep growers' association. He took with him an ewe and her four lambs. Mr. Lemley's expenses are paid by the National Sheep Growers' association, this being the only instance they know of in the United States where an ewe had four lambs and lived. The lambs are about 8 months' old.

LINCOLN—Mrs. Eliza J. Edmiston was killed at Thirteenth and O streets on December 13 at approximately 13 minutes to 1 o'clock. She had 13 cents in her purse. She was aged 65—five times 13. That death was the result of her own carelessnes was the verdict of the coroner's jury in an inquest into the facts connected with the accident in which the woman was struck and killed by an automobile driven by Peter M. Plamondon Wednesday afternoon.

FREMONT—Verne McIntosh, a 15-year-old Fremont boy, has built an aeroplane and in the near future expects to be making flights with it. Using cane and canvas for the construction, the boy has produced a machine that closely resembles the aeroplanes used by professionals. He tried it out this week, gaining momentum for the flight by coasting down a long hill south of the river. His idea now is to install an engine and fly-wheel that will enable actual flights.

MADISON—Lee Henderson, residing west of Norfolk, who has been absent from the country for several months, was arrested this afternoon by Sheriff Smith charged with being the father of a child born September 11, 1911, to Agnes Metz, a minor daughter of C. E. Metz, of Warnerville. He entered a plea of not guilty and a recognizance bond signed by his father, John W. Henderson, was given for his appearance at the preliminary hearing, which was continued by mutual consent until January 10, 1912.

LINCOLN—Governor Aldrich has issued pardons to Martin Hicks, of Richardson county, and Fred Bishop, of Kimball county, in accordance with recommendations of the advisory board of pardons. The former was convicted for entering a house and stealing therefrom a pan of milk and a pocketbook containing a small sum of money. Bishop stole a cow valued at $20. The latter was recommended for executive clemency because of the fact that it was thought his punishment would preclude his indulgence in depredations and because he had a wife and two small children needing his support.

FREMONT—Fremont Island, a popular semi-pleasure resort a mile from Fremont, a mile wide and three miles long, cut off from surrounding farms by the channels of the Platte river and heavily wooded, will be converted into a park for the raising of African pheasants and other rare game birds, if the plans of Game Warden Miller, of Lincoln, and a number of Fremont citizens do not go amiss. Game Warden Miller already has ordered a number of pheasants placed on the island and has arranged with Fremont citizens under the direction of Mayor Wolz to give the birds protection.

BEATRICE—At a meeting of the socialists of this city a resolution was passed calling for the reisgnation of Mayor W. E. Griffin. It is charged that he has violated the principles of the socialist party in appointing men other than socialists to serve on the police force; that he dismissed Officer Land without provocation, and appointed James Couch, a republican, in his place, and that he last fall signed the gas ordinance, which raised the price of gas, and which action was contrary to the platform of the party. Mayor Griffin states that he withdrew from the party at a meeting held two weeks ago.

TABLE ROCK—Floyd Hays, who lives in the west part of town, has been missing from his home since Friday last. His wife went to visit her mother, a few miles north of town, Thursday last, expecting to be away a few days. When Monday came, and he had not been seen since Friday, and no one appeared to care for the stock, neighbors and relatives were notified, and entered the house, which was locked, and found a note lying on the table, addressed to his wife, telling her to sell the things and pay debts, as far as possible, and that she would never see, or hear from him again. He was in debt and it is thought had worried greatly over it.

OMAHA—"A Wool Tariff That Will Protect" was the subject of the address of F. A. Ellenwood, of Red Bluff, Cal., at the second day's session of the National Wool Growers' 48th annual convention. Mr. Ellenwood's address was in the nature of a protest against what he represented as unfair treatment of the wool grower by the manufacturer. He produced figures to show that the so-called "compensatory duty" on woolen cloth intended only to repay the manufacturer for the money paid by him either as duty on imported wool or in advanced prices for domestic wool on account of the tariff is too high because it is based on the false assumption that the duty on first grade wool is equal to 33 cents a pound computed on a scoured basis.

LUVERNE, MINN.—George Burt Ehle, of Hennepin county, Minnesota, and Miss Belle Mary Johnson, of this city, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Johnson, last evening at seven o'clock, the Rev. E. H. Bronson officiating. After the ceremony the young couple left for Minneapolis where they will make their future home.

The annual output of lead pencils in this country is more than 320,000,000. The cedar wood used in making them weighs about 100,000 tons, and nearly three-fourts of a cent worth of wood is required for each pencil. No other wood is so good for the purpose, and the timber is becoming scarce. Old cedar planks and fence rails now find a ready sale.

In England the first true lighthouse was the Eddystone, built in 1780; two centuries before Christ, however, fires had been lighted on a tower near Alexandria, Egypt, as a warning to mariners.

PRETTY IOWA GIRL PARADES IN MEN'S TOGS SEEKING JOB

In Order to Avoid Arrest, Tells Pitiful Story of Manifold Troubles.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 16.—After parading the streets of Norfolk and loafing around pool halls for about four days dressed in men's clothes, Miss Mary Johnson, of Corinth, Ia., found it necessary to confess last night that she was a woman.

Miss Johnson was recognized as a woman by Sheriff C. S. Smith, who found her in a local pool hall. After she had bitterly pleaded not to be put in jail, the county official took pity on the girl and she was allowed to leave the city on an early morning train. "Johnson" is probably a fictitious name, says the sheriff, but that her home is in Corinth, Ia., he is quite sure.

The story told to the officer by the girl after he had put her under a rigid questioning seemed a pitiful one. She declared that her mother was dead and that her father has abused her and seven other children. She told the sheriff that she found it easier to obtain work when dressed in men's clothing. It developed later, however, that the girl's story was untrue. A local barber had admitted that he had cut the girl's hair about a week ago. She then was garbed in ordinary female attire. For three days Miss Johnson, wearing a small cap and soft shirt, a regular coat and a pair of yellow-striped overalls, has been sitting around a local pool hall, where she was thought by the men who frequent the place to be a boy.

She was noticed early Wednesday evening seated on the top of an ice box in a pool hall and later when it was learned that the sheriff was searching for her, she was given a chance to escape by several men who learned that she was disguised. She did not take the opportunity and the sheriff took her in charge. Miss Johnson is not a bad looking girl. She is very dark, has pretty dark eyes and very dark hair. She weighs about 120 pounds and is about 19 years old.

SMOKELESS, DRINKLESS, PICTURE SHOWLESS TOWN

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—Although a city of 4,000 persons, University Place, the Methodist college suburb of Lincoln, offers but one place for the cigar hungry citizen to make his purchases. This is a drug store. And the other night a mass convention was held for the purpose of formulating a petition to the druggist to please stop selling any cigars or tobacco.

There is no billiard hall and no bowling alley in the place. There isn't even a moving picture show. Several weeks ago a venturesome man, who didn't know the character of the town hired a hall, erected a temporary stage and bought a number of chairs. He brought in his moving picture machine and advertised he was open for business. He stayed for 10 nights, and then quit. The largest receipts for any evening were 85 cents.

The city has no saloons and no jail, and it is claimed that there are not a hundred men who smoke. Chancellor Fulmer states that because of the strict rules against smoking, the number of students who use the weed in any form is very small.

BARRY OFFERED GOVERNORSHIP OF DAYTON SOLDIERS' HOME

Washington, Dec. 16.—Gen. P. H Barry, of Greeley, Neb., member of the national board of managers of homes for disabled soldiers, has been offered the position of governor of the Dayton soldiers' home. He will consult with his children before deciding whether to accept it. The Dayton home is the largest in the country. General Barry became a member of the board last August.

Henry T. Clarke will apear before the House committee on rivers and harbors today to make an argument in favor of the bill introduced by Congressman Lobeck, providing $10,000 for a thorough test of the brush and cable system of channeling the Missouri.

Walter L. Houser, chairman of the La Follette campaign committee, said today that he could not assign definite dates for Senator La Follette's trip to Nebraska, and that he did not know when he would be able to do so.

Under special orders Alexander Lichtman, of the Omaha recruiting station, will be discharged by the office in command by purchase.

AMERICAN MEATS ON BRITISH TABOO LIST

Government Will Not Give Out Contracts Until Criminal Trial Is Settled.

London, Dec. 16.—The British government has decided to exclude American meat packers against whom prosecutions have been instituted in the United States from tendering contracts for a supply of meat to the British army and navy, pending the settlement of the suits.

The decision of the government is due to the opposition of labor and advanced radical members of parliament to the American trusts.

The conitracts given out by the war office, which had hitherto been secured by American firms are now expected to go to Argentina meat packers.

Armour Admits.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Co., under indictment for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, admitted that the Armour company had been notified that its bids for British army contracts would not be accepted, pending the settlement of suits by the United States.

Mr. Armour, declined to in anyway discuss the situation or its effect on the cases now being tried here.

NO TRUTH IN RUMOR OF ASSASSINATION OF KING

London, Dec. 16.—A rumor that King George had been assassinated in the royal camp at Delhi was circulated broadcast in London this morning and created tremendous excitement on the streets. Officials insisted that the rumor was without foundation and declared that it probably arose through sensational reports of a slight fire last night in a tent adjoining that of the king.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

OAKDALE—Chas. F. Sandahl has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the board of education caused by the resignation of Henry Tunberg, county treasurer, upon his removal to Tekamah.

MADISON — Clifford Williams was bound over by a peace bond by County Judge Bates. Levi Johns was the complainant. Johns charges that Williams carried concealed weapons and threatened his life. Williams paid all the costs, gave peace bond for six months and agreed to leave the county.

OMAHA—Mayor and Mrs. J. C. Dahlman have returned from a week's trip to Texas, where they went by invitation as members of an excursion of 200 Nebraskans, which included former Governor Shallenberger and other notables. They visited Houston, Dallas, Galveston and the new town of Francitas, which is almost wholly settled by Nebraskans.

OAKLAND—The Oakland Commercial club gave lunch and smoker last evening at the Benson cafe. There was a good attendance and the meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever held by the club. A sewerage system for the city was the principal topic under discussion, and from the sentiment expressed it is evident that Oakland will have an up-to-date sewerage system within a year.

LINCOLN—Jesse S. Newton, a clothing merchant of Wymore, sent to the state offices for blanks whereby he may file as a republican candidate for the republican nomination for governor. Newton did not come out and say so in so many words that he is the man who might eventually use the papers, but at the state house this was taken for granted and the papers were sent along to him.

LINCOLN—Governor Aldrich has been severely assaulted by Clyde J. Wright, a prominent socialist, because recently upon being interviewed upon the result of the McNamara confession at Los Angeles the executive stated that this instance in reality, in his opinion defeated socialism. Such comments as "political brainstorm" and others equally expressive are hurled at the head of the governor in no unmeaning terms.

FREMONT—George Crookman, a laborer on the Northwestern, was overcome by gas in a trench under the Third street crossing. Crookman leaped into the trench for the purpose of shutting off the flow from a leak. He was overcome and fell to the bottom before he had reached the damaged part. A physician worked over him an hour before he was revived.

LINCOLN—Agitation for a public market place is showing signs of ripening earlier than it usually does in this city, the latest support behind this perennial movement being the Lancaster County Gardeners' and Fruit Growers' association. The plan by which the producers hope to accomplish something is different than others have tried, and contemplaes the issuance of bonds to get the idea under way.

LINCOLN—There is nothing in the laws of Nebraska to prevent a man being justice of the peace and police magistrate at the same time, according to an opinion by Attorney General Martin. He was asked by Deputy Attorney Hager, of Lancaster county, to decide whether the University Place police magistrate, who has also been elected police judge, can legally serve in both capacities.

NELIGH—A case set for trial for the present term of court is that of Mrs. Nels Pederson, who is bringing suit against the bonding companies representing the saloon keepers of this city for $10,000 each. It will be remembered that Leu Greggerson was charged with the killing of Pederson and was acquitted by a jury last spring. Pederson, during the later months of his lifetime, became a habitual drunkard.

STANTON—At a meeting of the mayor and council of the city of Stanton, plans and specifications furnished by C. A. Hickman, an engineer of Sioux City, for an extension of the present electric light and water systems of this city were duly adopted. These plans cover the erection of a brick boiler room with a coal shed attached, for the installation therein of a 100-horsepower steam engine and an additional electrical generator.

OMAHA—The 48th annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association opened at the Auditorium here this morning with a large attendance of sheep men from nearly every state in the union. More than usual interest is felt by wool growers in this year's convention on account of the proposed revision of the tariff to be undertaken by the present congress. The feature of the opening session of the convention was the annual address of the president, former Gov. F. R. Gooding, of Idaho.

ALBION—A medicine show which held forth here all last week, has been the source of amusement and excitement to town people. The show ran smoothly until Saturday night, when the climax was reached and the clash came. Acting under the influence of drink, the boss of the show struck his wife and reeled her over a trunk onto the floor, and a general rough house followed. Local officers quelled the boisterous bunch. Charles Lucas, a member of the company, was married to a young lady from Pierce, on the stage one night of their stay here. The troupe is now showing at Cedar Rapids.

SCOTTS BLUFF— The law and the prophet are the part of a legal complication at this place. Mrs. Schmaul secured a divorce in this term of court and overlooking the important fact that it was not effective for six months, she was a few days later married at Cheyenne to D. K. Profit of this place. On their return their honeymoon was rudely shattered by the information of the court that her decree of divorce had not been signed by Judge R. W. Hobert, which left her and Mr. Profit in a most embarrassing position.

MISSOURI VALLEY—Mrs. H. B. Wing, aged 28, who was burned here by her clothes catching fire from a heater, died yesterday of her injuries. According to reports Mrs. Wing went too near the stove and her dress caught fire. She ran from the house with her clothes all ablaze. Geo. A. McKenzie was across the street when Mrs. Wing came from the house and by throwing his overcoat around her extinguished the flames. Her injuries were regarded as not necessarily fatal at the time she was burned, but she grew worse. She leaves a little baby girl 3 weeks old and another girl of 2 years and her husband. The fire company responded to the call and the house was but slightly burned.

LINCOLN—Secretary of State Wait is of the opinion that in the matter of presidential and vice presidential races in next spring's primary petitions asking that names of various men go on the ballot for the preferential expression must have 3,000 signers, the same as is required for those who desire election as delegates-at-large to either of the big national conventions.

MILFORD—The body of John D. Froyer was found in the Blue river above the power company's dam. He had but a short time before rowed across the river with Capt. Edwin Culver and whether his death was due to accident or suicide does not seem certain.

DEFEATED OFFICIAL CLAIMS BIG DAMAGE FROM PERSECUTORS

Attorney Seeks to Get Even With Parties Who Instituted Ouster Suit.

Neleigh, Neb., Dec. 15.—A jury has been empanelled to hear the case brought by former County Attorney Rice against W. B. Eastman and Minor S. Bacon for $10,300 damages.

This is the outcome of the famous Greggerson-Pederson murder trial held last spring, and is the result of ex-County Attorney Rice refusing to prosecute Leu Greggerson on the charge of murder, manslaughter or assault and battery with the intent of doing great bodily harm, because he deemed that there was no evidence sufficient to convict on any of the charges. Because he refused to do so, ouster proceedings were instituted against him. After hearing the evidence in this case Judge Welch exonorated the county attorney and stated at the time that it would have been malfeasance in office if he had prosecuted Greggerson on the evidence presented. When Leu Greggerson was brought to trial on the charge of second degree murder and was acquitted by the jury, again was this a vindication that Mr. Rice was in every way justified in not prosecuting the case. Now he seeks damages in the amount given from parties who were instrumental in bringing action against him and causing his defeat for reelection for county attorney of Antelope county.

The case of Mrs. Nels Pederson, wife of the man killed, while in a state of intoxication, against the bonding companies representing Greggerson and another saloon keeper whom she sued for $10,000, was settled yesterday just before the noon hour. The jury had been selected and sworn, but no witnesses had been introduced, when it was announced that the case had been settled by the attorneys interested. Mrs. Pederson is to receive $650, and the defendants to pay all costs.

HIGH MASONS MEET IN SECRET CONCLAVE

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—Over 150 prominent Masons from out in the state are in Omaha attending the annual meetings of the grand council of Royal and Select Masons, and the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Among them are Judge C. J. Phelps, of Schuyler; Judge Samuel P. Davidson, of Tecumseh; Frank H. Young, of Broken Bow; L. D. Richards, of Fremont; John S. Harman, of Tecumseh; George J. Spohn, of Superior; Francis McGilverin, of Fremont; John J. Wilson, of Broken Bow; John Harper, of David City; James Tylor, of Lincoln; Chauncey L. Wattles, of Neligh; Dr. Carrel D. Evans, of Columbus; William D. Funk, of Bloomfield; Alpha Morgan, of Broken Bow; John N. Neely, of Thedford; John W. Mitchell, of Superior, and Lewis C. Smith, of Long Pine.

The grand council held its meeting yesterday forenoon. These officers for the coming year were then elected:

Georige S. Powell, grand master, Omaha.

Chauncey L. Wattles, deputy grand master, Neligh.

Lewis E. Smith, grand principal conductor of the work, Long Pine.

John S. Harman, grand treasurer, Tecumseh.

Francis E. White, grand recorder, Omaha.

John J. Mercer, grand chaplain, Omaha.

Leonidas H. Bradley, grand captain of the guard, Omaha.

Charles P. Philbrick, grand conductor of the council, Wymore.

August J. Albers, grand steward, Fremont.

August J. Neely, grand sentinel, Thedford.

The grand council has 24 subordinate councils, with 1,514 members.

THIRD TIME WOUNDED BY HIS AUTOMOBILE

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 15.—E. T. Poland, proprietor of the Mary-Etta hotel, while cranking his automobile, forgot to retard the spark, which caused the engine to revolve backward and the starting crank flew around, striking his right arm and both bones were fractured just above the wrist. This makes the second fracture Mr. Poland has sustained in the last two years with his automobile crank striking him. About a year ago, Mr. Poland struck a bridge five miles northeast of Fairbury, the machine skidded and turned turtle and Mr. Poland was badly shaken up. He just got his car home from Moline, Ill., where it was thoroughly overhauled. He is beginning to think that fate is against him

SOCIALIST MAYOR FOR MUNICIPAL SALOON

Coeur d'Alene Plan Evolves Paying Bartenders More Than House Police.

Coeur D'Alene, Id., Dec. 15.—The entire populace is excitedly discussing the proposal of John T. Wood, the socialist mayor, to open and maintain a municipal saloon. Four socialist councilmen favor the plan, and its fate will be decided at a meeting of the city council this week.

Mayor Wood plans to lease a building at $500 a month, hire a manager at $2,000 a year, two cashiers at $85 a month each, as many bartenders as necessary at $100 a month each, a house policeman at $85 a month and two janitors at $75.

If the plans of the mayor and councilmen are carried out the attaches will be placed under bonds and the place run in strict adherence to the city ordinances. The saloon will be required to pay the state and federal license fee of $775 a year.

The county recently voted "wet," and men who had arranged to open saloons oppose the mayor's plan.

"JOHN WINTER" DEAD.

London, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Arthur Stannard, the novelist who was known by her pen name of "John Strange Winter," died today. She had been confined to her bed for the last five months as the result of an accident while stepping out of an elevator.

HELD FOR ROBBERY.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—The three men arrested here yesterday on suspicion of having been implicated in the Hardeeville, S. C., train robbery Tuesday, were released last night.