

# THE FRONTIER

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## Cherokee County Farmers Said To Have Been Imposed On

Cherokee, Ia., Jan. (Special)—Many cows sold in Cherokee county for dairy purposes have proved worthless and will go for packers as canners and cutters. Farmers, taking advantage of renewed interest in dairying, are said to have brought in several carloads of these animals that are believed to have been culled from southern Illinois and other dairy districts.

## IOWA SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN DECISIONS

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. (Special)—The Iowa supreme court has handed down decisions as follows:  
Corn Belt Trust and Savings bank of Belle Plaine, appellant, vs. May, et al, Benton county, affirmed.  
Green Bay Lumber Company, appellant, vs. Fredericksen, Audubon county, affirmed.  
Harris vs. Harris, appellant, Alameda county, affirmed.  
In the Matter of the estate of William Medford, deceased, Fremont county, affirmed.  
Milligan, et al, vs. Zeller, et al, Armour Grain Company, appellant, Greene county, affirmed.  
In the Matter of the estate of Christ Peterson, deceased, Shelby county, affirmed.  
Smith, et al, vs. City of Marshalltown, appellant, Marshall county, affirmed.  
Ostrah, appellant, vs. Johnson, Crawford county, affirmed.  
Taylor vs. Williamson, et al, appellant, Hardin county, affirmed.  
Thorpe, appellant, vs. Talbot Poweshiek county, affirmed.  
Witham vs. Union county, a municipal corporation, appellant, Union county, reversed and remanded.  
Youngs, et al, vs. Youngs, et al, Jasper county, affirmed.

## JEWELL SCHOOL BOARD BUYS LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Webster City, Ia., Jan. (Special)—The college board of the Norwegian Lutheran churches of America has sold Jewell Lutheran college for \$45,000 to the Jewell school board, subject to ratification by a vote of the people of the school district.  
The action of the church board means the abandonment of Jewell Lutheran college. It is one of the smaller colleges maintained over the country by the Norwegian Lutheran church, not a few of which are being merged at a loss. The college at Jewell has been maintained by the church a good many years, most of the time at a loss.

## ABANDON BABE ON DOOR STEP

### Storm Lake Couple Find Infant—Below Zero Temperature

Storm Lake, Ia., Jan. (Special)—With the thermometer registering below zero, a baby boy, wrapped in cotton and peacefully sleeping in a basket, was left on the doorstep of the R. J. Peterson home here last Thursday afternoon. The door bell was rung and by the time Mrs. Peterson had reached the door all trace of the person who had left the child had vanished. The child was believed to be less than a day old. He was taken in, dressed and fed and a physician pronounced him physically perfect. The Petersons have no clue as to who left the child or who his parents may be. They are childless and have decided to keep the newcomer. Mr. Peterson is in the sheet metal and furnace business here.

## Council Bluffs Man Sent To Hospital For Observation

Council Bluffs, Ia., Jan. (Special)—A pitiful scene was enacted before the board of insanity commissioners Tuesday when Charles Lindstrom, 55 years old, who was picked up several weeks ago in Ames, Ia., in a demented condition and with an injury to his head, was ordered under surveillance in a hospital. Lindstrom begged his wife to take him home but finally yielded to the board's suggestion when told his wife would have to work to support him. She is now living with her parents who, it is said, insisted on her remaining with them.  
Lindstrom has never been able to tell how he was injured or how he got to Ames.

## TO BAN PICTURES BY MOVIE STARS

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. (U. P.)—Iowa theatre owners meeting here Tuesday adopted a resolution placing a ban upon the showing of any pictures in which either Mabel Normand or Edna Purviance appear.

## SIOUX CENTER TO GET CHEAPER ELECTRICITY

Sioux Center, Ia., Jan. (Special)—The city council at its meeting this week passed an ordinance reducing the light and power rates for this city. The council feels that if the company can afford to sell juice at Orange City for fourteen cents per hour that it can do the same here, therefore passed the ordinance setting the rate for light at fourteen cents per hour and the power rate at 10 cents per hour.

## GRAFF SCORES CHARLES BRYAN

### Cuming County Man Says Governor Enemy of Live Stock Men

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—A sensational attack on Governor Bryan by Charles Graff of Cuming county, president of the state board of agriculture, marked the opening session of the annual meeting of the board Tuesday. President Graff and the governor are of the same political faith. Graff accused the governor of ignoring the urgent request of the agricultural board that he recommend an appropriation by the legislature in its interest. He said the governor had shown he is an enemy to the live stock interests of the state in antagonizing the state aid proposed for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis. The governor, President Graff said, had accepted the customary favors shown executives by the State fair managers, but had signally failed to reciprocate.  
"When a man," said Graff, "even though he happens to be governor of a great state, gets reckless with the truth, I would almost consider it a crime to let it pass unnoticed."

## Men Sentenced In County Loot Case

### Two Convicted in Lincoln County Scandal Get Prison Terms

North Platte, Neb., Jan. (Special)—This was sentence day in district court here, and Judge Tewell meted out punishment to those convicted in connection with the alleged looting of the Lincoln county treasury, one of the greatest scandals in Nebraska since Holt county vigilantes lynched Barrett Scott, treasurer of that county, who was accused of heavy thefts.  
Carl R. Goucher, salesman for a printing and supply house, convicted of being accessory to the forging of county warrants, was sentenced from one to 10 years in the penitentiary, and to pay a fine of \$100. It is announced he will appeal.  
A. S. Allen, former county clerk, for whom an appeal was made for leniency, endorsed by men who were prominent in his prosecution, was given a one to five year prison sentence, together with a fine. He was convicted of forging county warrants. In his behalf it was said he had confessed his guilt, and aided the state in its prosecution.  
Samuel Souder, former county treasurer, convicted of embezzlement, was not sentenced. It is expected his case will be disposed of Wednesday.

## MUST DO LIFE PRISON TERM

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Charles Curry, "Mystery" convict, has been granted a parole by the Nebraska pardon and parole board for the purpose of turning him over to officers of the Colorado penitentiary. Curry escaped while serving a life sentence for murder. He might have served a short term and gone his way without interruption had he not written a letter asking for a loan of \$50 from Mayor Bulson, of Irvington, N. J. Bulson was then dead, having killed himself because blackmailers had extorted \$50,000 from him, but Curry did not know of his death. Relatives of the dead mayor instituted a search for the men who had been members of the conspiracy and through this it came to light that Curry was an escaped prisoner from Colorado.  
The board granted eight applications for paroles from the penitentiary and five from the state reformatory. Five applications from the pen were denied and two from the reformatory. Three applications for commitments were denied.

## Completion of Yankton Bridge in April, Likely

Yankton, S. D., Jan. (Special)—Completion of the Missouri river bridge here by the last of April with reasonable weather conditions was promised to stockholders in annual meeting here by W. L. Kelley, president of the Kelley-Atkinson company of Chicago, contractors for the steel erection. Two spans of the bridge are in place, another partly erected and steel for the remaining four spans is on the ground or en route here.  
Directors re-elected were W. E. Heaton, Sam Hohl and W. C. Lusk, all for three year terms. The directors organized by re-electing D. E. Gurney, president, and M. R. Magner, secretary, both of whom have served since the bridge company was organized. A total of 4,620 shares of stock were represented at the meeting.

## MATTERS IS DENIED RIGHT AS ATTORNEY

Omaha, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Thomas H. Matters, convicted in federal court, on a charge of illegal promotion, has been refused permission to appear as an attorney before District Judge Wakeley.

## MOTHER OF OMAHA MERCHANT IS DEAD

Omaha, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Mrs. Lucinda Burgess, mother of Ward Burgess, prominent Omaha business man died at her apartment today from a stroke of paralysis.

## HE WROTE TOO MANY CHECKS

### Missouri Young Man Was Preparing to Wed Grand Island, Neb., Girl

Columbus, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Love's sweet dream had a rude awakening for Lee E. Blakesley, 24 years old, of Springfield, Mo. when he arrived in Columbus on his way to Hastings where he expected to be married although now police predict the wedding will be postponed from one to three years.  
In order to obtain a suitable wedding presents Blakesley visited three jewelry stores, purchased various presents for the bride and then visited a check cashing office. At each place he gave checks for \$20 and always bought small quantities so as to get change in return.  
He drew checks on a Genoa, Neb., bank signing the name of Dave Sforger for whom he had worked recently. But he wrote one too many. Miss Lena Brody, clerk in a local clothing house suspected the check might be bad. She called in Patrolman Felix Smagacz and together they followed the youth. Taken to the police station Blakesley admitted all of the checks were bad.  
Blakesley, after his capture by police, was turned over to the county authorities where he is being held in jail charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. His father, A. D. Blakesley formerly farmed near Genoa, Neb. but three months ago moved to a farm near Springfield, Mo. Blakesley said he met the girl in Hastings while husking corn there this fall and became engaged to marry her in January and was collecting presents for the bride and money for himself when caught.

## WISNER, NEB., CONCERN APPEALS ITS CASE

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—The Wisner Mercantile company has filed an appeal with the supreme court from a decision of Judge Allen that gave the Fairmont Creamery company a \$1,336 judgment against it. The case has unusual features. J. G. Kyl was agent at Wisner for the creamery company, and had power to draw drafts on the company in payment for produce purchased. The company claims that he had arrangements with a member of the mercantile company by which it would accept drafts from him for produce presumably purchased from it but in which no goods actually changed hands, and when the drafts were collected the money was paid over to Kyl. The company says it never took a draft unless in payment for produce sold, but Judge Allen ordered the jury to return a verdict for the creamery company.

## LEGION PLANS TO PROTEST MELLON PLAN

Pierre, S. D., Jan. (Special)—The former service men of South Dakota generally believe that secretary Mellon is absolutely unfair, has misrepresented the truth and is spreading propaganda against adjustment compensation," says L. L. Stephens, department commander of the American Legion as he announced that mass meetings will be called in all districts and posts of the state during the week of February 10 to 17 for the purpose of going on record on the bonus question.  
The meetings are called at the urgent request of John R. Quinn, national commander, received by wire by commander Stephens.

## BYRNE ASSERTS THAT CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVED

Pierre, S. D., Jan. (Special)—Improved prospects is the keynote of a message by former governor Frank M. Byrne, director of the department of agriculture, to South Dakota farmers, in which he pointed out that the most important problem of the year will be a close study of ways and means of marketing farm produce to "insure a return bearing some relation to the cost of what the farmer buys."  
Other leading suggestions made by the director are that the acreage of wheat be reduced and more attention given to increasing the yield from a smaller acreage; that the greatest prospect of immediate relief lies in dairying, and that farmers should strive to place their operations on a better business basis.

## FISH AND GAME MEN TO MEET

Huron, S. D., Jan. (Special)—It has been decided to make proposed changes in the fish and game laws of South Dakota which are now being widely discussed by sportsmen over the state, the chief item of business for the South Dakota Fish and Game Protective association, when that organization convenes here next Tuesday, January 22, for its annual convention. This announcement was made by Dr. H. V. Saylor, of Huron, secretary of the association.  
The association will go into session Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Marvin Houghton hotel. Among the questions which will form an important part of the program will be a closed season on prairie chickens, a new method of constituting the state game commission, and an amendment to correct the boundary line of the Sisseton reservation.

## MORE POLITICIANS STEP INTO THE LIGHT

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. (U. P.)—Captain Fred P. Woodruff, of Knoxville, has indicated that he will again be a candidate for the office of railroad commissioner. He is chairman of the present board, serving his first term in office.  
Former state senator Clem Kimball, Council Bluffs, is also mentioned as a candidate for lieutenant governor.

## BOOTLEG DEAL TO HIGH COURT

### Sioux City Man Got Cash On Draft, But Payment Had Been Stopped

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—The sale by a Sioux City bootlegger to two Dixon county farmers of two barrels of shelled corn when they thought they were getting two barrels of whisky for their \$650 was responsible for an argument that took an hour of time in the supreme court.  
The farmers were Roy Vernon and Leland Hooker, who live nine miles from Allen. The man who delivered the barrels to them and took the drafts that represented payment was Louis Johnson, who says he was acting in booze. Vernon had bought the drafts for \$650 from the National bank at Laurel by a check drawn on the Dixon State bank. When he discovered the fraud practiced on him, he stopped payment on the check, and the Dixon bank told the Laurel bank about it.  
Meanwhile Johnson had dropped into the Jackson State bank and cashed the drafts. Now the Jackson bank is trying to make the Laurel National make good on them. It developed that by oversight Vernon had not endorsed the draft, and the Jackson bank cashier says that Johnson represented himself to be Vernon and endorsed the drafts in his presence. He insisted on identification, and Johnson called in Orville Breth of Jackson. Breth says that all the banker asked him was if he knew the man, while the cashier says he asked him if he knew him to be Vernon. Johnson says Vernon did endorse the drafts, but Breth backs the banker up in saying he saw Johnson endorse them.  
The Laurel National won in the lower court. One of its defenses is that Breth, who says Johnson paid him \$10 for identifying him, was compelled by the Jackson banker to sign a note for the amount of the drafts and that he will have to pay it if the Jackson bank loses in supreme court.

## CONVICTED SALESMAN TO APPEAL CASE

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Carl R. Goucher, salesman for an Omaha Printing Company, convicted in Lincoln county on a charge of accessory before the crime of forgery, has appealed to the supreme court. He says he did not have a fair trial, that there was misconduct on the part of the state, that the atmosphere of the town was hostile to him because of exposures in connection with the conduct of certain county officers, and that the judge gave erroneous instructions.  
Goucher was accused of having persuaded the county clerk, Allen, sentenced to from one to five years and to pay a fine of \$1,200, to issue fictitious warrants to him so that he might use the proceeds to pay a pressing personal debt. Allen testified for the state. Goucher got from one to 10 years and was fined \$100.  
Sam Souder, former county treasurer, will also appeal, says his attorney. Souder said at the conclusion of the trial that he would take his medicine, but when the court gave him 15 to 20 years he balked at swallowing it. He says he did not have a fair trial. He was charged with setting fire to the courthouse in order to destroy evidences of a shortage in his accounts.

## GOVERNOR BRYAN GOES TO WASHINGTON

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Governor Bryan leaves for Washington Saturday. He says he is going there to consult the democratic members of congress about the taxation and transportation bills pending, and to tell them what the farmers of the middle west want in the way of legislation. The governor will also attend the meeting of the national committee, and proposes taking an active part in opposing the movement to hold the next convention in New York. He is of the opinion that this is a wet move, and in the interest of those candidates who are not satisfactory to the middle west. He wants it in Chicago, and will join his brother in opposing New York and in also promulgating a declaration of principles to which democratic candidates must give assent if they wish the support of the Bryans, who are speaking for western progressives.

## REPORT SHORTAGE IN TREASURER'S OFFICE

Hartington, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Accountants who are auditing the books of officials of Cedar county, have filed a special report with the county commissioners in which they declare an apparent shortage of \$1,430, exists in the accounts of former County Treasurer Fred W. Barnhart. According to the report a warrant for \$175 payable to William Soost of Magnet, Neb., was cashed by a bank in the sum of \$1,431.75. The original check is reported to be missing. Mr. Barnhart is said to be employed by the Commonwealth Life Insurance Company and is living at Omaha.

## NEWSPAPER FOREMAN KILLED ON HUNT

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. (U. P.)—Clark Bradley, foreman of the Register and Tribune printing plant, was accidentally shot and killed while hunting rabbits near Mitchellville, according to a report reaching here. He was hunting with a group of American Legion men who were holding a rabbit hunt when the accident occurred, the report said.

## TWO AIR TANKS ARE EXPLODED

### Bad Accident At Columbus, Neb., Caused By Freezing It Is Believed

Columbus, Neb., Jan. (Special)—One man narrowly escaped death when the explosion of two 250 pound compressed air tanks wrecked a machine shed at the rear of the Motor Inn filling station, shattered the station windows and those of adjoining buildings, causing an estimated property damage of \$1,000 and scattering debris 100 feet in every direction. Ernest Michaelson, driver for the station was just 30 seconds too late getting around the building into the shed where he had work to do when the explosion occurred. The explosion was caused by stop cocks freezing shut on both of the tanks, an odd feature being that the explosions came at the same time.

## CUMMING COUNTY WANTS VALUES CUT

West Point, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Cumming county officials have petitioned the state board of equalization for a reduction of 15 per cent in the assessed valuation of Cumming county. This will not be acted upon by that board until next June, when they are again in session. The county officials pointed out that the assessed valuation of Cumming county is too high in comparison with that of other counties.

## NEARLY FROZEN UNDER OVERTURNED AUTO

Kearney, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Paul Helder, of Poole, Neb., was pinned under his overturned automobile with three fractured ribs and suffering from a frozen foot, fingers and nose in below zero weather. He was rescued by his companion, Erwin Bock, hauled through the windshield recovered consciousness and crawled to a nearby farm for aid.

## ROBBED BY MAN HE GAVE CIGARETTE

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. (Special)—C. H. Friedman, an Omaha salesman was held up and robbed of \$20 in cash on the Lincoln highway near Wood River. While Friedman was changing a tire a stranger came up in a light car, asked for a cigarette was given the same with a light after which the stranger held him up with a gun, rifled his pockets and left.

## LINCOLN MAY LOSE ITS LAND OFFICE

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Officers of the Lincoln land office are excited over the possibility that it will be closed and the matters with which it has to do, dealt with from the office at Alliance. Congressman Simmons is pushing the department to order the consolidation on the ground of convenience to home-steaders and larger volume of business.

## WEST POINT PREACHER IS CALLED TO GENEVA

West Point, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Rev. David Tudor, for the last five years pastor of the Congregational church of Geneva where he will assume the pastorate in the Congregational church. No pastor has been appointed for the church here.

## OLD PEOPLE'S HOME IS TO BE RECOMMENDED

Pierre, S. D., Jan. (Special)—Provision for a state supported old people's home on a similar basis as the old soldiers' home at Hot Springs, is one of the foremost recommendations embodied in the annual report of the Women's committee of investigation, just made public.  
During the year the committee of three visited every state school and institution, every private school, and in addition 50 hospitals. Except in the case of state institutions, visits were divided among the group. Members of the committee for the year were Mrs. Franklin D. Smith, Deadwood; Mrs. J. E. Hippie, Pierre, secretary, and Mrs. O. W. Coursey, Mitchell.

## WAUSA DEMANDS CUT IN ELECTRIC RATES

Wausa, Neb., Jan. (Special)—A mass meeting was held last night and the matter of lowering the present rate of 18 cents on electric current was taken up with representatives of the Tri State Utilities Company. H. H. Henry, from the company's office in Minneapolis, was present and contended that alleged poor service, resulting from unsteady voltage, was no fault of the service company inasmuch as proper notification would have enabled it to make the necessary adjustment in the transformer. He further insisted that a rate reduction could not be considered inasmuch as conditions have not improved since the temporary raise was granted during the war. He, however, made the proposition to furnish current to the city through one meter at six and one half cents which was taken under advisement. In the meantime a committee will make investigations as to the advisability of building a municipal plant.

## TEKAMAH MAN TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Tekamah, Neb., Jan. (Special)—E. C. Houston, of Tekamah, will be a candidate at the republican primary for the nomination as congressman to oppose Congressman Howard, in the Third Nebraska district. Mr. Houston is engaged in the stock and live stock business here and was a state senator from his district in 1919.

## IDENTIFIED AS MISSING IOWAN

### Man Killed In Omaha Accident Son of Mason City Educator

Omaha, Neb., Jan. (U. P.)—The body of "Dixon Fox," killed by a fall from a viaduct here last week, was identified Monday as that of Cecil Philo, 24 years old, son of a college president at Mason City, Ia.  
Young Philo had been missing for many months and a reward of \$600 had been offered by his father for information as to his whereabouts. He had been working here several months as a laborer on the viaduct under the name of Dixon Fox. He was said to have been engaged to the daughter of a prominent Mason City banker before his disappearance.

## ANOTHER PROMOTER NOW DOING TIME

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—H. W. Kenyon, former Chicago insurance man who came to Lincoln six years ago to show the natives how to organize and run a million dollar company, was admitted to the state prison today to serve a one to seven year sentence for embezzlement. Kenyon and a few friends promoted the Banker's Fire Company, cleaned up a big sum as promoters by selling the stock to a brokerage company they had organized and which in turn sold a million and half of stock at an advance of \$10 a share. The company got into trouble when deflation came, and after suffering a shrinkage in assets went out of fire insurance writing and is in existence as a mortgage investment company. Kenyon was convicted of using a stock certificate owned by a farmer named Bruckman, living in Cumming county, as collateral for a personal loan at a bank. He fought the case through to the supreme court, where he twice lost. Today he came to town and gave himself up.

## COURT SAYS SMELL OF LIQUOR ENOUGH

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—In holding that Mrs. Helen C. Johnson of Hastings was properly convicted of harboring booze in her kitchen, the supreme court says that there is no good reason why persons who are familiar with the smell of liquor should not be allowed to identify it by their testimony. Mrs. Johnson, when she saw the officers coming, broke the bottles containing the stuff in her sink. The officers said when they arrived that the smell was very pervading, and that it was also unmistakable. She said that in passing the drainboard of the sink she accidentally knocked the bottles off, and that they did not contain liquor.

## STRANGER WORKED BAD CHECK ON CLOTHIER

Alliance, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Mike Saba, proprietor of a men's furnishing store lost a man's suit worth \$25 and \$23.75 in cash to a smoochy stranger here. Saba was called out in early morning by the man. He had a check for \$43.75 on the Hay Springs bank, payable to George Dulan. It was endorsed by Dulan. After he had made the sale he told the stranger not to cash his check for \$23.75, which he gave as change, until he had ascertained if the stranger's check was good. The stranger promised. Later Saba found the stranger's check was forged. His own had been cashed.

## FREMONT TO HAVE MODERN HOSPITAL

Fremont, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Mrs. Nora O. White, proprietress of the Fremont hospital, has purchased the large brick residence building of the late Dr. George J. Haslam estate and will convert it into a modern hospital, which is to be known as the Military avenue hospital. In the neighborhood of \$20,000 was paid for the structure, which is one of the palatial residences of the city. Mrs. White announces that \$5,000 additional will be spent in remodeling the building for her new purpose. The old hospital will be remodelled to serve in future as a modern apartment house.

## INSURANCE COMPANY SAYS IT WAS SUICIDE

Fremont, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Whether Nicholas di Giovanni, late Fremont cobbler, found shot to death in his shop here last June, died from a self-inflicted wound or from one caused from the accidental discharge of the weapon which he still clutched when found, is the interesting question to be settled in the first case being tried in the January term of district court now in session in this city. Di Giovanni carried a double indemnity life insurance policy in the Missouri State Life Insurance company, which refuses to pay the double indemnity of \$4,000 on the ground that the insured committed suicide. The dead man's widow contends that her husband's death was accidental.

## TEKAMAH MAN IS OUT FOR CONGRESS

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. (Special)—H. E. Houston, republican of Tekamah, former state senator, has announced that he will file for congress from the third district.

## FARM SALES ARE SAID TO BE SLOW

Carroll, Neb., Jan. (Special)—Farm sales in this community have been rather drab and low prices prevail so far this winter.