

The O'Neill Frontier

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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

An interesting report concerning irrigation by sun power is made by the British consul at Alexandria. Comments on the arrival from Philadelphia of the Shuman sun heat absorber, which, he says, was tested and found to be satisfactory. The plant is being erected at Meadi, near Cairo, and will be used to pump water from the Nile to irrigate the surrounding land. Several experiments have been added to reduce the cost of working. In Egypt both coal and other kinds of fuel are expensive, says the consul, but plenty of sunshine can be relied upon at all times of the year, so that the experiment with this practical sun power plant will be of much interest to agricultural enterprise.

Boston has two foreign born students to whom a water meter was "the old and the young" of it. Jacob Golgolis is a Bohemian, 47 years old, the father of four children, who is a regular attendant at one of the schools "after business hours." The other is Jacob E. Bhoan, who was born in Russia in 1877, and arrived in Boston when he was 9 years old. In two years he passed through the seven grades of the Phillips Brooks school and was graduated from the high school in 1911. He is now at Harvard, making good progress at the age of 22.

M. Ernest Lavisse has turned aside from his historical labors to relate a bon mot by his friend Massenet. It was at a time when the musician was managing apartments and the historian inquired the motive of the change. "I was too well known there," Massenet replied. "Everybody was too oppressively polite. Only the other day I happened to buy a penny tin of tobacco to carry it," said the tobaccoist. "It will give you the greatest pleasure to send it round to you."—Westminster Gazette.

Mark Twain was naturally, according to his own confession as related in his recently published biography, of an indolent disposition. In an old volume of Suetonius, adjoining a reference to "Flavius Clemens" as a man distinguished "for his want of energy," the star Clemens made this annotation: "I guess this is where our line starts." Yet, as printer, plot, reporter, lecturer, traveler and author, fate conspired to get a great deal of work out of Mark Twain.

A portrait of a young woman has hung for years in the drawing room of a private school in a small town in New York. Now it has been discovered, so a newspaper article avers, that the picture was painted by Gainsborough and is worth \$70,000. Experts are often called upon for opinions as to the authenticity or value of supposed "old masters," and this is one of the few pictures in which they have found such a picture to be of real value.

Milwaukee, in the opinion of Mr. Andreas Dippel, is the one city in the United States which properly supports a German theater. And this though New York city has a larger German population than most of the cities of Germany! Still, the Deutsches theater in New York is not yet discarded, and during the coming winter it plans to present many famous German plays "with a cast hardly to be surpassed, even in Europe."

Is there any town in the United States that isn't a "world beater" in something? Fresh discoveries along this line are constantly being made. A "boosting" circular about Hamilton, O., for instance, contains the information which we think will be new to most readers. It says that 90 per cent of the world's safes are made there and that it "has the largest machine tool works and coated paper mill in existence."

That high power Hertzian waves emitted by modern wireless telegraph stations are capable of setting up high electro-motive forces in metal structures in the immediate vicinity of the stations was recently shown in Paris. Some workmen on a section of telegraph line experienced severe shocks when they touched the wires. Investigation showed that the source was the great Eiffel tower wireless station.

With the exception of the old Great Eastern, the largest side wheel steamer ever constructed is the City of Detroit III, which has been recently put into commission on the Great Lakes. This boat is 500 feet in length, 56 feet broad, 100 feet over the guards and has a loaded depth of 22 feet. The craft is entirely dependent on her side wheels, while the Great Eastern was also equipped with a propeller.

Ductile metallic tungsten is now produced in the electric furnace. Tungsten particles have been hitherto welded into a continuous filament by passing an electric current through a binding material containing the metallic particles and driven off by the high heat. By this new method, the metallic tungsten can be drawn into fine wire much stronger and more rugged.

In view of the fact that the number of persons who want to go abroad for education or for investigation is increasing every day, the chief of the bureau of foreign affairs in Hupeh and others are planning for a school to supply courses of study and information necessary to those who wish to seek further education or experience abroad.—Peking Daily News.

The popular belief that the Panama railroad was constructed at a cost of one life for every railroad built is a gross exaggeration. There are 140,000 ties, and in the five years of its construction a total of 7,000 laborers were employed.

Parties sent out by the French government to explore the Sahara desert have reported that the obstacles in the way of building a railroad across the waste of sand are not so great as was supposed.

In the last few years Moscow has been increasing in population more rapidly than at any time in a century and if the present rate be continued it will have more than 2,000,000 residents in 1918.

Betrothed by mail after introduction by mail, Miss Minnie Hankin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has gone to Calcutta, India, and married J. P. Slee.

Nashville street railways are replacing horse-drawn emergency repair wagons by motor trucks.

There are 10,010,304 depositors in United States saving banks, averaging \$44 each.

Porto Ricans are disinclined to draw carts on great estates by automobiles.

The value of 1919 crops in the United States is estimated to be \$5,000,000,000.

The New York subway in last fiscal year sold 37,380 tickets daily.

YOST ASSUMES RIGHT TO HANDLE ALL COAL OVER HIS TERRITORY

Lawyer Interrupts When Magistrate Starts to Explain the Coal Situation.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—J. H. Yost, the wealthy coal dealer of Harvard, who is sued for \$95,000, along with two others, on the charge of conspiring to put out of business the Lincoln mail order coal house of the Marsh-Burke company, was the star witness for the defense. Yost denied that he had taken part in any conspiracy. He said that when he found out that the Lincoln company was selling in his territory, he had the attorney notified the Lincoln dealers that if they didn't call Burke off he would inaugurate a price war in Lincoln.

Asked why he had taken this step, he replied: "Well, thought as long as those Lincoln dealers were peaceable and getting a good, long profit on their business—but he got no further, his attorney interrupting to prevent the giving of information about a local coal combine. In answer to another question Yost declared that he considered that he had territorial rights that other dealers had to respect.

Years ago, Yost, who is a German-Russian, worked on the section in Harvard. He got together a little money and was made manager of the local coal yard. Here he prospered, and today owns 25 yards in as many different towns in the state.

GOVERNOR-ELECT MOREHEAD BESET BY OFFICE SEEKERS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—Governor-elect Morehead was in Lincoln yesterday a few hours and had to leave hastily to avoid the rush of office seekers. Leo Matthews, who was in the governor's chair under Governor Sheilenger, is understood to be slated for the position of private secretary. Mr. Matthews has been a rampant critic of Bryan. The anti-Bryan men put it up to Morehead that he owes his nomination to them and that if the Bryan men had their way Metcalfe would have been named. Therefore, they think that the Bryan set should not be applied in any case.

WANTS HUSBAND FREED TO LIGHTEN HER BURDEN

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Mary Hamman, for the second time within a year, has journeyed all the way from Cheyenne county to the governor, to free her husband, who is serving a term in prison for criminal conduct with a young girl. On her first journey she sold her little crop of potatoes to pay expenses. This time she secured the help of some kindly disposed neighbors, and while her expenses are being paid by some of the state employees. The woman speaks very broken English. She has nothing to urge in mitigation of her husband's offense, but she pleads entirely on the fact that she and her children are unable to make a living on their little farm, and that she wants her husband released so that he may take up the burden that is too heavy for their shoulders.

GREAT STREAK OF LUCK FOR FRIDAY, THE 13TH

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—L. P. Marmon, a farmer living near Columbus, Neb., who was stricken blind by a bolt of lightning 18 months ago, recovered his sight in the union depot here yesterday. Three months ago the man went to St. Louis and underwent an operation. Apparently it failed, and with his wife he left St. Louis for home yesterday. While waiting for his train to Nebraska, Marmon rested in the depot waiting room.

"Mary, Mary," he suddenly called out, "the light!—what has happened?" "Nothing had happened to the lights. There was a dim, vague outline of the electric and a glow that could only mean a light. His wife was quick to the emergency. "Louie," she said, "you can see. We must go back to the doctor, so you can get entirely well."

GOVERNOR ALDRICH BLOCKS AN ESCAPE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—Gov. C. H. Aldrich this morning blocked the escape of Convict C. D. Romero, just discharged from the Nebraska penitentiary, when he attempted to get away from Sherman, J. of Provo, Utah, who had secured a requisition to take him into Utah to answer to a charge of forgery. Romero, who had asked for a hearing before the governor on the requisition, demanded that the warrant be read by the Utah sheriff, and when he did so the convict declared: "You can't serve that warrant on me in Nebraska," and started from the room. Governor Aldrich, who was in the outer office, blocked his progress and turned him over to the officers.

NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY DEBATERS BEAT "ILINI"

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—Arguing the affirmative side of the proposition that corporations doing an interstate business shall be compelled to take out federal charters, three debaters representing Nebraska university were given the unanimous decision of the judges over the representatives of Illinois here last night. Nebraska's delivery was regarded as superior.

ASHLAND—Seated on the floor of the bedroom, adjoining the office of the Maharg hotel, of which he was proprietor, Asa Maharg fired one shot from a .32 caliber revolver into his right temple, causing almost instant death. Dependence on financial troubles is supposed to be the cause.

SOUTH OMAHA CHIEF IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Wahoo, Neb., Dec. 16.—After deliberating 20 minutes, the jury in the trial of Chief of Police John Briggs, of South Omaha, charged with the murder of Roy Blunt, returned a verdict of not guilty. Blunt, a young farmer, was hostage of three escaped convicts for whom officers' posess were searching, and in the battle which followed their meeting young Blunt was killed. The indictment of Sheriffs Chase and Hays, heading the posse, followed.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

SOUTH OMAHA—Frank A. Agnew, of South Omaha, has received word from General Morton, of the United States Army, now stationed in Washington, D. C., conveying the information that a cousin of Mr. Agnew's great grandfather was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Agnew claims among his ancestors, a chief justice of Massachusetts, a governor of Indiana, and says the line goes directly back to a brother of William the Conqueror.

LINCOLN—Harry C. Lindsay, clerk of the supreme court, in his report filed with the governor, recommends the passing of a bill by the legislature calling for a 3/4 mill levy for two years to raise money to build a state library on the grounds of the Historical society. This would raise \$650,000, and would be sufficient for the building of a structure which would house the supreme court, the state library and the Historical society.

AUBURN—Dr. Hodges, of the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D. C., has made inquiries into the evidence concerning the original occupancy of Nemaha county, and will incorporate the evidence furnished him in a new book now in course of preparation at the bureau of ethnology. This is said to be the first time in the history of the country that eastern Nebraska has been recognized by the department at Washington.

LINCOLN—Governor Aldrich, in his forthcoming message to the legislature, will recommend the enactment of a law to prevent the marriage of the physically or mentally unsound. He has not outlined fully his plan, but it will probably be similar to the laws in other states where registration is required, and if the applicant is not considered eligible from a physical or mental standpoint, the license would be refused.

OMAHA—Word has been received in OMAHA to the effect that the Order of Railway Telegraphers and the management of the Burlington had reached a wage agreement. The telegraphers had been on a strike for some time, and the threat of a strike to back up the demand. The Burlington, it is said, has offered an increase of \$40,000 a year, the rate to be applied as the officials of the telegraphers see fit. This, it is said, has been accepted.

OMAHA—After risking his life to escape from the Greendale, Ky., state reformatory, Everett White, aged 17 years, came to Omaha and gave himself into the custody of John Briggs. White says he was killed in a drunken brawl in Catholicburg, Ky., last January and was sentenced to the reform school until he came of age. Then he was to spend the rest of his life in the state penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky.

WEST POINT—Hans A. Thompson, a business man of West Point, and his nephew and niece, William Lauridsen and Miss Ingrid Lauridsen, are to spend for three months' visit to Denmark and Germany. The party are all members of the West Point Liederkranz society, who tendered them a farewell supper and dance which was largely attended. They will sail from New York today for Copenhagen.

FREMONT—Assured that they will be equipped soon with new wagons, two teams of horses and camp paraphernalia, the members of the Fremont signal corps have leased the third floor of the Brugh block for drill purposes and will turn the present armory into a barn and store house. At the same time a move is under way to increase the membership to 100.

WEST POINT—Eighty orphan children from New York city arrived here today on the Northwestern. Homes for them have been arranged for in and near West Point, Albion, Petersburg, Elgin, Plainville, Clearwater, Ewing and O'Neill. The prospective foster-parents will be at the Northwestern stations as the train proceeds on the line and the children will be handed to them.

FREMONT—M. E. Arnold, traveling salesman of the Armour Packing company, who sustained injuries by being run down by a motorcycle in the streets of Norfolk last Wednesday, was taken from his home in Fremont to Omaha for an operation. He declares that there were no lights burning in the Norfolk streets and that the motorcycle that struck him carried no lamp.

STELLA—Cassett Barnes, a farmer eight miles north of Stella, is arranging to drill another test hole at his farm in an attempt to reach gold bearing quartz of paying quality. A hole several hundred feet deep was ruined when the drill broke off and could not be recovered. It was while drilling a well last summer that gold ore was struck.

FREMONT—The dyke district this morning launched the undertaking of the members of the Fremont Cemetery ridge and the Union Pacific railroad tracks, one of the comprehensive and important features of the river protection work. It is believed now that it will be impossible to complete the job this season.

LINCOLN—Andrew P. Madsen, of Cherry county, is another man who complains to the state game warden that beaver are cutting down trees on his land and asks for a permit to destroy the animals. According to reports of this nature coming in the beaver this year must be working harder than formerly or are getting more plentiful.

WEST POINT—Word has reached the city that former congressman, E. K. Valentine, at West Point, Neb., is being dangerously ill at his present home in Chicago, from an attack of paralysis. Judge Valentine was one of the earliest settlers in West Point and did much to build up this county and state.

YORK—Mrs. Permelia Graham as guardian of Benjamin Graham, has filed a damage suit in district court against Chas. Smith for \$5.30. Mrs. Graham alleges that her son was not given room to pass the defendant on the state road near this city when an automobile collision occurred about 10 days ago.

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MORSE BLUFF—E. E. Wolf, the banker, is contemplating the erection of the largest and most costly residence in Morse Bluff. It has 20 rooms, all modern equipment and the wood-work throughout for interior finish is oak. It is the pride of Morse Bluff.

HIS HATRED OF FATHER LEADS BOY TO MURDER

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—"I have hated my father for a long time." This was the excuse given by 14-year-old Martin Rickart, arrested today for deliberately killing his 57-year-old father. A single shot from a rifle, fired from a bath room window, splined the boy, killed the father. Daniel H. Rickart, formerly of Norfolk, Neb., who was working in the barn, 35 feet away, the mother, until she heard the boy's admission from his own lips in the presence of detectives this afternoon, adhered strongly to the story that the shooting had been accidental.

After shooting his father the boy told his mother what he had done. The boy told the detectives that his father had never beaten or grieved, mistreated him in any way, but that he had ever meant to him in small ways. "I hated my father more than I ever hated anyone," he said.

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC SHOWS NO SIGN OF ABATEMENT

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—That hog cholera, which has been severe in various sections of the state for some time, is still raging with undiminished energy was the assertion made today by Dr. J. H. Gain, of the department of animal pathology of the state school of agriculture. The demand for serum has multiplied several times over the demand of a year ago, according to Dr. Gain.

Dr. Gain has much faith in the serum. He said that several years ago the scourge broke out at the state farm and threatened to destroy a fine lot of animals, but the prompt application of the serum stamped it out. Since then there has been no cholera in the drive.

State Veterinarian Bostrom was unable to give information which would show how many parkers had died from the plague in Boston. Bostrom said Lancaster county it had not been so severe as in the southeastern end of the state.

He has received complaints that farmers and stock growers are not buying the serum, and that the death of animals as required by law. Reports have reached him also that hogs affected with cholera have been shipped to St. Joseph, Mo., to the packing establishments located there.

SHERIFF IN BLUNT MURDER TAKES THE WITNESS STAND

Wahoo, Neb., Dec. 14.—Chief of Police John Briggs and his deputy, John Trouton, were witnesses yesterday in the trial of Briggs for the murder of Roy Blunt, the young farmer victim of a battle between convict bandits and officers of the law near Springfield, Mo. March 1, 1916. In their testimony, the officers concluded the charges against the jury were prepared pending the ruling of the court on a motion by the defense to take the case from the jury. Briggs retold his remarkable story of the battle. He declared he began shooting only when his own life was endangered.

"I certainly was as anxious to save Blunt's life as any other person," testified the police chief. "His life was never in greater danger than my own. I was in poor health for some time. If the convicts had used rifles instead of shotguns and revolvers, several of us doubtless would have been killed."

Should the court overrule the motion of Briggs' attorney, the case will be given to the jury this afternoon.

BLOOD SPOT INCIDENT DISMISSED BY COURT

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14.—Attorneys for both sides are claiming a victory in the order entered by the supreme court holding that the old satchel, which has become the center of fire in the Rogers murder case, is no part of the bill of exceptions. County Attorney Cook declares that he contended before the supreme court that the satchel should not be considered a part of the record and that the charges on blood spots were placed in it for the purpose of deceiving the supreme tribunal should be considered separately. Attorney Sutton, who is county attorney-elect says the order amounts to dismissal of the whole proceedings, so far as misconduct on the part of attorneys or court officers is concerned.

KOUNTZE INTERESTS GO IN WITH ACTUAL MONEY

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14.—Fremonters who are familiar with the negotiations that have been in progress by the Kountze interests looking to the development of the deal in being through this time. It is known that several thousand dollars in actual money have gone into it, a sign that is regarded better than any previous sign in the many dealings of the charges on a war or a panic will stop it this time, declared a well known Fremont resident.

FARMERS ORGANIZE SECRET TRADE ORDER

Glencoe, Neb., Dec. 14.—The farmers of this vicinity have organized a Farmers' union, a secret society, intended to enable members to buy various farm and household goods most advantageously in large lots at low prices. Co-operative methods will be employed, also, in the marketing of stock and grain. Arrangements have been made for weekly meetings.

QUARREL OVER FALSE SHOOTING LEADS TO FATAL SHOOTING

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14.—Because she insinuated a group of friends that Miss Marie Tolley wore a wig, Mrs. Beatrice Woods is dead today from bullet wounds and the woman about whom she gossiped is being trailed by police. The shooting occurred at a social gathering. Mrs. Woods, according to the stories told by witnesses, persisted in turning the conversation into channels which so angered Miss Tolley that she fired two revolver shots at her tormentor and then fled. The parties were all black.

OIL TO REPLACE COAL ON NORTHWESTERN IN WEST

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 14.—Oil will replace coal as fuel on all the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company's locomotives west of the Missouri river, according to an announcement made here today by General Superintendent S. M. Braden. The change takes effect immediately.

PARIS—Charles Wells, alias Lucien Rivere, James Burns and Deville and known also as "the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo," was sentenced yesterday in the correctional court to a term of five years in prison and to pay a fine of \$600 for fraud.

KANSAS CITY—The lure of a chance, no matter how slight, to share in the \$1,000,000 left by the late J. K. Zimmerman, a stockman of this city, who died intestate on October 1, is prompting a large number of writers, E. Guinotte, probate judge, for particularly. The fortune hunters live in all parts of the country.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

LINCOLN—The Citizens' Interurban company, which has asked for a permit to construct a line from Havelock to Omaha and which will connect at the former place with the Lincoln Traction company, will invest approximately \$2,000,000, according to a statement made here by W. E. Sharp, head of the project. The power used will come from the Loup and Platte rivers and will be sold to the Interurban by the Commonwealth Power company, a concern which is financed by the Sharp-Moore interests.

NORFOLK—Approximately 100 defendants will be involved in a case which is to be filed in district court at Madison by local attorneys within a few weeks. The case is that of N. P. Dodge & Co., of Omaha, in an effort to quiet title on account of various defects in the title of the Homestead addition in South Norfolk, once known as Sunny Side addition, and the Rome Miller farm. About 20 closely typewritten pages will be included in the filed papers which are now being prepared in Norfolk.

FALLS CITY—Spring steer calves brought \$2.75 and spring heifer calves \$1.75 at August Edner's farm sale this week. Auctioneer Whitaker says this is the highest price ever paid at a sale he has held, and he has been at the business for years. Corn sold at 35¢ cents, prairie hay at 14¢ a ton and other things in proportion. In Falls City a dealer is paying 33 cents for butter fat, 16¢ cents for hens, springers and ducks, and 9 cents for geese.

TABLE ROCK—Fred Broder, aged 44 years, died at his home here after a serious illness of several weeks. He was the father of Theodore Broder, who was killed some 10 weeks since by being caught in the machinery of the coal chute at the place. Since the son's death Mr. Broder walked around, paying little attention to anything, refusing to eat and taking his son's death very much at heart. He is survived by three sons and two daughters.

HOWE—A party of Humboldt geologists and amateur scientists are expected here to make a reconnaissance of the ancient ruins north of town. These have recently attracted the attention of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, and Professor Hodges of the bureau of ethnology has requested full data concerning them. Bone and finely made stone implements have been found in profusion, and many large shards of a very fine grade of ceramic ware.

LINCOLN—The indebtedness of the state of Nebraska due to outstanding warrants has decreased during the last six months. According to a report by State Auditor Barton filed with the governor June 1, the warrant indebtedness was \$682,707.30. November 30 it had dropped to \$374,424.34. This is the only debt of the state. During the six months warrants were issued in the amount of \$1,623,641.43, and the amount of \$1,970,346.27 were paid.

BEATRICE—Harold Dobs, the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dobs, of Virginia, was found dead in the bathroom of his home yesterday afternoon. Death is supposed to have been caused by apoplexy. He has been in poor health for some time. The young man entered the bathroom and a short time later his mother heard a noise as of some one falling, and upon entering the room found him lying on the floor.

LINCOLN—Capt. Allen O. Fisher, of Chadron, was at the state house and will appear before the district court of Douglas county in habeas corpus proceedings to secure the release of Lee McCoy, sent up from Sheridan county for horse stealing, and given an indeterminate sentence on the plea of guilty. Captain Fisher declares that the grand jury which indicted McCoy was not legally called and therefore the trial was illegal.

GRAND ISLAND—Jerry Tupper, mail carrier at St. Liberty, north of this place and a former station agent there, was accidentally shot yesterday morning as he placed a rifle in his mail wagon preparatory to starting on his route. The gun was discharged and the bullet entered the body near the heart. Hopes are entertained for his recovery. He is 32 years of age and has a wife and two children.

TEKAMAH—Emery Latta, a son of George Latta, of Tekamah, met a serious automobile accident while attempting to make the first turn into Calhoun at a speed of about 40 miles an hour. He was driving a Cole car and was accompanied by the machinist at Capry & Latta's garage. Both boys were shot out through the windshield and Latta was considerably cut up and bruised.

FALLS CITY—W. W. Gentry, on his bottom land near Salem, raised corn that made 65 bushels to the acre and oats that made 65 bushels. It was the bottom land along the Nemaha in Mr. Gentry's locality that led some citizens to go from Falls City in the spring to meet with the state board of equalization at Lincoln to have the land assessment reduced.

PLATTSBURGH—The Platte river bridge suit brought by Cass county several years ago against Sappy county to compel the commissioners of Sappy county to pay their share of the costs for repairs to the Louisville bridge, which was partly washed out by floods, has finally been settled and Sappy county is to pay \$8,000 as its share.

COLUMBIA—Colleges in the Missouri valley conference have selected Lincoln, Neb., for the annual cross country run next year. The members of the conference before adjourning put a ban on rough basketball. The coaches agreed to see that the rules were interpreted so that there would be more playing the ball than playing the man.

OMAHA—The police of Omaha have been asked to locate Hazel Goldsberry, the 14-year-old niece of Earl Mason, of that city. The little girl, whose parents are dead, and who has been living with her uncle, left the house at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning without a hat or coat and she has not returned.

LINCOLN—Dr. Robert Gold Thwaites, of Madison, Wis., head of the Mississippi Valley Historical society and one of the best known historians of the country, will be the leading speaker at the coming annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical society. The gathering will be held in Lincoln 14, 15 and 16.

LINCOLN—Removal of dipsomania, which class includes drunks and dope fiends, from the state hospital for insane at Lincoln and their treatment in a separate state institution are recommended by the biennial report which Superintendent E. F. Williams has filed with the governor.

SOUTH OMAHA—Cattle are to be killed at Armour's South Omaha plant by air pressure if experiments now being tried justify it. The hammer strikes a two-ton blow and is sure and instant death. The air chamber is placed on the animal's head between the eyes, and thus no mistakes are made.

GAY ADVENTRESS SEEKS TO MURDER

Spurned In Love, Shoots Walter Munn, a Noted French Sportsman.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Further complications have developed in the sensational shooting affairs of Thursday night in which Mrs. Barnes, an American woman, and Walter Mumm, the well known French sportsman, were the principals. Mrs. Barnes, it now turns out, was shot twice by Mumm before she shot him. She brought her revolver into action only after she had been badly wounded. Every effort had been made by the Mumm family to suppress information in connection with the scandal.

Mrs. Barnes, it is said, has not left France, as was at first stated, but is in a private hospital, where she is reported to be in a dangerous condition.

Spurned, She Shoots. According to one version given in the newspapers today, Mumm and Mrs. Barnes went about together everywhere during the last year and Mrs. Barnes believed Mumm was about to marry her. Differences, however, arose and Mumm declared his intention of breaking off his acquaintance with her. This was on Thursday night, and the tragic shooting scene followed immediately after. Mumm, in spite of his wounds, was able to leave the house without assistance. He asked to be driven to a hospital and on his arrival sent for his brother, to whom he related the details of the tragedy, but refused to call in the police. The brother, however, went to police headquarters and requested that Mrs. Barnes be expelled from France.

Warrant is Issued. It is understood a warrant has been issued for her arrest, but unless Mumm's condition becomes worse the warrant will not be put into effect. Henri Mumm, a brother of the wounded man, in response to a request for a statement, said: "In a fit of jealousy, the lady shot Walter with a revolver, breaking his collar bone. His condition is not grave. Don't ask me anything more."

Walter Mumm, it appears from the police commissioner's report, attacked the woman during a violent quarrel and kicked her in the face and neck. Whether he fired at her has not yet been established, but she was so badly injured that four doctors were called to her service in the house and she attended her for an hour after Mumm's departure.

Within a short time after the physicians had left, a man called at the flat and with the cook, who was the sole witness of the shooting, helped Mrs. Barnes down the servants' stairway into an automobile.

Can't Find Mrs. Barnes. Mrs. Barnes, the man and her cook then drove off and no trace of them has since been found by the police, who believe she was driven to a sanatorium in Paris. They are searching all these establishments systematically. The antecedents of Mrs. Barnes have not yet been definitely established by Police Commissary Landel, who was in charge of the situation. She was not registered at the United States consulate and she seemingly had no acquaintances in the American colony here.

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Mrs. Barnes' departure from her flat took place at about 9 o'clock on Friday morning. Dwellers in the same apartment building, which was an aristocratic quarter near the Avenue Du Bois De Boulogne, were awakened at 7 o'clock in the morning by a "rightful uproar in the Barnes' apartment. Excited shouting, the smashing of furniture and wild cries were succeeded by three revolver shots. Then the janitor saw Mumm leave the house and shortly afterwards Mrs. Barnes' servants summoned several doctors from the neighborhood.

Mrs. Barnes, it is said, was often with Mumm at the races where she attracted attention by her beautiful toilettes.

ILL FATE PURSUES ALL OF "DEATH FILM" PARTY

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—The shooting of Walter Mumm in Paris, France, marks the eighth tragedy centering around airmen who participated in 1910 in the aviation and balloon meet held in St. Louis. A motion picture was at that time shown to prominent men at the meet. Mumm was in the picture, as were several other balloonists and aviators who have since been killed. Col. Theodore Roosevelt also occupied a prominent place in the film, which has been termed the "death film."

Mumm was aid to Alfred Lablanc in the international balloon race, which started in St. Louis in November two years ago. The other airmen who have been killed are: Ralph Johnstone, Tony Von Phul, Jacques Faquer, L. Welch, Arch Hoxsey, Lieut. Hans Gerlicke and Theodore Schaeck.

NEAR MURDERESS HAS HAD TANGLED CAREER

New York, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Marie Barnes, involved in the Mumm shooting affair in Paris, is a native of Pennsylvania, and in 1910 married George H. Creel, a millionaire Chilean. She instituted divorce proceedings against him in France last year, but there is no record here that the divorce was granted.

The woman's first husband was Henry David Barnes, of Baltimore, whom she married in 1892. Three years later she obtained a divorce with liberal alimony, and took up her residence in Europe. Her maiden name was Van Rensimer.

DES MOINES PLAN FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Representative Prouty will introduce a bill next session to apply a modified form of the Des Moines plan of government to Washington and the District of Columbia. He would give the residents of the district the right of suffrage and invest them with the initiative, referendum and recall. Four commissioners and a mayor, elected by the people would govern the city, but congress would have right of veto.

BOY SHOTS FATHER WHO BEAT BROTHER