

# The O'Neill Frontier

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Among foods, raisins, dates and figs are about equal as energy producers.

Italy consumes less tobacco per capita than any other country in the world.

The United States and Russia together own about half the horses in the world.

The area expropriated in India for the new city at Delhi is 125 square miles.

Peking, the only capital in the world without street car system, soon is to have an electric line.

In 27 tobacco establishments in Kentucky 3,045 women are employed, at an average weekly wage of \$4.52.

The world's largest bird of prey is the bearded vulture. From tip to tip of wing it measures nine or 10 feet.

The 26th anniversary of the foundation of the Royal society of London will be celebrated July 10 to 18, 1912.

Cement coffins for dogs are the latest innovation in the use of cement, shown at the cement exhibit in Chicago.

A blue fox farm is to be started on Kargan Island, Kamchatka, and to be managed like similar farms in North America.

Emperor William has offered a prize of \$12,000 from his private funds to the inventor of a building of motors for aeroplanes in Germany.

Desertions in the United States army in 1911 amounted to only 2.88 per cent, a lower rate than in any other year for 50 years, except in 1898.

Cape Colony now sends more than 20,000 boxes of fruit weekly to the Covent Garden market—the outgrowth of a consignment of a few boxes of pears in 1886.

A society called the Loan of Honor has been established at Lyons, France, so loan money without security to persons in need and judged worthy of relief.

Petroleum fields covering east areas in Turkistan, extending to the Chinese frontier, have recently been surveyed by Professor Hjalmer Sjörgen, of Stockholm.

A bit of wood cut from the apple tree in Sir Isaac Newton's garden which gave the world the theory of gravitation has been presented to the Royal Astronomical society.

Because few typewriter inks are indelible or unalterable, the official government has been patented the official registration or authentication of typewritten documents.

Gifford Pinchot, of the National Irrigation congress, declares that there are 77,000,000 acres of swamp and overflow lands in the Mississippi valley that can be made into farm land at a cost of \$5 to \$7 an acre. It costs from \$20 to \$40 to claim land by irrigation.

The Vienna electric plant is making arrangements with the bakers' syndicate to have electric ovens adopted widely throughout the city and to supply the current at special reduced rates. Use of electric ovens for bread baking is being promoted in other European cities also.

Cotton stalks, it is thought, may be used for the manufacture of paper. A machine has been patented which will separate the brown bark from the inner pith, and it is claimed that excellent paper pulp may be made from the latter. From the bark a substitute for excelsior is manufactured.

Red rains are very rare, but in volcanic regions gray rain is comparatively common. Sicily has had many showers of this shade. They are caused by the upper atmosphere being full of ash colored volcanic dust from Etna. This dust is infinitesimally fine and colors the rain as it falls.

General Baden-Powell, originator of the Boy Scout movement, has had a watch made which he can read in the dark. Instead of the thin hands usual in watches they are very thick, while the quarter hours are also denoted by heavy marks. Thus the watch can be seen almost in the inky darkness.

Experiments made in Germany as to the value of different foods for fattening hogs disclosed that 100 kilos (220 pounds) of barley brought an increase of 52.5 pounds; 100 kilos of hominy, 60.6 pounds; 100 kilos of mixed corn, 68.2 pounds; and 50 kilos each of barley and gluten feed, 70.4 pounds.

Snow melters have been provided outside the new passenger station of the Chicago & Northwestern at Chicago. They are steel pans with semi-circular bottoms and contain steam coils. They are set in the track and the melted snow is carried off by drain pipes to sewerage. Snow is shoveled to the pans and there melted.

Some of the fastest trains in the world are to be found in England and France. England has eight regular daily trains with speeds of 55.1 to 59.3 miles an hour, whose stop-to-stop runs are from 73 to 118.3 miles in length. The French roads run four daily trains over a distance of 77 1/2 to 170 1/2 miles, at speeds from 55.2 to 61.3 miles an hour.

Under Polk, four ex-presidents were living—Adams, Jackson, Van Buren and Tyler. Under Buchanan were Van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore and Pierce. Lincoln's first term saw Van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore, Pierce and Buchanan still alive, and out of office. Since Grant's first term there have never been more than two former presidents living. And now there is only Theodore Roosevelt.

Immigrants into Canada last year totaled 350,000, an increase of 40,000 over 1910. A few years ago one-third of the immigration was from Great Britain, one-fifth from continental Europe, and one-third from the United States; but in 1911 over 40 per cent came from the mother country. Immigrants from the United States numbered 125,400, an increase of 4,000 over 1910.

The falling off in the value of exports from the Dresden district to the United States has caused surprise. The decrease was nearly \$1,000,000 in 1910 and \$1,500,000 in the year following.

Codine, a very largely used narcotic, is more than twice its normal value, owing to the scarcity of opium. Carbollic acid continues to advance in price, and it is not at all unlikely that the cost of household disinfectants may be increased. The most noteworthy of the few articles which have declined in value is glycerin, which, after a long period of high value, now shows signs of coming down in price.

# FORMER CHAPLAIN OF LINCOLN PEN STATES

## WHY HE QUIT THE JOB

Changes and Reforms That He Sought in Prison—Dope Not From Visitors.

Lincoln, Neb., April 8.—The Rev. P. C. Johnson, of this city, the former chaplain of the Nebraska penitentiary, who resigned shortly after Deputy Warden Davis was stabbed to death by the negro, Prince, and before the mutiny at the prison, in which Warden Delahanty and Usher Hellman were killed, has given out the following statement:

"Somewhat reluctantly I appear in public print. Of many things that I hate, a newspaper controversy is not the least. My experience of the past few weeks only confirms this dislike. But simple justice to myself requires a few corrections, and a few brief statements.

Some papers say, 'It is understood about Lincoln that the chaplain had suggested to him that his resignation would be accepted.' Others, that 'It was demanded,' etc. Allow me to say there is absolutely no truth in any of these statements, nor call anything approximating them. The resignation was wholly an act of my own.

"Further reference is made to some quarrel. Let me say I quarreled with no one. I preserved my self-possession when I called upon the governor to resign. I was not angry and spoke respectfully and retired quietly when so ordered to do. Neither did I make any complaint against anybody, nor did I intend to. My only intent was to resign the chaplaincy of the Nebraska penitentiary.

"Concerning the interview, there are other points that I might touch, but these suffice, and I can prove these, and more, by Mr. Corder, of the firm of Wood & Corder, who was with me at the time.

Could No Longer Fit In.

"My reasons for resigning are wholly my own and are really of no one else. How little did I think that the importance that has been given it. I had no personal difficulty with the prison administration, but I saw, heard and felt that it was impossible for me to work there any longer. What all this was I can tell to any one whose business to know is admitted.

"Any one that can read intelligently what has appeared in the papers for several weeks past, the statements of the 'reformers' proposed, the changes suggested and comment made will see what I and others have, in some form or other, contended for from five to seven years. The thing that is more than merely amusing is the newness of zeal for reform that has been asked for by the real friends of the prison and its inmates for years past. I can show in printed reports and addresses most, if not all, of the loudly called for reforms by these new converts to the cause of reform. And although they may have to be counted in with the 'cranks,' 'sentimentalists,' 'dickers' and others who are a trouble to politicians and others of the same ilk, yet they are to be congratulated upon their conversion to this late date. While the light holds out to burn, etc. May I not suggest, modestly, that it would have paid had this need of reform, and its demand, been heeded years ago?

Visitors Don't Bring in Dope.

"Concerning 'dope,' just a word: It is undoubtedly a hard thing to control. But I deny that 'visitors' in the penitentiary have been bringing in dope. Some years ago a guard was found with a paper sack which had 11 bottles of the drug in it. Of course, he was discharged instantly. The 'visitors' have maintained the Sunday school in the prison in this great state at a cost of more than \$200 per year, as I happen to know, and not one cent of this has come from the state. Yet the state spends from \$1,500 to \$1,700 a year for tobacco for the inmates. I am not moralizing about tobacco, for I do not hold out to burn, etc. (If the state did not furnish it many a young fellow would be helped to quit the habit). Yet when I wanted money for some small items I would be met, in some way, with a denial of some kind.

"The 'reformers' in the Appeal to Reason, which was largely quoted, it was not written at my dictation, nor was the exact language mine. However, in substance, it expressed my feelings. In one place I would not have used the word 'murder,' though it seems that it has required tragedy to arouse public notice to some very important state matters."

FREMONT'S FLOOD EXPERIENCE MINIMIZED BY LEVY SYSTEM

Fremont, Neb., April 8.—River experts declare that Fremont was saved from a disastrous flood in the business and residential section of the city only by the fact that the dyke district constructed heavy works southwest of the city and that the Burlington railroad narrowed the channel immediately south. At this place the water measured 52 feet deep and the current was so powerful that it did not permit the ice to gorge. While portions of Fremont were inundated, the water did not rise to four and five feet deep in the houses as it did in Waterloo and Valley. Fremont got off easier than any other town along the valley. The demonstration given by the dyke confirms the belief of many students of the Platte river problem that the solution lies in confining the river to a narrow stream, say 50 feet in width. As it is so shallow that when ice breaks up, it gradually accumulates till it forms the gorges which dam up the riverway and sends the flow of water out across the adjoining lowlands.

Reports from Waterloo indicate that the town is still standing in three feet of water. Business is being carried on by means of boats. Waterloo lies in a swale that has no outlet and it will take many days for the water to disappear. Conditions at Valley are improving steadily. It will take \$10,000 to repair the damage done to streets and surrounding roads there.

Thousands of acres of valuable hay and grazing land along the Platte bottoms have been covered by sand from a foot to three feet deep and have been rendered worthless.

IMPLEMENT PLANT BURNS INVOLVING ONE FATALITY

Omaha, Neb., April 8.—One workman, John Lauzterre, was burned to death and \$200,000 monetary loss was sustained by a fire which late yesterday afternoon destroyed the implement manufacturing plant of T. F. Stroud & Co., at the intersection of Ames and Broadway streets. The fire was caused by a gas leak. This concern carried but \$5,000 insurance.

Lauzterre was a woodworker, 65 years old. After the fire broke out he rushed into the plant room to secure his tools and was overcome by the heat and fumes.

# NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

LINCOLN—Although the wholesale price of cement has remained steady for the past month, a sharp increase is looked for by local dealers within a short time. The reason assigned is the combination of the millers of the product which has been pending for the past four months and which only a little over a week ago went into effect. This coupled with the swelling of the season and what is considered demand in years, will boost the market.

LINCOLN—Graham Taylor, a Chicago man and religion forward worker and a member of the National Prison association, visited the Nebraska state prison yesterday and, in the presence of several newspaper men, got a lengthy interview from Charles Morley, the surviving convict of the trio which recently escaped from the institution. To the prison worker Morley stated that one of the first four or five shots fired from the buggy leading the chase against them killed their hostage, Roy Blunt.

OMAHA—William J. Morris, expert accountant in the service of the city of Omaha, in connection with the fight for dollar gas, has notified the city gas department that the Omaha gas company was delaying unreasonably the information necessary for a physical valuation of the plant.

OMAHA—Geo. C. Cockrell, after many years' residence in Omaha, and a well known man in legal circles, died suddenly at his home at the Merriam hotel at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon of apoplexy. Judge Cockrell came home complaining that he did not feel very well and the landlady assisted him to his room. Judge Cockrell was 76 years old and was one of the oldest justices of the peace in Omaha. He was a Mason and an Elk and prominent in the service of the city of Omaha. He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Christian Science.

BROKEN BOW—Frank Bayers, the young man who shot and killed Joseph Tehon last week near Anselmo, waived examination before County Judge Holcomb on a charge of murder in the first degree and was bound over in the sum of \$1,000. Several prominent people in the neighborhood of Anselmo signed the bond and Bayers was released pending his appearance before Judge Hostetter at the coming term of district court.

LINCOLN—Elton Fulmer, chemist for the state of Washington and graduate of the University of Nebraska, is being "boomed" for the office of head of the United States bureau of chemistry, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Wiley. Chancellor Avery and other alumni of the university are very interested in Fulmer for the position and the Nebraska congressional delegation has been asked to take up the matter with President Taft and Secretary Wilson. The object of the boom is a brother of Chancellor Fulmer, of Nebraska Wesleyan university.

PENDER—The body of Oscar Hamlin, who was drowned here in a railroad ditch, was found out on the prairie 600 feet back from the ditch, where it had washed. The funeral was held here yesterday.

BLOOMFIELD—The Bloomfield Commercial club held its annual meeting for the election of officers. The following officers and executive committee were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. J. McCourt; Vice president, L. M. Caya; Secretary-treasurer, H. F. Friedrichs. Executive committee, P. A. Talbott, W. R. Ellis, P. B. Neff, E. M. Bloodhart, H. A. Dahl, H. F. Cunningham and L. C. Bieck.

TEKAMAH—The Third congressional district women's club, delegate convention will open here April 15 for a two-day session. Over 100 delegates are expected and preparations are about complete for their entertainment. A splendid program has been prepared and a great meeting is anticipated.

SUPERIOR—Evangelist Bromley and a corps of workers have been holding successful revival meetings for the last five weeks in the tabernacle and despite the bad weather the cause of religion has been taken for Mr. Bromley and his four helpers at the close of the meetings.

LEAP YEAR PROMISE BROKEN, IS CHARGE

Woman, Who Says She Popped the Question, Asks \$10,000 Heart Balm From Lover.

Denver, April 5.—Abner James Davis, son of a wealthy Iowa farmer, is defendant in a suit brought by Mrs. Pearl Phillips, a young widow, who charges him with breach of promise to marry after she had proposed and been accepted. Mrs. Phillips, the mother of two small children, asks for \$10,000 damages for her injured feelings and the disappointment occasioned by Davis's alleged abrogation of his agreement to wed her.

Davis and Mrs. Phillips met early in February as a result of the former's request for a Colorado wife, published in a newspaper advertisement, and in matrimonial agencies. His request was answered by a well off financially and declared he wished a "loving, home-like woman for a mate."

Mrs. Phillips, clerk in a large department store, saw the advertisement and answered it. She met Davis at her home on several occasions and according to her they were satisfied with each other.

"This is leap year," Davis said, according to Mrs. Phillips, "so I guess it's up to you to pop the question."

"This Mrs. Phillips did, she says, and it was agreed that the wedding should take place in a few days. Later Davis told her that he would not marry her, she asserts. He gave no reason for his refusal.

CLARK WITHDRAWS HIS NAME FROM N. J. BALLOT

Trenton, N. J., April 5.—In a letter received today by Secretary of State Crater, Speaker Champ Clark withdrew his name from use on the ballot in the New Jersey primary election to choose delegates to the democratic national convention. Mr. Clark does not give any reason for his action, but it is believed here his move was taken as a courtesy to Governor Wilson.

THROUGH COAL RATES TO STAND UNTIL AUGUST

Washington, April 5.—Through rates on coal from Illinois mines, by way of the Chicago & Alton and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads, cannot be cancelled prior to August 3. The action of the Interstate Commerce commission to have been effective April 8, was ordered suspended today by the Interstate Commerce commission until the later date. The withdrawal of through rates would have resulted in an advance of 12 1/2 cents a ton in the rate on steam coal.

# DOMESTIC INFELICITY CAUSES DOUBLE CRIME

## OF FORMER OMA MAN

Louis Byour Turns Gun On His Wife and Completes Tragedy With His Own Life.

Wahoo, Neb., April 8.—Louis Byour, of this city, last night shot and killed his wife, and turning the pistol on himself he followed her into eternity. The tragedy occurred at 8:30 o'clock in front of the Byour home, the only nearby witness being a nephew of the dead woman. Byour said in his will:

"Two weeks ago the couple had some domestic trouble, the wife going to the home of a sister, who resides on a farm near here. Last evening Mrs. Byour came to town with a nephew to get some of her household effects. She went to her home and finding it locked, went up town after her husband. They met apparently in amiable spirits and went home together to pack up. They put some things in a lumber wagon and carried out the sewing machine and while her nephew was tying it in place, Byour said to his wife: 'You'd better get your sheets and pillow slips.'"

Mrs. Byour was returning to the house for the bed clothes as suggested by her husband, when he pulled a revolver and shot his wife at a distance of but a few feet, the ball entering one of her eyes, killing her instantly. Byour then placed the revolver behind his right ear and pulled the trigger. His death was instantaneous.

Hearing the shots, the young man tying the machine, rushed to town and turned in an alarm. The coroner, sheriff and city marshal immediately responded and took charge of the house and the bodies of Byour and his wife.

April 2 Byour went to the bank and drew \$3,000 in cash, all he had, preparatory to going to his parents in Iowa.

The coroner found but \$1,000 in cash on Byour's person, the remainder not being accounted for.

Search of the Byour premises has failed to account for the \$1,400 Byour is supposed to have had.

GREAT DAY FOR ARNOLD WHEN THE CHOO-CHOO CARS ARRIVE

Arnold, Neb., April 6.—Wednesday was a day which perhaps brought more solid joy to every child and young man than any other in the town's history. That day the oldest settlers saw the realization of hopes for which many of them have patiently waited 30 or more years—the coming of a railroad to place them in the city in direct connection with the rest of the world. The choo-choo train and crew reached the heart of Arnold by noon and was greeted by Hardin's band, a great throng of citizens of the town and vicinity and a liberal supply of cigars. The event was of too great importance to satisfy the joy and festivity of the people in an hour or two, and throughout the day a great crowd accompanied the construction train and workmen watching the work of building a railroad. The school children were dismissed for noon, and without diners joined the throng. The excitement was too great for the children to interest themselves with studies any more that day, and school was dismissed.

CONVICTS ARRAIGNED AND PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—Charles Morley and Hartford Reed were arraigned in district court yesterday afternoon. Morley was called upon to plead to the charge of being an accessory to the murder of Usher Hellman and of being the murderer of Warden Delahanty of the state prison, deaths which occurred during the outbreak of three weeks ago last week. The county attorney stated that he would probably be placed on trial on April 30. Reed, who is charged with furnishing convict Albert Prince with the knife with which he killed Deputy Warden Davis on February 11, was called to the court and entered a plea of not guilty for him.

WETS MAKE SLIGHT GAINS IN LATE CITY ELECTIONS

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—As a result of the municipal elections the wet towns of the state have been slightly increased. Of those reported 64 took their place for saloons, of which number nine switched from dry to wet, as follows: Auburn, Beatrice, Bellwood, Clarke, DeWitt, Dorchester, Herman, Orleans and Wilcox. The following towns voted out saloons: Geneva, Gothenburg, Loup City and Upland. The number of wet towns in the state is 64; dry, 42.

INSURGENT WOODMEN DECREE ULTIMATUM

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—The officers of the Nebraska Insurgent Woodmen association, at a meeting here, adopted resolutions protesting against the advance in insurance rates which the society recently ordered. The demands upon the best officers were presented to Head Consul A. R. Talbot. They ask that the question of an increase be submitted to a vote of the entire membership of the order, and that Mr. Talbot call a special and newly-elected camp to reconsider the rate enactment.

An answer to these demands is requested not later than April 15.

NEBRASKA NEWS BRIEFS

HOOPER—County Surveyor William Sanders and Addie Muir started to cross the swollen Maple creek yesterday, intending to hunt duck in the lake country to the northwest. Their boat was swept against a fence post and upset, spilling them out in the current. The men saved their lives, but lost their boat, their guns, and their ammunition.

PONCA—The second trial of William Flage on charge of venue from Dixon county will have a hearing in the district court here April 15.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The president has nominated Henry C. M. Burgess for reappointment as surveyor of customs at Lincoln, Neb.

LINCOLN—Major Edward H. Antles of the Nebraska National guard has been appointed deputy warden of the state penitentiary. The announcement of the appointment was made early today from the executive offices. The appointee has had experience as a soldier in the Spanish-American war as a member of the Third Nebraska which did police duty in Havana in 1898.

OMAHA—Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, candidate for nomination for president on the republican ticket, will speak at the Omaha Auditorium Saturday evening of this week.

WINNIPEG—At Edmonton, capital of Alberta province, Harvey Philam, of Albion, Neb., is under arrest, charged with embezzlement. He was arrested on December 27, 1911, and photograph in a circular sent over western Canada by Nebraska authorities. He has money and has taken out habeas corpus papers in the supreme court. In the meantime he is in the mounted police jail. Lincoln authorities have wired that an officer with requisition papers is en route.

# NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

WASHINGTON—The house has passed the Borah bill reducing the required residence on homesteads from five to three years, changing only the period of absence permitted each year. This is reduced from six to five months each year. The Senate will accept the change. The act is retroactive and homesteaders who under the old law have resided three years upon their land may proceed to patent as soon as the bill is signed by the president. The bill reflects primarily the demands of the far west, but has had the strong support of Nebraska homesteaders.

CENTRAL CITY—Plans are being laid for the holding of the Nebraska Intercollegiate Prohibition association convention and state oratorical contest here next week. This association embraces the following colleges: Grand Island Baptist Wesleyan university, Cotner, Doane, Orleans seminary, Union college, York college, Nebraska Central, Bellevue and the state university. Of these colleges Doane, Cotner and Bellevue will not have representatives in the contest this year. The contest will be held in the opera house Tuesday evening, April 2.

LOUISVILLE—Three bents were taken out of the Rock Island bridge by the ice yesterday. The ice is gorging in many places and when these break it is feared that much damage will be done. The water is higher than at any time this year. The bridge at this place has stood the test so far and is not damaged. The Rock Island has pile drivers at the bridge but they cannot work, owing to the heavy ice.

NEBRASKA CITY—William "Ducky" Holmes, former owner of the Lincoln and Sioux City Western league ball clubs, has been engaged to act as manager of the local club next season. The city will have a club in the new league to be organized in southeastern Nebraska. The members of this league will meet at Falls City some time this week to draft a constitution and elect officers.

WYMORE—Fred Rainey, fireman on train No. 14, wrecked near Bostwick, who received serious injuries and was brought here on a special train, died at his home. Mr. Rainey had been married about two years and leaves a wife and infant child. The remains of Engineer Paul Temple, who died in the wreck, were brought to Wymore on a special train for interment.

BOSTWICK—Engineer Hall Temple, who was killed when his train went into a washout near this place, was about to retire from the service, and railroad men who were working on the wreckage here say that this was planned to be his last trip in the service. He never reached the terminal alive. He was 65 years of age. He was in the wreck recently near Endicot.

OMAHA—Romping about the kitchen floor while his mother was engaged with the family washing, Howard, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Krause, fell headlong into a tub of boiling water and died without having regained consciousness. The child stumbled into the tub before Mrs. Krause, who was within a few feet of him, could prevent the accident. Her own hands were badly scalded.

NEBRASKA CITY—The farmer and cattle raisers hereabouts are becoming alarmed over the shortage of hay. Many of the stock feeders will have to ship their stock to market because it is almost impossible to get hay at almost any price near their homes. One man who has 25 tons of timothy hay was offered \$25 a ton and refused to sell, saying he was going to feed it to his own stock.

NICKERSON—While hunting birds yesterday Allen Johnson, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Neils Johnson, shot away a portion of his hand with a small rifle. Young Johnson attempted to climb a tree and was discharged. Amputation of the thumb and a portion of the hand was necessary.

NELIGH—Sheriff L. Bennett has appointed Harry C. Frady, of this city, as his deputy, and the bond was approved last week by the county board of supervisors. The appointment is a worthy one and the general sentiment sanction the actions of Mr. Bennett.

WYOMING—Alfred Johnson, a well known Fremont attorney, has been appointed by the government to assist in prosecuting land fraud cases at Cheyenne, Wyo., and is preparing to remove to Cheyenne.

BROKEN BOW—Joseph Tehon, a farmer 40 years old, was shot and killed near the town of Anselmo by Frank Bayers, aged 20, a son of Mrs. Mary Bayers. Frank Bayers, who came here and stayed himself up, says Tehon attacked his mother and it was in defense of her that he shot. Tehon formerly lived at the Bayers home. The sheriff and coroner have gone to Anselmo to investigate.

WOONSOCKET—Postmaster Richardson has been instructed to add a postal savings department to the local postoffice on April 11.

SEWARD—Friends of S. H. Beaver, of Seward, learned within the last few days of his marriage in April last year to Mrs. Emma Agle at Palm Beach, Fla. Mr. Beaver is now conducting a hotel at Deerfield, Fla. Mr. Beaver was in the south last spring but returned to Seward soon after his marriage and resumed his duties as mail carrier on route No. 6 from Seward. He is the proprietor of the Seward green house and kept the secret of his marriage until some of his fellow townsmen happened to be covering the ground in the south that he had learned of his matrimonial venture.

YOUNG MEN SENTENCED FOR ROBBERY HOOSIER

Watertown, S. D., March 30.—Judge C. X. Seward yesterday morning sentenced Clarence Middleton, aged 24 years, to serve a term of four years and six months at hard labor in the penitentiary and Harry Cambern aged 22 years to a term of three years and one day at hard labor, having been convicted of assaulting and robbing E. D. Wilson, of Noblesville, Ind., on the night of March 13 at the Northwestern depot in this city.

Before sentencing the two young men in the presence of a crowd of spectators that more than taxed the capacity of the large court room, the judge delivered a very impressive lecture to the young men, and in a feeling way expressed his regret at his unpleasant duty in sentencing two young men who had grown up in the same town with him and had the advantage of making useful and upright citizens of themselves and failed to do so.

They were taken to the penitentiary this morning to commence serving their sentences.

WM. A. BROWN DEAD

St. Joseph, Mo., March 30.—William A. Brown, secretary of the American Association of Passenger and Baggage Transfer Companies, died at his home here today, aged 46 years.

WM. SHEPPARD DEAD

Richmond, Va., March 30.—William Ludwell Sheppard, contereater, sculptor and widely known as an illustrator and designer of sculpture, is dead here. His most notable works were the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument, the Gen. A. P. Hill statue and the Howitzer memorial, all in Richmond.

# INSURANCE EXAMINER

## DRAWS MORE PAY THAN

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## New Law Assessing Companies

## For Inspection Fund Grants Liberal Fees.

Lincoln, Neb., April 5.—Prosperity in abundance has come to John M. Gilchrist, insurance examiner of the state. The records in the auditor's office show that in the last seven months Gilchrist has drawn \$6,600 for his work in looking into the insurance companies that do business in Nebraska. Some of these vouchers are in his own name and some in the name of himself and assistants. H. S. Wiggins, the other state insurance examiner, has drawn \$776 in the same time.

Delator Barton says that the law gives the examiners \$10 a day and expenses. None of Gilchrist's vouchers or bills are itemized and there is no showing as to how much he paid his assistants. The auditor says that Gilchrist has been drawing the money in his own name and paying his men out of the proceeds of his warrant.

The money thus drawn had all been previously paid into the state treasury by the insurance companies that Gilchrist examined, this being done under the provisions of a new law passed at the last session. The insurance men are sharply criticizing the showing and the methods. They point out that there is no limit placed in the law on the number of examinations that the auditor may order, and that many of the state examinations of one company follow one another. They also say that the law leaves it wide open for an auditor and an examiner to make a good thing out of the business of examining.

No charge is made that the money has not been lawfully obtained or that there is any fraud in the connection with it, but the objection is that as the law stands, the gate is wide open for the doing of this. Gilchrist is a democrat and an accountant of standing. The records apparently show that he has been drawing several times as much for his work as the auditor who appointed him, or as the governor of the state draws.

PLATTE AT HIGH TIDE FLOWS 22 MILES PER HOUR

Lincoln, Neb., April 5.—Engineers for the state board of irrigation started to make some experiments on the flowage of the Platte during the height of the flood and were getting along finely until the strong current washed away their current meter.

The farthest out the test was made was about half way to the main channel and the current there indicated about 12 miles per hour. From that they estimated it was at least 15 miles per hour in the center of the channel. Burlington engineers who made tests estimated it at 22 miles per hour in the channel.

The average current of the river is about two and a half miles per hour and when the flood comes the flood is added to the immense ice flow, some idea can be formed of the tremendous pressure on the bridges which span the stream. The average flow of the Platte river is about 3,500 cubic feet per second and the state engineers estimate that during the height of the flood it was carrying 80,000 cubic feet per second. Professor Stout, of the University of Nebraska, who has large experience in measurement of the Platte and other rivers of the state corroborates the estimates of the state engineers.

FIDELITY LAUNDRY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fremont, Neb., April 5.—A fire this morning gutted the Fidelity laundry, causing a loss of \$5,000 to Hamilton & Smith, proprietors, and Mr. Townsend, of Crete, the owner of the building. The loss is covered by insurance.