

THE O'NEIL FRONTIER

D. H. CRONIN, Publisher.

O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

When John Rice, of St. Paul, Minn., found himself in the British army at the opening of the Boer war, he wrote to his parents asking for money with which to buy himself out. This was forthcoming, and his mother prepared a delicious plum pudding against the day of John's homecoming. That was 16 years ago, and the parents have never since heard so much as a word from the boy. The story came out recently when the mother, injured in an accident and confined in a St. Paul hospital, expressed the wish that in case of her death the pudding might be placed in the grave with her body.

Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, Canada's picturesque and efficient minister of militia, the results of whose untiring efforts for years past have been so manifest since the war began, has been in turn a school teacher, country editor, politician and soldier. Years ago he was professor of English in the College of Toronto. The militia has long been his hobby. During the Boer war he obtained a commission though his offer of a regiment was rejected.

The various species of Astragalus, known in Persia as kevin, from which gum tragacanth is obtained, grow on the mountain ranges which surround the Persian plain. The bushes producing the gum grow to a height of two feet. In the spring, when the sap rises, a number of the branches is cut away, thereby allowing the sap to flow out, which coagulated within a few hours on the surface of the stalk.

Dr. Samuel Johnson heard so much talk about balloons in the last year of his life, 1784, that he became unaccountably bored, and cautioned his friends about bringing up that subject of conversation when in his company. He was confident that the balloon could serve no good purpose, but that of fun, which he considered a rather foolish and decidedly dangerous amusement to the wealthy few.

It is anticipated that large quantities of oranges and other citrus fruits will be available for shipment from South Africa to England during the coming season. In another four years the South African shipments of such fruit will, according to the estimate of C. du P. Chippindale, British government trade commissioner for South Africa, amount to 400,000 boxes, and in 10 years to 4,000,000 boxes annually.

With regard to the alleged shifting of the canals of Mars over the face of the planet, Professor Lowell states in Popular Astronomy that the phenomenon was detected at his observatory 19 years ago, and is therefore no novelty. He believes that there is not an actual displacement of the canals, but that there are, in each case, several canals that become successively visible.

When Secretary of State von Jagow of Germany, is not engaged on a diplomatic note or something he's a cartoonist and decorator. As you enter his big office you note a large blotter on his desk. As he talks he gradually covers the blotter with pencil sketches, humans, animals and all sorts of things. It is said that his servants bring him a new blotter for every visitor.

As a result of the war, American glass manufacturers have discovered that the supposedly superior clay they have been importing from Germany is really inferior to the domestic clay. Well trained German salesmen, it seems, had hypnotized them into believing that the imported substance was better for the refractory pots in which glass is melted.

The cultivation of spices in Grenada, Windward Islands, is confined almost entirely to nutmegs, with their derivative mace. Mace has of late years commanded a relatively favorable price, and has had the effect of making nutmegs a profitable crop.

Until recently 70 per cent or more of the waste molasses from Hawaiian sugar factories was thrown away. Furnaces are now being installed to burn this molasses and use the heat for making steam.

The street railway in a German city provides all its cars with telephones, enabling their crews to communicate with headquarters by connecting the instruments with wires that run beside the tracks.

A Frenchman has invented rods to be mounted on the sides of automobiles to swing out and prevent them capsizing when running on the side of a road.

Believing that chickens need exercise, a Nevada poultryman has invented drinking fountains to reach which fowls must fly up to an elevated platform.

Recent experiments seem to have shown that richer sugar beets can be grown in some parts of England than are produced on the continent of Europe.

Norway will build a canal, nine miles of which will be through a tunnel to open to navigation a lake separated from the sea by a mountain ridge.

A Michigan inventor has patented a milk bottle with a hole in one side through which cream can be drawn without disturbing the rest of the milk.

Batteries carried in a fisherman's pocket supply current to an electric lamp inside a celluloid minnow which has been invented for night fishing.

Apparatus has been invented by a Paris doctor for pumping anesthetics into a person's lungs and insuring the administration of a definite dose.

A Frenchman is the inventor of a device to be attached to the rim of an automobile wheel to give an alarm when a tire becomes flat.

Moving a single lever converts a new automobile body into an open car or a two seated vehicle; whichever may be desired.

Spanish pencil makers have ordered 30 tons of cedar from the United States.

Argentina requires imported potatoes to be accompanied by certificates showing that they were grown in sanitary soil.

More than 40 varieties of rice are cultivated in Siam, one of which ripens in 70 days from planting and others in six months.

A plant has been discovered in Cuba bearing fruit like figs, in which figs lay their eggs, to be hatched by the sun.

An electric flash light has been invented that can be mounted on a pencil to facilitate writing in the dark.

RAILROADS TO ALLOW CAR PEDDLING WHERE EXTRA CHARGES PAID

This Plan Offered as Solution of Row Caused By Order to Stop Car Deliveries.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—The row between the farmers' union and laboring men on one hand and the retail merchants on the other, which culminated in a hearing before the railway commission on a new rule prohibiting the peddling of fruit and vegetables from cars is nearing an end. It has been on for two months.

The railroads were willing to oblige the merchants, but the commission, bearing chiefly on the side of mileage books. The Rock Island and Missouri Pacific are exempt because of suits previously instituted by them in the federal court, restraining state officers from enforcing the 2-cent law.

Starting as a little row it developed into a big one, in which the apple growers and shippers were involved among others. The companies offer to try out the proposed plan for a year.

MISSOURI VALLEY IDEAL REGION FOR GRAPE GROWING

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—The absolute need of cooperation in the marketing of grapes in the middle west was presented to the State Horticultural society by L. D. Sweet, of Denver, head of the National Potato Growers' association, and one of the largest spud raisers in the world. Mr. Sweet said that the path had been blazed for the fruit and vegetable men by the citrus growers of California, and that it was not a patented method. One of the requisites for success, however, was the improvement of products and the standardization of those offered for sale.

Dr. W. S. Fast, Beatrice, resigned as superintendent of the state institute for feeble minded children, at Beatrice, has been appointed superintendent of the Hastings hospital for the insane by the state board of control. He will take charge February 1, when Dr. Baxter, who resigned under charges, drops out. Dr. Fast comes from Richardson county, the home of Governor Morehead.

The board adopted a new rule to the effect that the wives of superintendents will not be appointed as matrons of the institutions over which the men preside. These places have been looked upon in the past as sinecures, the real work being done by subordinates, who have another title.

NEBRASKA NOW BOASTS PRIVATE HALL OF FAME

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—Nebraska now has a hall of fame all its own. The Nebraska hall of agricultural achievements is the official title, and its object is to gather, compile and publish a history of the achievements of agriculture in Nebraska. It starts with 24 charter members and the following officers: President, S. C. Bassett, Gibbon; vice president, G. W. Harvey, Omaha; treasurer, J. J. Brown, Geneva; secretary, A. E. Shield, N. Lincoln; board of managers, Peter J. Anderson, Beatrice; Lawrence Bruner, Lincoln; G. A. Marshall, Arlington; W. R. Mellor, Lincoln; Chancellor Avery, of the state agricultural college, and H. W. Caldwell, Lincoln, are honorary directors.

DISTRIBUTION OF \$454,000 FROM SCHOOL LAND FUND

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—Nearly \$500,000—\$454,000 to be exact—will be distributed during the month from the state treasury to the schools of the state as the semiannual apportionment for the support of education in Nebraska. The basis of distribution is the number of persons of school age in each district. Of the sum named, \$288,000 was earned as interest by the bonds owned by the state school fund, \$92,000 from state school land leases, \$39,000 from interest on school land purchases, \$27,000 from game and fish licenses, and the remainder from miscellaneous sources.

ROSS HAMMOND, FREMONT, MAY TRY FOR SENATORSHIP

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 24.—Information from a source indicating reliability, is that Ross L. Hammond, of Fremont, will be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator. It is said that Mr. Hammond has sized up the situation and talked it over with friends while he has been in Lincoln attending the meetings of organized agriculture, and will very soon file for race.

Another rumor gives it that Representative Norton, of Polk county, will file as the Bryan candidate for lieutenant governor on the democratic ticket, and that George W. Potts will also be the Bryan candidate for state treasurer on the same ticket.

DEPRAVITY CASE COMES TO LIGHT IN LANCASTER COUNTY

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—One of the most horrible cases coming under the jurisdiction of Lancaster county officials for many years resulted in the sending to the Beatrice home for the feeble minded of Anna Hercock, a 30-year-old Halleem girl, who during the last few years has given birth to two babies, both of which were fed to the hog, and she is about to give birth to another. Her brothers, one about 40 and the other 26, are responsible. All three are not of sound mind, and the brothers will be sent to the state insane asylum for safe keeping. The county attorney has charge of the case.

OF GERMAN INVENTION IS A NEW THIEF ALARM, SMALL ENOUGH TO BE CARRIED IN A VEST POCKET, WHICH EXPLODES A NOISY CAP IF ANY OBJECT UNDER WHICH IT IS PLACED BE MOVED.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—If the city of Geneva, in France county, follows the advice of State Bacteriologist Wild, it will steer clear of using the waters of the Beaver for drinking purposes. The chemist has just completed an analysis, made at request, and finds it so contaminated and unfit for use. The city water from old wells was found some time ago to be bad, and the city sunk some new ones. It also figured on using the Beaver as a source of supply. Dr. Wild finds that the water from the new wells is all right.

WATER OF BEAVER RIVER IS DECLARED UNFIT FOR USE

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—If the city of Geneva, in France county, follows the advice of State Bacteriologist Wild, it will steer clear of using the waters of the Beaver for drinking purposes. The chemist has just completed an analysis, made at request, and finds it so contaminated and unfit for use. The city water from old wells was found some time ago to be bad, and the city sunk some new ones. It also figured on using the Beaver as a source of supply. Dr. Wild finds that the water from the new wells is all right.

RAISE ENJOINED BY NEBRASKA COURTS

Railroad Companies Ordered to Obey State Regulation For Two-Cent Fares.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 22.—In a blanket order, issued late last evening, the Nebraska supreme court enjoined every railroad doing business in the state, except the Rock Island and Missouri Pacific, from violating the Nebraska 2-cent fare law and the law requiring the sale of mileage books in denominations of 1,000 miles for \$20.

The order is a modified form of what was asked by Attorney General Reed, bearing chiefly on the sale of mileage books. The Rock Island and Missouri Pacific are exempt because of suits previously instituted by them in the federal court, restraining state officers from enforcing the 2-cent law.

FORMER ODEBOLT FARMER BUYS OMAHA BANK BUILDING

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 22.—Albert E. Cook of Chicago, has bought the present First National bank building at Thirteenth and Farnam streets. The bank has leased it back until it builds its 14-story structure at Sixteenth and Farnam streets. Then it is in the agreement that Mr. Cook shall change the name of the present, the First National taking its name to its new building. The consideration paid by Mr. Cook was \$200,000, the same value put upon the property by the bank in its report to the comptroller.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN AT FIREMEN'S CONVENTION

Crawford, Neb., Jan. 22.—Auburn received the unanimous vote for the 1917 state firemen's convention yesterday afternoon.

Officers elected were: J. P. Hoffmann, of Ord, president; Harry J. Hauser, of Fremont, first vice president; John G. Guitard, of Alliance, second vice president; E. A. Miller, of Kearney, reelected secretary; H. A. Webber, of Kearney, reelected treasurer.

Board of control: Jacob Goehring, of Seward, chairman; William E. Mote, of Chadron; F. B. Robinson, of Alliance; A. Rhoades, of Scottsbluff; Bert J. Bailey, of Columbus.

OIL RESEARCH STARTED ON TRACT NEAR PLATTSBURGH

Plattsburgh, Neb., Jan. 22.—Work was started yesterday on boring for oil on a tract of land about 14 miles south of here. The boring will be done by an experienced Oklahoma outfit that has opened many wells in that state. This concern was brought here by the Plattsburgh company making the experiment.

The people of this city, and eastern Cass county, who are financing the project are enthusiastic over the prospects. All of the stock of the company has been taken and paid for.

WATTLE SECURES CONTROL OF NELIGH NATIONAL BANK

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 22.—A stir was created in banking circles here when it was announced that C. J. Anderson, N. E. Swetzer, A. E. Malzacher and R. E. Skinner had disposed of all their holdings in the Neligh National bank to W. T. Wattle and are in no way connected with the institution at this time.

Mr. Anderson had been president and one of the controlling stockholders for many years. The other three directors have only been connected with the bank since last September.

COLOMBIA SEEKS MARKET FOR CATTLE IN AMERICA

New York, Jan. 22.—Efforts are being made by cattle raisers of Colombia to ship live stock to the American markets, according to passengers who arrived today from Colombia on the steamer Almirante.

Scarcity of beef and high prices in Europe, occasioned by the war, has caused considerable attention to be turned to the Colombian herds, the passengers said, and prior to the closing of the Panama canal considerable numbers were exported, presumably for Italy.

Quarantine regulations of the United States prevent the shipment of live stock to American ports, and Colombian cattle men, working in conjunction with commercial bodies of American gulf ports, are endeavoring, it was said, to have the regulations relaxed so that Colombian cattle may be shipped.

STATE ABOUT THROUGH IN MOHR MURDER CASE

Providence, R. I., Jan. 22.—The state today practically completed the direct presentation of its testimony against Mrs. Elizabeth H. Mohr, Cecil Brown and Henry Spellman, on trial here for the murder of the woman's husband, Dr. G. Franklin Mohr.

George W. Healis, the negro chauffeur who confessed that he took part in a murder plot alleged to have been instigated by Mrs. Mohr, finished his testimony just before the luncheon recess.

Questioned alternately by counsel for the two negro defendants and by the prosecuting attorney on cross and direct examination, he was taken over various details of his three days' testimony without materially changing it.

WAR WORSE THAN ITALY ANTICIPATED, HE SAYS

Florence, Italy, Jan. 21.—In an address delivered to the Antonio Salandria Italian premier said: "We thought this would be a short and easy war, but it has become a long and hard one. We had thought that all the hardships would be of a military character, but we find it difficult even behind the front to keep on fighting. However, we are going to do it and we shall persevere until victory is won."

DYING FROM DEADLY BITE OF TSETSE FLY

New York, Jan. 21.—A victim of the so-called sleeping sickness engendered by the bite of an African tsetse fly, Dr. Albert Perrier, aged 41, died in the city of his Brooklyn home, and, in the opinion of physicians, had not long to live.

Dr. Perrier was bitten by the insect five years ago while traveling through the jungles of the Congo in company with a band of mining prospectors.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

USUAL FRILLS LACKING IN STATE BOARD ELECTION

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 22.—The election of officers for the state board of agriculture was devoid of the usual frills and fighting. J. A. Ollis, of Valley, easily won the presidency. Other officers are: Vice presidents, R. M. Wolcott, Central City, and R. F. McArde, Omaha; secretary, W. R. Miller, Hastings; George F. Dickman, Seward. The meeting went on record as opposed to any raise in railroad rates.

The state horticultural society elected the following officers: President, Val Keyser, Nebraska City; vice presidents, L. C. Chapin, Lincoln, and R. F. Howard, Hastings; treasurer, Peter Youngers, Geneva; directors, A. J. Brown, Geneva, and W. A. Harrison, York.

Robert B. Windham, of Plattsburgh, was chosen president of the Territorial Pioneers' association. Officers elected are: President, J. C. Robinson, vice president and attorney; F. A. Kindwall, and F. A. Harrison, Lincoln; secretary-treasurer, C. S. Paine, Lincoln.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERS MAKE ESCAPE IN AUTOMOBILE

Elkhorn, Neb., Jan. 22.—Three robbers cracked open the safe in the postoffice building at Elkhorn at 2 a. m. today and escaped with about \$100 in stamps. They got away in a black automobile and started east on the Dodge road for Omaha, according to Mrs. Mattie Morrison, the telephone operator, whose home is adjacent to the postoffice.

WYNOT.—At the annual meeting of the First National bank here Messrs. F. A. Kindwall and J. F. Arens have now acquired a majority of the stock of the bank and new stockholders have been added in the persons of J. F. Hochstein, John Hochstein and Jos. Wubben. The following officers were chosen: J. F. Arens, president; J. C. Robinson, vice president and attorney; F. A. Kindwall, cashier; Lloyd Lynde and Julius Lorge, assistant cashiers.

LYONS.—The Degree of Honor lodge of this place installed the following officers for the ensuing term: Mrs. F. Peterson, chief of honor; Mrs. Minnie Hultberg, lady of honor; Mrs. Lizzie Romans, chief of ceremony; Mrs. Chas. Chard, recording financier; Mrs. Louisa Miller, treasurer; Mrs. Hensen Heigerson, inside watch; Mrs. Phoebe Newell, outside watch; Mrs. Mary Hansen, usher; Miss Isabel Mann, past chief of honor.

TEN INCHES OF SNOW COVERS NEW MEXICO

California Storm Moves Eastward—Floods and Storms Do Vast Damage.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—Ten inches of snow in the region about Lordsburg, N. M., which prostrated telegraph and telephone wires completely cut off today all means of communication with Phoenix and Clifton, Ariz. Overland shippers from California reported moving eastward slowly feeling their way without orders. There has been no western mail here for three days.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 22.—Indications that the storm of the last few days, which has prevailed in Arizona and California is moving eastward were received in meager reports to the government weather bureau today.

Wire communication with Arizona points was badly interrupted and in some cases completely cut off by the flood conditions. Telegraph and telephone wires to Phoenix were down and up to 10:30 o'clock this morning no advices had been received of flood conditions in that district.

FIND BURNING SHIP BUT NO LIFE BOATS

New York, Jan. 22.—The British steamer Penistone arrived today from Havre and reported having sighted on the night of January 21, a vessel on fire at latitude 47.08 north, longitude 28.12 west. The Penistone steamed around the burning ship during the night in a vain search for life boats.

Soon after daylight, the officers said, they made out the burning craft to be a sailing vessel which had Norwegian flag painted on her starboard side. The Penistone again steamed around the vessel, which had almost burned to the water's edge, but failed to find any trace of life boats or rafts.

PRIVATE HOMES RAIDED AND LIQUOR IS SEIZED

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22.—As a result of a caution, which Alfred Lundin, prosecuting attorney, said he had given the sheriff, raids, begun yesterday, on private residences for liquor in excess of the amount permitted by the state prohibition laws, were not expected to be continued today. The homes of two wealthy lumbermen, D. E. Skinner and W. E. Boeing, were entered by deputy sheriffs with large quantities of wine and liquor were confiscated, including old champagne valued at more than \$60 a quart.

No arrests were made. It is expected that a fight will be made against the seizure of private stocks.

100,000 TO COLORS.

London, Jan. 20.—Groups 2, 3, 4, and 5 of recruits were organized under the Earl of Derby's plan were formally called to the colors today, in accordance with the proclamation of December 13. These groups the first Derby recruits to be called out are composed of unmarried men from 19 to 22 years old. The number of men in the first four groups after subtracting exemptions and postponements of service is estimated at 100,000.

LINCOLN, ESCAPED SPY, WOULD SELL HIS STORY

New York, Jan. 20.—A New York paper announces that Ignatius T. Lincoln, the confessed German secret agent, who escaped from a deputy United States marshal Saturday, appeared in its office yesterday, and submitted for publication an article describing his escape, telling of previous experiences of a similar nature and disclosing his plans for the future. Lincoln has not yet been found by the authorities.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

UNIVERSITY REQUESTED TO INSTALL CHAIR OF CERAMICS

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 21.—The state association of brickmakers asked the board of state university regents, in a resolution adopted at their annual meeting here, for the establishment of a chair of ceramics. This is to be utilized for the purpose of turning out brick engineers to supply the demand in the state for trained men. The brick men think also that a state laboratory where the various Nebraska clays may be tested would be a very good thing. There is but one firm in the state making ornamental brick, in spite of the excellence of the clays here, and the reason is that talent is scarce and the cost so high that only large companies can secure it.

INTERESTING PROGRAM FOR GOOD ROADS MEETING

Lincoln, Jan. 21.—The committee which has in charge the good roads meeting which will be held Thursday afternoon at the Lincoln hotel, is figuring on a very interesting session. Governor Morehead and Warden Penton, of the state penitentiary, will be the principal speakers and an effort will be made to boost building roads by convict labor.

Speaker Jackson of the last legislature is deeply interested in the matter and wants to see some action taken by the legislature at the next session looking to the development of good roads. He has been spending some of the past summer throughout the west and has gathered much valuable information on the subject.

He has not yet made up his mind whether he will be a candidate for reelection. His name has been coupled with the governorship, but he rather looks at the legislative job as more to his liking.

CLAIMED FORMER OFFICER TRIED TO INFLUENCE JUROR

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 21.—A bench warrant charging Theodore B. Ross, a former member of the Lincoln police force, with having offered money to John M. Barr, a member of a jury trying the case of the Farmers National bank, of DeWitt, vs. the Farmers & Merchants bank, of DeWitt, to influence his verdict. Barr halted the trial of the case by informing the court that Ross had told him he was interested in the case and that he must have a verdict in favor of the DeWitt bank. The suit had to do with the liability of the defendant bank for certificates of deposit for \$5,000 placed there to protect a local firm's credit.

CORONER'S JURY HOLDS HUSBAND PARTIALLY LIABLE

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 21.—The coroner's jury which investigated the death of Mrs. Anna May returned a verdict that her death was very materially accelerated and probably caused by the human treatment of her husband, William A. May, and recommended that he be held on the charge of manslaughter. The testimony showed that May had opposed the calling of a physician for his wife, and while her sister was absent in some case which began abusing her. While the physician was there she attempted to beat her, and was restrained by force. The city physician, called on the case, said the woman would be alive today if she had not been beaten by her drunken husband.

HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED DESTROYED BY FIRE

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 21.—Sunnyside home for children and aged people, a charitable institution, was destroyed by fire which started at 9 o'clock Sunday night. The house, a three-story brick structure, on the north side of town, was a total loss. The property was valued at \$20,000 and was insured for \$10,000. In spite of the fire, calls none of the inmates was injured. Miss Margaret Kaely, in charge of the home, superintended the rescue work and helped carry the panic stricken people out of the burning building. The fire is thought to have started from an electric wire.

ORGANIZED AGRICULTURE SESSIONS NOW UNDER WAY

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 21.—Yesterday the meeting of organized agriculture opened here. There are 22 different gatherings which will sandwich in their meetings in the next four days. Some of them will hold only a single day, or even less than that, while others will occupy three days.

In addition to these meetings are the meetings of the State Historical society, the republican gathering and one or two more.

The busiest place probably will be the city auditorium, where the Horticultural society and kindred organizations are putting on their exhibits. Long rows of tables covered with apples, the Nebraska kind, makes the place good to look at, while there are several long tables covered with corn such as grows only in Nebraska.

REPORT SHOWS NEBRASKA STATE FAIR IS PROSPERING

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 21.—At the meeting of the state board of agriculture, Secretary Mellor reported that the figures showed the Nebraska fair was making more rapid progress than any other large fair in the United States. In the last five years the total receipts of cash have more than doubled, the racing attendance nearly quadrupled and the attendance at the fair increased 208 per cent. The fair receipts in the last five years were \$447,989, of which \$237,456 came from gate receipts, \$66,870, from amphitheater tickets, \$72,140 from concessions and \$15,545 from speed entries.

LYONS—The Grand Army and Woman's Relief corps held joint installation of officers.

The W. R. C. officers are: Jennie Chard, president; Grace Wilson, senior vice; Clara Southwell, junior vice; Susan McMorris, treasurer; Martha Coats, chaplain; Bertie Smith, conductor; Emily Schroder, guard; Ruth Stauffer, secretary; Georgia Robins, musician; Sena Southwell, assistant conductor; Edith Southwell, assistant guard; Sarah Heintzelman, press correspondent; Frankie Smith, patriotic instructor; Mrs. O'Connor and Alma Mussack. The annual banquet will be held February 17. The former G. A. R. officers all hold over for another year.

HARTINGTON—The Hartington Commercial club held its annual business meeting and election of officers on Monday evening.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: W. S. Weston, F. W. Hufsmith, W. H. Burney, E. E. Collins, H. J. Sorenson, Dr. L. Stark, John Albert, Charles Goetz, Anton Walz and G. F. Scoville.

LAUREL.—Perry K. Tolles, a prominent young farmer north of town, was married to Miss Bernice Peterson, at the home of her parents at Lyons. Mr. Tolles was born and raised here, and Miss Peterson was assistant principal of the Laurel schools for several years.

SNOW SLIDE HITS TRAIN; MANY PERISH

Avalanche Carries Dining Car and Day Coach 300 Feet Down Side of Cascade Mountain.

LOSS OF LIFE NOT KNOWN

Engine and Other Cars of Great Northern Train Left Standing on Track Buried in Gulch.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24.—Great Northern train, No. 25, the Cascade limited from Spokane, was struck by a snowslide, near Corea station, on the west slope of the Cascades, near the summit, this morning. The train was standing still when hit. The dining car and the day coach received the full force of the avalanche and were carried down a 300-foot embankment. All the persons in the two cars must have been killed or injured.

Physicians have been sent from Everett. The train had been stopped by a small slide, which had covered the track.

Second Snow Slide.

Workers had just completed removal of the snow and debris from the rails and the train was about to proceed, when an avalanche thundered down from the mountainside above the train. The dining car and day coach were struck squarely on the side and carried away as though they had been chips. The other cars and the engine were left on the track.

Corea is about 120 miles east of Seattle and is at the loop of a big switch track. It is the second station down the west slope from the Cascade tunnel, and is almost the exact spot where a train was swept from the tracks, February 28, 1910, with great loss of life.

Heard Cries From Gulch.

Two negro porters and a trainman are known to be dead. The dining car is reported burning. The cars in the gulch are not covered by snow as in the 1910 disaster.

At that time many of the dead were suffocated.

Cries for help from the cars in the gulch can be heard on the tracks above. The first passenger reached in the day coach a small boy, was severely injured. The next two passengers were dead.

Five employes in the dining car are believed to be dead. It is impossible to say how many passengers were in the day coach.

14 REPORTED DEAD.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 22.—Fourteen dead in the Great Northern wreck of Corea, was the report received at 12:45 p. m., at the offices of Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern. Mr. Hill stated that reports, as received in his offices up to this time, were belated.

Mr. Hill issued the following statement at 1 p. m.: "The snowslide struck the train, throwing a sleeping car on its side and carrying the diner and chair car over the bank."

"The number of killed and injured is not definitely known, but it is reported that the chair car contained eight or 10 people, and the sleeping car, six people, with employes and probably some passengers in the diner."

BANDITS WHO KILLED AMERICAN CAPTURED

Young Rancher Slain When He Crosses Border to Recover Cattle.

Sleta, Tex., Jan. 24.—The story of how Bert Akers, a young rancher of this place, was killed by Mexican cattle thieves when he crossed the border into Mexico yesterday, to recover some stolen cows, was detailed today by Douglas Downs, Akers' companion, who after surviving a hail of bullets sent after him and Akers by the thieves, escaped to American soil. The Americans were unarmed. Downs said they were attacked by five Mexicans who fired more than 200 shots.

Akers was 25 years old. He came here from Kentucky eight years ago. A widow and three children, the eldest 4 years old, survive. Downs, cowboy and wild west rider, is