

# The O'Neil Frontier

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King Charles has seen many changes, barely effected by himself, in Roumania since he arrived there in 1882, after an adventurous journey in disguise from Germany. Notable among them are the changes in his capital and view from the windows on one side then was a gypsy encampment with swine wallowing in the main road before the palace.

Grievous as has been the damage wrought in Europe by recent storms it is unlikely that they were more violent than England's great storm of 1703. A strong west wind had set in about the middle of November and it increased in violence until on the morning of the 26th few people were left out of their houses, and on that night houses were unroofed, buildings torn down and thousands of people were killed. About 2,000 stacks of chimneys were blown down in and around London, and the remains of four ships remained between London bridge and Limehouse; 500 wharves, 300 ships and 100 lighters and barges were entirely lost, and many were badly damaged. The damage in London alone was estimated at \$10,000,000.

To encourage students to see as much as possible of the fatherland provision has been made for student shelters throughout Germany, where traveling students can enjoy the benefits of the institution. The payment of 8 marks (approximately 50 cents) for a membership card. Students must be at least 16 years of age and attending a high school or university to obtain membership cards.

The Berlin Lokalanzeiger reports that the impending Prussian issue probably will be \$100,000,000. The issue is not connected with the estimate for the coming financial year, but is required for "productive" work approved—especially railway extensions and improvements. In his speech in the diet introducing the new estimates the Prussian minister of finance, Herr Lentze, observed that the enormous increase in recent years in loans for railway purposes is a matter of grave anxiety because the borrowings affect the whole economic system.

The secretary of the state minimum wage commission of Minnesota believes that the state should be able to abolish tipping. The secretary says that there can be no satisfactory arrangement of a minimum wage until tipping is stopped. The commission can make suggestions regarding mercantile establishments, where tipping is not practiced, but when it comes to regulating wages of waitresses and other women workers, it is hard to make any suggestions, because the nominal wage is not the actual wage received.

The "Arabian Nights" did not become familiar to Europeans until 1704, when Galland translated them into French. Scholars cast doubt on the authenticity of some of Galland's work, accusing him—like Fitz-Gerald and Omar Khayyam—of inventing rather than translating, but with the public the success of the tales was immediate and immense. Galland used to complain that students, returning home in the early hours of the morning, would knock at his door and demand the recitation of a tale.

There are somewhat more than 600 recognized tree species in the United States, of which about 100 are commercially important for timber. Of the 600 recognized species, 300 are represented in the government's newly acquired Appalachian forests. All American species, except very tropical ones on the Florida keys and in extreme southern Texas, are to be found in one or another of the national forests.

"We can't give you a technical definition of the irony of fate, Bildad," says the horse editor of the Monroe County Appeal. "When you become prosperous you are invited to dine at a table with a silver top and a silver pedestal dining room table, and are eating out of the kitchen sink to preserve its beauty (the table's beauty, not that of the sink.) you will have an illustration three blocks more enlightening than a definition."

There is a dispute as to whether the fall hat is going, gone or coming back again, for there are vested—and frock-coated—interests in its survival. "The other day," says a correspondent from London, "a man in a top hat and a top hat and he asked if he might trim the hedge." This was a curious inversion of dress. For the owner of the hedge has discarded both these emblems of prosperity.

How greatly hunting enters into British social life is shown by the fact that there are, according to a recent computation, 456 recognized packs of hounds in the United Kingdom. Of these England has 364 packs, Ireland 75 packs and Scotland 17 packs. In round numbers the packs which hunt the fox and deer total 9,000 couples of hounds, while of barbers and beagles there are 3,500 couples.

Americans familiar with the attractive appearance and convenient size of French bank notes will be interested in the design for the new 500 franc note by Jean Paul Laurens. The face of the note shows a peasant at the plow and a modern Ceres at the sides, and in the center a rich plowed field with the sea in the distance. The dominant colors of the note are violet, blue and dark green.

The total population of the world is now estimated at 1,700,000,000. This is based on the most recent census, which all civilized countries now take, with a careful estimate of the number of inhabitants of uncivilized lands. The proportion of the sexes is known for 1,628,000,000 of these, the ratio being 1-600 males to 590 females.

Charles Scotland, an 80-year-old retired New York railway employe in reduced circumstances, has received a legacy of \$40,000 from a woman he had divorced 25 years ago.

## THE EMPLOYED GANG TO SALUTE HIM AS "BOSS" OF MINES

### Such Is Claim Made by Ford Who Seeks Return of Money Invested in Proposition.

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—That Nelson A. Berggren staged a clever play in order to induce him to part with \$1,000 in hard cash in exchange for worthless coal mine stock is the charge made by Nels Ford in a petition filed in district court. Ford says that Berggren employed several men at a portion of a valuable coal mine near Douglas, Wyo., and that upon that day Berggren took him to the place and said this was the mine, and in order to prove his ownership there-in gave orders to the men as to where they should begin digging, which they gratefully accepted and promised to immediately obey. Ford says that as a matter of fact the mine in which he was sold stock was located nine miles away, that it was worthless and that none of the stagers had ever did any work on it.

## STATE CANDIDATES APPEAR AT LINCOLN BANQUET

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—A number of candidates for state offices were on exhibition last evening at the banquet and reunion of former members of the state legislature. Among them were: George W. Potts, of Pawnee county, for governor; J. A. Ollis, of Valley, for railway commissioner; W. H. Smith, of Seward; C. W. Pool, of Johnson, and J. W. Kelly, of Kearney, for secretary of state; J. W. McKissick, of Gage, for auditor. All of these are democrats, and they represent but a small portion of those who will be candidates, since the political signs all point to democratic victory. None of the republicans present would confess to any desire for office.

## STUDENT JESTS CAUSE MEN TO DROP TITLES

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—Democracy is having its effect among the grave and reverend instructors at the State university, and there is a movement on foot to drop the titles of the professors now in use. The ones doomed for slaughter are head professor and adjunct professor. The bearers of these like to have this distinction, but the student body makes so many jokes at their expense that they are willing to let loose. The plan now is to name those engaged in teaching as instructors, assistant professors and professors. Deans only will retain their present title.

## TOWN OF LAUREL LETS CONTRACT FOR SEWERS

Laurel, Neb., March 23.—Last evening the village board let the contract to M. A. Camery, of Harlan, Ia., for the construction of a system of sewerage. C. B. Reynolds, of Council Bluffs, secured the contract for putting in the purification plant.

The village election next month the question of saloon or no saloon will be settled by ballot.

## BOARD BECOMES EXCITED OVER ENGINEER'S REPORT

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—The commission that the state railway commission engineer's figures in the York county valuation had been changed during a mild sensation at that body's meeting yesterday until it was found out that the engineers themselves had changed them to conform to new divisions of territory by the Lincoln company, owners of the system. The protest among the engineers had figured the replacement cost at present value too high, and to satisfy them the commission has spent \$3,000 in having a Chicago engineer go over the property. He sent in his estimates, but they were sent back for verification.

While he was at work the commission engineers filed new figures cutting down the original valuations \$15,000 on replacement and \$11,000 on present value. The revised figures compared with the corrected ones of the outside expert show a difference between the two engineers of \$8,000 on replacement and \$20,000 on present value. The commission engineers say they cut down their original valuation when the company returned its schedules showing that parts of farm lines formerly entirely on the York exchange had been attached to other exchanges.

## NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

LINCOLN.—The Union Pacific Railroad company, after declaring that it would go into court to test the matter, has promised the state railway commission that it will install telephones in its depots at Brainard, David City and Rising City. There are two companies supplying the public demand for service, one of them having several lines in the towns and the other having farmers largely on its lists. The Union Pacific will not connect with the farmers' lines, although the law says so, and the commission ordered it to put in phones connected with both systems so as to give a user a chance to do business with the railroad.

LINCOLN.—Rev. Charles G. Gompon, pastor of Epworth Methodist Episcopal church, has been appointed Lincoln district superintendent of the state anti-saloon league. He will have charge of the work of the league in the territory south of the Platte river, and will devote most of his time delivering temperance lectures and organizing the temperance forces in that section of the state.

OMAHA.—Mrs. Ella Hengen, widow of Joseph H. Hengen, one of the earliest of the Omaha pioneers, is dead, aged 77 years. Her death was due to the infirmities of old age. To Mr. and Mrs. Hengen 17 children were born, five of whom survive. Most of the others died while young.

## ASKS AID OF CLERGY.

New York, March 21.—Every clergyman in the city received today a letter from Fire Commissioner Adams asking him to call to the attention of his congregation tomorrow the lesson of the Triangle Waist factory fire. Wednesday will be the third anniversary of this holocaust, which cost the lives of 147 factory girls.

## WIN RUGBY HONORS.

Inverloch, Scotland, March 21.—The English 15 today won the international rugby championship, defeating the Scottish team, 15 to 12.

## BRYAN WILSON LIBERAL PRAISED AT BIRTHDAY FEAST

### Big Gathering of Commoner's Friends, at Lincoln, Praise Administration.

Lincoln, Neb., March 21.—Praise for President Wilson and Secretary of State William J. Bryan in nearly equal measure was the dominating note in the addresses last night at the annual banquet on the occasion of the 54th anniversary of Mr. Bryan's birth. Decried at Washington by press of official business, Mr. Bryan sent a letter to the party of which he said he could look with satisfaction over the accomplishments of the first quarter of the present democratic administration. President Wilson, he said, had more than realized the highest hopes of the party of the splendid record he has made. The party he said, could be recalled with satisfaction and the future viewed with assurance.

The crowd at the banquet was large and representative of the element in the party of the state which has supported the policies of Mr. Bryan. With them were a number of republicans and members of other parties. Many ladies were present.

Last night's dinner was the seventh anniversary celebration in Lincoln of the Lincoln-Bryan club. The program of addresses was limited to four speeches, by Governor Morehead, of Nebraska, Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, Governor Cox of Ohio, and Joseph W. Folk, former governor of Missouri.

## NO CAUSE IS FOUND FOR LAUNDRY EXPLOSION

Lincoln, Neb., March 21.—Owners of the Evans laundry, whose dry cleaning department was blown to pieces Wednesday evening, are still trying to find out what caused the explosion. Every body had left the building except Ray Porter, a delivery boy, who was so badly burned that he cannot talk about the accident. The roof was blown off and the second story walls torn to pieces. An inspection by the fireman a few minutes before, had disclosed that everything was all right. The university professor says that it might have been caused by a swift rush of cold air into the heated drying room. An electric spark or a lighted cigar are also given as possible causes.

## CREIGHTON DEBATERS WIN FROM SOUTH DAKOTANS

Omaha, Neb., March 21.—Creighton university last night vanquished the university of South Dakota in the annual debate at Creighton auditorium here. The resolution was, "That the provision of the Panama canal act exempting the coastwise shipping of the United States from the payment of tolls is a benefit to the United States." The South Dakotans had the affirmative, while the Creighton orators battled from the negative angle. The judges' finding was 2 to 1 in favor of the negative.

## CROP FAILURE LOWERS CONVICTS' ANNUAL EARNINGS

Lincoln, Neb., March 21.—Warden Fenon says that the threatened deficit in the maintenance of his state penitentiary of \$25,000 will be due largely to the failure of crops on the prison farm last summer. Another contributing cause is the increase in coal bills due to the fact that the prison power plant has been greatly enlarged. He will save enough in the building and repair fund to offset this deficit. At present he is anxious to have the \$52,000 the state gets for convict labor until it was found the prison fund had been used for a general fund. This will rid him of all financial perplexities.

## PREDICTS HARD BATTLE ON PANAMA CANAL TOLLS

Lincoln, Neb., March 21.—In the opinion of Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, who was present at the Bryan birthday dinner last night, the state of Nebraska has the hardest battle of his career so far in getting congress to agree to his proposition to repeal the tolls exemptions clause in the Panama canal act. He predicts a hard battle, but he will win, but by no great margin. In the opinion of the Arkansas senator, the importance of the matter has been exaggerated, as the 75 cents a ton toll should be a small percentage of the total cost of handling freight from Atlantic ports through the canal to a Pacific port. The senator said no railroad lobby has been visible at Washington during the discussion.

## ASKS \$60,000 FOR LOSS OF BELOVED WHISKERS

Washington, March 21.—What is the value of a beard? That is the question which the justice of the supreme court has been asked to determine. The case in point is that of E. A. O'Sullivan, a prominent Louisiana lawyer, aged 65 who placed a value of \$60,000 on a great beard. O'Sullivan, who formerly was district attorney, state senator and city attorney of New Orleans, claims that he was forcibly deprived of his hirsute adornment by a barber in New Orleans. On that day, he asserts, Patrick, a justice of the peace in the parish of Jefferson, La., and William W. Stiles, a deputy sheriff conspired to prevent treatment of the beard. O'Sullivan claims he went to the polls to advise about the conduct of the election. He asserts that a number of men imported to the election place by Felix Stiles and tied his arms to his side. Then he claims Stiles seized his beard and with a pair of shears cut it off. In the scuffle O'Sullivan released one of his hands, which was cut on the scissors. In consequence of the ill treatment and humiliation this suffered O'Sullivan brought suit in 1911 for \$60,000 damages under the federal civil rights act.

## SETS ALTITUDE RECORD.

Johannesburg, March 20.—An altitude record of 12,303 feet for a flight with three passengers was established today by Robert Thelen, a German aviator.

## SEEKING IMPEACHMENT OF JAPANESE CABINET

Tokyo, March 20.—The impeachment of the Japanese cabinet on account of the recent world war in connection with the receipt of illicit commissions by naval officers was asked today in an address to the throne introduced in the chamber of deputies by the opposition parties. The address declares that "the scandals and the intrigues newly begun reign of the emperor and are harmful to the prestige of the Japanese navy, both at home and abroad."

## DEMOCRATS GATHER AND DO HONOR TO SECRETARY BRYAN

### Banquet, Arranged to Celebrate Secretary's 54th Year, Will Be Well Attended.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Members of the democratic party of national and state prominence are to meet here tonight in a banquet in honor of the 54th birthday of Secretary of State Bryan. For the first time in several years, the secretary will not be in attendance, but a message of greeting was received from him today which will be read tonight.

United States Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, Gov. James M. Cox of Ohio, Gov. John Morehead of Nebraska, and Joseph W. Folk, chief justice of the state supreme court, are to be the principal speakers, with local democrats who will be called upon by Toastmaster E. Snively, president of the Bryan club.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—Secretary Bryan celebrated his 54th birthday anniversary today, receiving congratulations of colleagues and friends. He had expected to celebrate the event by signing peace treaties with Brazil, Argentina and Chile, but the conventions were not prepared in time.

## STEPHENS TROUBLES DUE TO OFFICE SEEKERS

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Third district democrat who are here to attend the Bryan dinner tonight say that the defection in that section against Congressman Dan Stephens has not been as marked as indicated by recent developments. Particular reference is made to the effort to draft Art Koenigstein, county attorney of Madison county, as the opponent in the primaries of the present congressman.

While it is admitted that Stephens is having considerable trouble in various localities, they say that these can generally be traced to postmastership squabbles. The candidates who thought their services to the party demanded recognition at first hand from the congressman and who lost out when he forced to accept a primary are organizing fights in Pierce, Platte and Madison counties. In this they are being aided by members of county committees, who have lost, under the postmaster primary system the last vestige of their political power.

## BOARD CAN'T DECIDE ON NEW NORMAL PRESIDENT

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—No further attempt will be made to elect a principal for the Kearney normal until five of the seven members of the state board of education can agree upon the man. State Treasurer George Frankly declares that he suspects a scheme to name A. L. Caviness, a member of the board, and he is insisting that no haste be employed in choosing the man. Caviness is superintendent of the schools at Fairbury.

Superintendent Delsel, one of the four who desired to name Dr. Luckey of Lincoln as principal, says that under present conditions it will be impossible to secure as many members as is desired in support of any one of the men being considered. He thinks, however, that eventually all but George will be able to agree on a man.

## TRY TO COLLECT INSURANCE ON MISSING M'LAUGHLIN

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—For more than 10 years James W. McLaughlin of O'Neill has been absent from home on a task of some length of time no word has come from him. He was a member of the O'Neill camp of the Woodmen of the World, and had a \$1,000 policy payable to his mother. Mrs. McLaughlin sued to recover under the law that severed her from him, and his home or place of business, and no intelligence coming from him constitutes a legal presumption of death. She won in the lower court, but the appeal of the Woodmen. McLaughlin was last heard of in Peru, South America, and the Woodmen attorneys insist that due diligence has not been exercised by the McLaughlin family in determining whether he was or was not still there.

## GOVERNOR MOREHEAD STATES HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Governor Morehead told the reporters that he will not be a candidate for governor. In a speech at Seward yesterday he said he believed in integrity in politics as well as in business, and he favored a six-year term for the president and a four-year term for the governor, and service limited to one term. The governor may or may not run for congress. He has had his lightning rod pointed in Milford, where he was last year, but it is understood he has not made up his mind that he can defeat Congressman Maguire for re-nomination. He may go back into private life to look after his bank and farms.

## OBJECTION BEING MADE TO ARMORY EXPENDITURES

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—A temporary injunction restraining Secretary of State Watt from printing on the ballot for approval or rejection by the voters of the act appropriating \$20,000 for an armory at Nebraska City was filed in the district court today. An opinion by the supreme court is expected to decide the matter before the secretary of state is required to print the ballots.

## BANKER-AUTOIST FAINTS AND DIES IN OVERTURN

Superior, Neb., March 20.—Nate Doudna, cashier and vice president of the State Bank of Guide Rock, was killed yesterday by his car overturning while he was en route home from Red Cloud. The accident happened about a mile west of Guide Rock on level ground. Mr. Doudna was alone, and the theory is that he suffered a fainting spell and lost control of his machine.

## ELEVATOR FIRM DECLARES 17 PER CENT DIVIDEND

Monroe, Neb., March 19.—At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Elevator company of Monroe a dividend was declared for the year ending March 31 amounting to 17 per cent on the \$5,800 capital stock. This is a noteworthy example of what co-operation means to the farmer.

## TEN SEAMEN DROWN.

Bilbao, Spain, March 19.—The Swedish steamer Torhild foundered yesterday with a loss of 10 lives. The Torhild was built in 1877. She was of 316 tons register.

## BRYAN CAMPAIGN MAY MARK BEGINNING OF BROTHER'S CAMPAIGN

### Predictions Are That Charlie Bryan Will Soon Enter Field for Governor's Job.

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—The program was completed and the speakers announced for the annual William Jennings Bryan birthday banquet to be held here Thursday night, the 19th, the 54th anniversary of the birth of the secretary of state. The speakers from outside the state will be Joseph W. Folk, former governor of Missouri; Senator Robinson of Arkansas, and Governor Cox of Ohio. Governor Morehead, of Nebraska, will speak and there may be a number of short addresses by leading democrats of the state. Secretary Bryan finds he is unable to be present, but it is not unlikely a message from him will be read.

All democratic eyes and some others will be turned on the proceedings, for it probably means the springing of a few bombs for office, although politics for office sake is not expected to have anything to do with it. Many democrats believe that one result of the banquet will be the getting into the gubernatorial contest of Brother Charlie Bryan. One prominent democrat who is strong in the belief that Governor Morehead should break his campaign promise and run again for re-nomination, said this morning:

"There is method in the action of Secretary of State Bryan in holding off the settlement of the Nebraska campaign until after the primaries. Many of us are of the opinion that it means Brother Charlie expects to get into the race for governor and by keeping all actions up in the air they are more liable to want to keep on the right side of Mr. Bryan and will work for his nomination for governor. A settlement of the patronage problem now would mean much dissatisfaction and Brother Charlie could not hope to land, for the fellows who do not get the jobs will naturally have it in for William J. and take it out on Brother Charlie. But by holding off the patronage until after the primary it gives a good chance for Charlie to land the nomination."

## OMAHA DOG CATCHER TO RIDE IN AN AUTO

Omaha, Neb., March 18.—Now it is the dog catcher in Omaha, who is to be high-toned and ride in an automobile. The council so decided yesterday and will advertise for bids for a car. Old Dobbin is too slow for such a job, decried the council. Professional dog tramps get on to the dog cart very quickly, and with a half a block start, the dog catchers have had no chance at catching them.

Now it is to be different. With a light automobile, capable of traveling over all kinds of country, the pursuit of the vags of dogdom is to be undertaken. When a dog is sighted, a course is to be steered for him, and under full speed, he will be chased down. It is figured now that even the grayhound bums can be captured without hesitating. It is said to be getting ready to lasso the animals from the running board, as the car dashes by, a la motor polo style.

If the car is capable of taking curbs, terraces, fences and ditches, and climbing trees without hesitating, it is figured that no stray dogs will be able to escape the men.

## CHAIRMAN STRUGGLING TO REUNITE FACTIONS

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—Indications multiply that Chairman Epperson, of the republican state committee has a difficult task on hand of harmonizing the differences in his party. The Epperson committee owes its existence to a republican state convention which was for Roosevelt and not for Taft. Because of this fact the Taft men withdrew and organized an executive committee of their own. Both are still in existence. Mr. Epperson has given up all hope of getting the progressives back into the republican party, and is bending his energies towards getting the two factions of the organization together.

The two committees meet here on March 30, and whatever harmony follows will have to be hammered out.

## BANKER COULDN'T SUPPORT MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—Floyd Seybolt, national examiner, who granted a divorce from his wife, a daughter of William H. Wallace, a very wealthy banker, of Lincoln, who almost qualifies in the millionaire class. Mr. Seybolt made the request for a divorce, but allowed her husband to get the decree on his cross petition. Seybolt said that he was not able to maintain his wife in the luxury that she desired, and that she declined to live in Milford, where he was formerly a banker. He told the court he offered her \$10,000 to return to him, and that she might reside where she chose in this section of the state. She declined.

## BISHOP BRISTOL IMPROVES; PREPARES TO COME HOME

Chicago, March 18.—Bishop Frank M. Bristol, of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Omaha, Neb., who has been seriously ill of acute indigestion at a Chicago hotel, was reported improving today. Unless unexpected complications develop, it is expected he will be able to return home within a week.

## FEWER TRAIN WRECKS BOARD REPORT SHOWS

Washington, March 18.—A material decrease in the number of train accidents and in the number of people killed or injured in such accidents was shown by an interstate commerce commission bulletin issued for the quarter ending September 30, 1913.

During the quarter 211 were killed and 4,011 injured in train accidents, a decrease as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1912, of 77 killed and 587 injured.

An increase of 135 killed and 1,904 injured was shown in "other than train accidents," including accidents to employes while at work, to passengers getting on or off cars, to trespassers and others, the total being 2,330 killed and 19,753 injured.

## AMERICANS IN NAPLES.

Naples, Italy, March 18.—A party of 800 American tourists arrived today from New York and found some difficulty in obtaining accommodations as there were 2,000 American visitors already in the city besides other foreigners. Among them are representatives of 32 states of the union.

## AVIATOR IS KILLED.

Metz, March 18.—Lieutenant Bougard, a German military aviator, died here today from a fractured skull caused in an aeroplane accident last night.

## EVERYBODY TANGLES IN NEBRASKA TOWNS; COWBOYS PRACTICE

### Official Introduction Makes Hit and Enthusiasm Overcomes Awkwardness.

Rushville, Neb., March 18.—The tango has invaded the sand hills, and the cowboys are kicking up the silica with the dance that has wiggled the world. No more to the sand hill people "shake" to the strains of Sep. Winner's "Favorite Quadrille," instead, they tango to the "Argentine" and "Yomola, Va."

The lone herder no more consoles himself by whistling. Each and every Cowboy's Lament and "Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie-e-e," but rather does his imagination send forth "Brazilian Dreams" and "Tokyo." Niobrara and Buckskin Bess may not be quite as graceful in their exhibition as are some of their city cousins, but it's real tango they dance just the same.

It all started with the Valentine Woman's club. Valentine is the county seat of Cherry county, "the biggest county in the entire United States." Valentine is a progressive sand hill town, and its Woman's club recently erected a \$12,000 club house.

The individual members of the club agreed to do everything in their power to pay off the mortgage. Some gave tea parties, some got in the "society" some held contest of different varieties—but Mrs. W. S. Jackson president of the club, decided to lift that debt through the tango.

To start with, Mrs. Jackson didn't know the tango herself, but she refused to be baffled by a slight detail. She hired to Omaha, secured the services of a dancing master and was completely "angozed" within the space of a week.

Upon her return she started the feet of the entire city to shuffling, and within a short time the very foundations of the town were being rocked by the favoring wild westerners of both sexes. Everybody got in on the act. The first evening of the new dance all Valentine was at the Woman's club rooms. Every man in town was on deck. None of them had ever seen the dance, but all had seen the funny pictures, and their masters and preachers had told them how naughty "societies" church members to dance this particularly wicked dance.

Many of the church members came just to convince themselves, at first hand, of the viciousness of the new thing that was being introduced in the midst—and most of them remained to give it a "whirl" and then to arrange for private lessons.

It was a tremendous success. But it did not stop there. Each and every subject having been thoroughly inoculated, started forth to spread the disease throughout the sand hills, with the result that within but a short time the magic dance had taken the place of every known form of frontier amusement.

Up and down the railroads and out onto the homesteads and ranches went the story that they were dancing the tango over at Valentine, and that city, for the time, became the Mecca of the terpsichorean faithful.

While in Valentine they have real music; out on the sand hills the music is restricted to a squeaky fiddle or two, but rough and ready frontiersmen can still be found to strum out a wild and weird "Argentine" or "Tokyo" in a manner to bring the final essence of tango out of all who have feet.

So the tango hit the sand hills like a ton of bricks. From Ainsworth to Chadron and from the Nebraska Gap to Crawford everybody tangoes.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL QUESTIONS LAW ON STATE BANKERS

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—Claiming that if the mortgage tax law is construed by the supreme court as it was by the Seward county district court, all of the state's mortgages would evade taxation entirely, Attorney General Martin asked that tribunal to lay down a rule that would prevent this being done. The law provides that the banks may deduct from the value of their capital stock the amount of mortgages they hold, on the theory that as the mortgages are separately taxed, to refuse to allow a deduction would amount to double taxation. Mr. Martin says that the state bankers are contracting now with the examiner of real estate made, that the borrower shall pay the tax on the mortgage. He insists that it is unfair to allow them to shift the tax to the mortgagor and then permit them to deduct the amount of their mortgages from their capital stock, when called on to pay taxes thereon. In the case at bar, that of the Seward State bank, its mortgages exceed its capital stock, and the attorney general says this is generally true.

## LAW WILL DECIDE WHO CAN SEEK PUBLIC OFFICE

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—The mandamus suit brought by Lieutenant Governor McKelvie to determine whether he is eligible to run as a republican candidate for governor was argued and submitted to the supreme court. The case involves an interpretation of the state constitution never before made. The section in question provides that no executive officer shall be eligible for re-election to office during the period for which he was elected. McKelvie's attorneys contended that if the constitution makers had meant that a state officer must serve a probation period of two years as a private citizen between office holdings, it would have specifically stated that fact. They said it meant that a man could not resign one state office to run for another one. Attorney General Martin took the ground that it was intended to prevent state officers from forming a combination, which they could easily do under the old convention system, by which they could control nominations and rotate themselves into every office in the state house.

## EXPLODING BOILER PUTS PENDER IN DARKNESS

Pender, Neb., March 18.—Herman Brandt, engineer of the electric light plant of Pender, narrowly escaped death when a boiler in the power house exploded, driving large pieces of iron into the engine room where Brandt was working. The accident has caused the city to be in darkness for two nights.

## NEBRASKA'S ENGINEER RESIGNS IN TRIUMPH

Lincoln, Neb., March 17.—Having received a vindictive letter from the majority of the state railway commission, Chief Engineer Gerber has handed in his resignation. This was demanded a few weeks ago by Commissioner Hall, after Gerber had given out an interview in which he resented Mr. Hall's criticism of the work of the engineering department, especially with reference to telephone companies. Mr. Gerber refused to resign, and the majority of the commission voted not to ask him to do so.