EXPRESS RATE CUTS DELAYED

Court Action Halts Reductions in Zone Governing Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special)-Express rate reductions in the zone in which Nebraska belongs will not become effective for an indefinite period. J. E. Benton, who represents the state railway commissions of the country at Washington, wired the Nebraska commission that the Interstate Commerce Commission will not have its schedules ready before March 1, and that even then the rates may not become effective, as the western and southern railroads have cone into federal court asking for an injunction against them.

The new schedule carries an 11 per cent. reduction on interstate shipments, and was to be followed by a similar one on interstate haulage. It restores a parity between the eastarn and western zones. The railraods that lose revenue by it claim that the new rates are discriminatory. Mr. Benton advises intervention by the state commissions in the suit.

BURNER PLEADS GUILTY;

WOMAN NOT GUILTY Broken Bow, Neb., Dec .-Frank Bruner of Sargent Monday pleaded guilty to a charge of killing his wife by putting poison in her tea, when he was arraigned before Judge

Mrs. Ardesta Northey, also of Sargent, who was arrested on a charge of being Bruner's accomplice in the poison plot and who also was arraigned before Judge Hostetler, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The judge appointed Attorney H. M. Sullivan to defend Bruner, and A. H. Schnell and H. L. Wilson as Mrs. Northey's attorneys. A date for the trial was not set.

CHAMP POTATO CLUB

TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION Kimball, Neb., Dec. ** The Kimball Lions club has autnorized payment of money to send the state champion potato club to Lincoln to demonstrate planting and growing of certified seed potatoes before the organized agricultural meeting in January. The team is composed of Arnold Gadeken and Alice Forsling of the Bushnell Boys' and Girls' Potato club. They won the championship at the state fair. Their exhibition at the state potato show in Gering, is to go along and be placed on exhibition at Lincoln. This demonstration team was given a free trip to the Inter-State fair at Sioux City as a premium and demonstrated there.

NEBRASKA FARMERS ARE "REAL BANKERS"

Omaha, Neb., Dec. -Recent advances in the price of farm products have erased "the discouraged condition or attitude that has been so noticeable in Nebraska during the past three years," until the Nebraska farmer of today is particularly optimistic, the "real bankers" are out of debt and have an abundance of surplus funds and all conditions point to an era of prosperity, S. S. Carlson, of Lincoln, president of the Nebraska Farm Mortgage Bankers' association declared at the association's annual convention here Tues-

EMBEZZLER IS AFTER PARDON

Has Served Four of Five-Year Term Given for His \$30,000 Job

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special)-Yinis L. Anderson, former treasurer of Nance county, appeared before the state board of pardons today asking for release. He embezzled \$30,-000 of public funds, and didn't deny it. He bought two automobiles, built himself a fine house and played the board of trade. To pay for these he juggled the tax receipts. He and his father and brother stripped themselves to make good the entire loss. He has been in prison for more than tour years of a five year sentence. He had previously been denied a release, when protests were presented. but this time nobody appeared to op-

PROMOTE HARVEST

FESTIVAL TO RAISE CASH Newcastle, Neb., Dec. -It is estimated the annual bazar and supper of the Ladies' Aid of the Community Congregational church held here, together with a harvest festival sale to be held by the men of the church next Saturday, will bring receipts of about \$800. Over \$500 has been received and donations of hogs, calves, chickens, coal, potatoes, hay and other farm produce as well as cash donations for the harvest sale will swell the fund still more. The money will be used to finish paying for the new parsonage which cont nearly \$5,000 and which has all been paid for, except

CMAHA EOY COASTER

RAN OVER BY TRUCK Omaha, Neb., Dec. John Mc Laughlin, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McLaughlin, of South Omaha, was instantly killed Tuesday when the sled on which he was coasting was struck by a motor truck driven by Clyde Crabtree, one of the wheels of the machine passing over the boy's head. A companion of the youth who also was on the sled escaped uninjured. It was the first coasting accident of the season here.

PEACE OFFICER **PUT ON TRIAL**

Is Charged With Shooting That Caused Death of Young Man

Madison Neb., Dec. , (Special)-At the opening of the fall term of the district court, Monday morning, with Judge A. A. Welch presiding, selection of jurors for the case of the state against John and Helen Bowers, who are charged with first degree murder of Clyde Cherrington, was started and completed by afternoon. Twenty witnesses have been subpoenaed by the state and 22 for the defense.

Among the principal witnesses will be Roy Radenz. Inez Bottorff, Rosella Laubsch, Martna Laubsch, all of whom were in a car with Jonn Bowers on the night of August 31, 1924, at the time of the alleged shooting. Persons in the car who were with Clyde Cherrington at the time he was shot were Lawrence Tannehill, driver of the car, Wilson Webb and John Grattan.

On the night of August 31, a dance was held at a hall one mue south and five miles east of Norfolk. John Bowers was employed to keep order during the evening. At the dance, it is alleged, he engaged in a fist fight with John Grattan. Seemingly the fight was settled and dancing was resumed. Later Bowers started to Norfolk in a car driven by Roy Radenz.

According to the story of the witnesses, Bowers fired the shots at a passing car half a mile south or Norfolk. One shot, going through the curtains on the Tannehill car, struck Cherrington on the left shoulder, the concussion of the bullet shattering the spinal cord, competely paralyzing him from the armpits

Cherrington was taken to a hospltal, where he died October 9.

According to the testimony of your witnesses, Mrs. Bowers just prior to the shooting said, "shoot, John,

NEARLY LOST HIS LIFE UNDER THE ICE

Neligh, Neb., Dec. (Special)-Lyle Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Howell, of this city, had a narrow escape from drowning. He was down at the dam where workmen were engaged in tearing out the structure and attempted to break the ice. In doing so he slipped and fell into the water. No one saw the mishap but Guy Stone, who turned just in time to see the youth's hand sticking out of the water and by a quick move grabbed it and pulled the boy out.

NEW CAPITOL TO COST

\$2,500,000 MORE Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special)-Nebraska's state capitol will probably cost \$2,500.000 more than was originally appropriated for it, in the opinion of members of the capitol commission. It will hold a meeting next Monday at which an estimate as nearly accurate as possible, will be submitted and the governor asked to recommend it to the legisia-

The \$5,000,000 originally appropriated over a period of six years has now all been collected, or will be by the first of next May, and nearly \$2,000,000 of it remains in the treasury. Part of this money will be necessary to complete payment on the contract for the main office building, now nearly completed, and there remains also the 400 foot tower to build. There is still a heating plant, that is to be located down near the railroad tracks, to be taken care of. and also furniture and fixtures.

The commission held a meeting today to arrange for the removal of departments. As soon as these can be housed the work of tearing down the old building to make room 101 the tower will be started. The commission has no power to contract for light and heating, and an emergency appropriation will be asked of the governor.

BOY DIES FROM

HUNTING ACCIDENT Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. -- Hugh Young, 14 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nancy Young, died after being accidentally shot by his playmate, Winfred Vanderslice while hunting last Friday. Hugh had jumped in front of Winfred to see a rabbit he had shot. In attempting to reload his gun, Winfred accidentally discharged it. Winfred carried the injured lad to a nearby farm house.

And So It Was.

From Tid-Bits, London. A man with an uncanny mania for uggling with figures, produced pen-"Put down the number of your liv-ing brothers. Multiply it by two. Add three. Multiply the result by five. Add the number of living siscers. Multiply the result by ten. Add the number of dead brothers and sisters. Subtract 150 from the

result. The friend did it. "Now," said the other with a cun-aing smile, "the righthand figure will be the number of deaths, the middle figure the number of living sisters, and the lefthand figure the number of living brothers."

BRITTON MASONIC LODGE DEDICATES NEW HOME

Britton, S. D., Dec. -The new \$20,000 Masonic temple in this city. which has just been dedicated, is one of the finest structures of its kind in this part of the state. The temple is 40 by 100 feet in size, is constructed of brick, with two floors, dining rooms being on the first floor and lodge rooms on the second. The building will be used exclusively for lodge purposes.

FACED REVOLVER GIGGS BACK ON FOR AN HOUR

Shelton, Neb., Man Has Unpleasant Experience With Mexican Who Is Jailed

Shelton, Neb., Dec. .- Jooking down the barrel of a revolver for more than an hour with his life threatened every minute of that time was the thrilling experience of C. C Lessinger, a farmer living three miles south of Shelton. The man who threatened his life, Henry Rodrags Mexic in laborer, is now in the count; jail at Kearney, where it is said charges will be filed against him.

he went to the Frank Busso place and was met in the yard by the Mexican, who at once reached for his gun, and aiming it at Lessinger, pulled the triger. The shell failed to explode. He said Rodrags continued to hold the gun on him for more than an hour, threatening to shoot. It was only after he had pleaded and beg-

ged the Mexican to put the gun in

his pocket that he finally did.

According to the story of Lessinger,

PLAN ORDERLY **STOCK MOVING**

Railroads and Regional Shipping Board to Work Together

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special)-Western railroads, under the direction of the regional shipping board, are laying plans to assist in the more orderly marketing of cattle and hogs. The preliminary steps were taken, reports Chairman Taylor of the board, on his return from a meeting at Cheyenne, to apply to the cattle and hog industry the methods by which sheep growers had hundreds of thousands of dollars added to their income during the past year.

Mr. Taylor says that the secretaries of the two big sheepmen associations have been kept constantly advised of all movements of wool and mutton to market so that it was possible for the growers to do it in an orderly way, with the result that prices were fairly level and satisfactory. The absence of effective organization among cattle and hog men makes more difficult the job of reaching them, but it is believed that if railroad agents are kept supplied with information as to the volume of traffic rolling to market and can make this available to all shippers, it will help to prevent market gluts. It is also planned to provide for more feeding in transit points, as this can

be used in a more orderly marketing. The railroads are anxious to do all they can to help. The managers say that with a peak market movement just following a rise they are put to heavy expense for overtime, and then they must pay for idle time when the sharp slump comes following a price drop. Fifty or sixty shippers were present at the meeting, and Mr. Taylor believes that from the opinions expressed and the start made progress will mark the drive for more orderly marketing in the near future.

BUTTE, NEB., FARMER

seen or heard of since. His family, neighbors and the county sheriff have been searching for him, but have found no trace.

It is said he sold a load of hogs on that day and had most of the money with him.

OWNER WANTED TOO MUCH FOR LAKE.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special)-The reason why the state game and fish comission did not buy Goose lake in Holt county, desired by hunters and fishers, was because the owner asked about twice what it is worth. Thus, says Secretary of Agriculture Shumway, who is overlord of game and fish in Nebraska. Mr. Shumway says that the criticism recently voiced because this purchase was not made was poorly founded. In refusing to pay the price demanded for an unproductive lake, he had taken the advice of experts called in to talk it over. The secretary also says that there is no sound basis for the other attack made on his department.

The last legislature appropriated \$50,000 to keep lakes from freezing by boring flowing wells, and \$4,500 of this was spent to add a trout section to the Benkleman hatchery. Mr. Shumway says there is no basis for the charge that this is a waste of money, and that it is not necessary to transport the young trout hundreds of miles to find a stream to jut them in, as there are a number in southwestern Nebraska.

NEW BANK FOR

SCOTTS BLUFF, NEB. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special.)-The state banking department has given approval to the opening of the Farmers State bank of McGrew, Scotts Bluff county, with a capital stock of \$15,000. The new bank has bought the building of the fatled Security State bank of that town. Ora E. Adcock is the principal and managing owner.

NEBRASKA BOYS AND GIRLS DID WELL.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special)-Nebraska boys' and giris' club members back from Chicago, where they exhibited their products took more premiums than those from any other state, according to L. I. Frisble, who accompanied them as leader. The members from northeast Nebraska were: Minnie Tebbens, of South Sioux City; Conrad Wiese, of Westpoint; Esther Lander, of Pender; Leslie Thompson, of Blair, and Wilbur Lessman, of Wayne.

HER CONTRACT

Island, Nebraska, Seeks Court Relief

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special.)-An unusual case argued before the supreme court-advanced over 1,000 others because youth and beauty in Grand Island wait for its decisionwas that wherein Mrs. Lulua May Gotch, who is the only beauty shop operator in that city who knows how to give the super-treatment known as the Marinello, asks to be relieved of a contract she signed a year ago never to work for anybody else in that city but Mrs. Sarah A.

Dow, then her employer. Mrs. Dow got her to sign a contract that bound her to work for a year for her and not to work anywhere else in that town for the rest of her natural life in consideration of her paying Mrs. Gotch's expenses to Chicago to take a post graduate course. Mrs. Gotch said she didn't know the contract so bound her, and Mrs. Dow said she did because she kept it five days and read it over several times. Anyway, said Mrs. Gotch's lawyers, such a contract is against public policy, restricts competition and can't be enforced because no time limit is fixed in the

WANTS AID TO KILL OFF RATS

Crete, Neb., Man Appeals To the State Railroad Commission

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special)-Clyde C. West, of Crete, has asked the powerful aid of the state railway commission to force the Farmers' Elevator company at Crete to hire a rat catcher or use other means of exterminating the rodents whose depredations have partly put West out of business. He says that the rats have undermined the driveway leading up to the elevator, so that he cannot use it, thus depriving him of part of his livelihood. He says the elevator people seem indifferent about it, and he desires to have them jacked up.

OFFICER RETURNS

WITHOUT THE PRISONER Lincoln, Neb. Dec. ', (Special.)-Warden Fenton, of the state penitentiary, returned Friday from Cal-Ifornia, where he went to get Harry Widner, a convict, who escaped from the county jail at Lincoln while awaiting entrance to the state

Widner was sentenced in Dakota county for burglary. He was recently located in California. The Dakola county sheriff who brought him to Lincoln died before the prisoner made his escape.

The sheriff had the original commitment papers in his pocket at the time he brought the prisoner here, and they have never been found. Warden Fenton took a copy of the papers to California but the authorities there would not recognize them.

JUDGE EVANS HEARD

IN DITCH CONTROVERSY Lincoln, Neb., Dec. * (Special.)-Judge R. E. Evans, of Dakota City, made his farewell appearance before the state supreme court Friday, when he appeared to argue a case in which Drainage Ditch District No. 2 has been trying for 15 years to make Dakota county pay a larger assessment for the cost of the reclamation work than the county boards have been willing to pay. Judge Evans will return to Lincoln, early in January, to begin the six year term for which he was elected from the Third district in November. He will succeed Judge Letton, who retires after 18 years of service. KEARNEY MAN DIES

FROM ENGINE GAS Kearney, Neb., Dec. '-C. Roy Norton, 40 years old, Kearney clothing store owner, was found dead in his garage. He had been asphyxiated by the fumes from the engine of his automobile, which was still running when the body was found. Norton is survived by three children, his wife having died nine months ago.

LEGAL FOR COUNTY

ATTORNEY TO HAVE AID Lincoln, Neb., Dec (Special)-The appointment by the county attorney of McPherson of the regularly employed attorney for the Nebraska Cattle Growers association to assist him in prosecuting Ray Gragg. on a charge of calf stealing was held by the supreme court to be right and proper.

Gragg said that an attorney for such an association wouldn't be a fair prosecutor because he would be interested in his conviction to such an extent that he would act beyond the proper limits of a prosecutor.

The court said that as the association and not the county or the complaining witness, who was not a member of the association, paid the fee there was nothing in his appointment to precude the accused from having a fair and impartial trial and thereby affect substantial rights.

GOVERNOR-ELECT TO

PAY VISIT TO LINCOLN Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special.)-Governor Bryan received a letter, Friday, from Governor-elect McMullen, saying the incoming executive will be here, Tuesday to meet with the state capitol commission and state board of pardons. He will become chairman of these state bodies after January 8. Applicants for appointive offices have arranged to meet the governor-elect during the several days he will be here, although Mr. McMullen, as far as known, has not requested a meeting

WOULD CHANGE CRIMINAL LAW

Beauty Specialist at Grand Covernor Bryan Hopes to Make Easier Work for Pardons Board

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special)-Governor Bryan said today that he would recommend to the next legislature, in order to relieve the board of pardens of a vast amount of detail work, that it amend the criminal law providing that the indeterminate sentence law be amended so as to give the judge the power to fix a minimum sentence as well as a maximum. This would give the board members an opportunity to know the judgment of the court as to the amount of punishment a man should receive, and also stop the stream of applicants who fire in a petition now just as soon as their minimum sentence has expired, a permission given them by the law.

SAYS OLD CAPITOL NOT WORTH WRECKING.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special)-Representatives of he Trester Wrecking company, after looking over the old capitol, told members of the capitol commission that it would cost the state a considerable sum to have the building wrecked, as very little of the stonework and wood finishing were worth anything. They recommended that no attempt be made to use any of the material in erecting new buildings at any of the state institutions, stating that it would be cheaper to use new building stone than to tear down and transport those in the present capitol. The woodwork, they found, was not of standard size and, therefore, unavailable for resale by wrecking companies.

CREAMERIES PUT UP VIGOROUS PROTEST.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special)-Creameries of the state have sent a protest to the state railway commission against the Union Pacific taking over its own cream and milk hauling, now done by the American Railway Express company unless it is required to operate exactly as the express companies have done. The creamery men say that the railroad has different rates for cream and milk, that it won't assume liability for lost, stolen or broken cans, and that it has regulations with respect to handling cans that are more onerous than those of the express company. The latter also sends cream by the shortest route to the buttermakers, who fear delays will occur if the road uses its own lines entirely.

MUST GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Ainsworth, Neb., Dec. boys of Long Pine, Neb., ranging in age from 10 to 15 years, appeared in county court here before Judge Baker on charges of stealing chickens, and were instructed to attend Sunday school at least twice a month in the future, keep off the streets at nights, and obey their parents. The court then instructed the boys to appear at the next term of district court, before Judge Dickson, and answer for their offenses.

The hovs, from the evidence introt, stole the chickens to sell to dealers. After getting their admissions of guilt, the judge asked how many of the boys went to Sunday school. Not a hand went up. Then he inquired how many had gone to Sunday school. Two hands went up and the owners stated they had gone a few times.

HAS BROOD OF CHICKS JUST RECENTLY HATCHED

Oakland, Neb., Dec. -Not to be out done by strawberries ripening on the vines in November and lilacs blooming out of season, a white Plymouth Rock hen on the Frank Zentmire farm took advantage of the spring like weather and hatched out a brood of chicks.

During her husband's absence Saturday evening Mrs. Zentmire was looking around to see that everything had been made ready for the night when she was attracted by the happy "cheep, cheep" of tiny chick-

Search revealed Biddy under an oldwheelbarrow with eight downy baby chicks tucked safely under her wings. They were taken to the house and placed near the furnace and at last accounts were doing fine.

Gas From His Own Auto Cause of Death

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (I. N. S.)-Jacob Waxman, 34 years old, president of the Lincoln Grain company, is dead, a victim of monoxide gas from the engine of his motor car. Waxman was found dead in his garage here last night after his absence for several hours had been noticed. Tools scattered about showed he had been repairing his car, and an empty gasoline tank indicated the engine had run until the supply was exhausted. He returned from Omaha earlier in the day.

WANTED TO BE EXECUTED. NOW SEEKS FREEDOM

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special) ---Floyd Fuller, former pusiness man of Lexington, who pleaded guilty to murder in the hope that he would be executed, was before the state board of pardons today asking for release from prison, where he has been for the last eight years. In 1916 Fuller was divorced from his wife, and met a Mrs. Carberry. They took a trip to Denver, and he said he supposed they were married there.

PLANS CHANGE **MARRIAGE LAW**

Omaha Man Would Annul Licenses After Two Years If No Children

Omaha, Neb., Dec. _. (Special)-Revocation of all marriage licenses issued in Nebraska in cases where no children are born within two years, making exceptions for physical disabilities, when properly certified by a physican, was proposed here by City Health Commissioner A. S. Pinto, who announced he will support such a bill before the next session of the Nebraska legislature. He also announced that he would support a bill requiring physical examinations of all applicants for marriage lic-

"There is a growing tendency among men and women to enter the married state when both are regularly employed," Dr. Pinto said, "and after marriage both remain in employment and have intentions of continuing at work. In many cases, I would say their marriage is merely to legalize their living together, to give an air of respectability to their domestic relations.

"Many women marry and remain in their work because of their love for finery, and their feeling of independence which comes when both are on a regular wage basis."

BLCOMFIELD BUSINESS MEN WANT NIGHT WATCH

Bloomfield, Neb., Dec. (Special) -A move is on foot to employ a night watch here during the winter months. Those backing the move cite the fact that practically all other towns in this section employ night watches, being paid by the city. A committee of local business men met with the city council but no satisfactory solution was reached. The business interests take the stand that a night watch would be a benefit to the whole town and that such expense as it would entail should be paid from city funds and not by contributions from the business men.

SAYS PROFESSOR USED

PSYCHOLOGY IN PROPOSING Lincoln, Neb., Dec ' (Special)-Professors pop the question differently from ordinary folks, according to the story told in district court by Miss Matilda Framstead, who is suing Dr. Joseph H. Powers for \$25,000

for breach of promise. "I can almost remember the exact spot where we were," she said. "I recall vividly that just as he asked me his foot slipped on a piece of ice. He used psychology in asking me. He said: "Of course you'll marry me Hilda?' and I said, 'yes,' falteringly, because I never dreamed he felt that

way towards me." Miss Framstead was ordered at the end of another lawsuit, to restore to Powers property she had that he claims belonged to him and which she said was her own. Powers is famed in the world of science as a maker of slides for laboratory work.

HIS MISTAKE GIVES LINCOLN POLICE A SCARE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special)-Although he was unaware of the fact, S. M. Lewis, traveling man from Chicago, was a hunted man for twohours, Wednesday. He had ordered sent to his hotel a drive-it-yourself car for a country trip, and when he went outside to get it he picked one belonging to a man who had stepped inside for a minute. When he discovered his car was gone the auto owner notified the police. Thinking it meant a descent of robbers on some suburban bank the state sheriff got his force all ready, sent out warnings to the bankers to be on the lookout and then proceeded to spread a net that resulted in Lewis' detention in a small town eight miles north. He was supplied with another car, and the police brought the one mistakenly taken back to town.

TELLS WHY THERE WERE

NO PROHIBITION VOTES Omaha, Neb., Dec. 11.-The mystery of why there were no prohibition votes cast in Nance county at the last election was explained before the meeting of Nebraska county clerks at the Hotel Castle by J. T. Gilmore, county clerk of Nance county.

"There are only about six prohibition votes in my county, and they are a nuisance," said Filmore. "It would have cost \$240 to get prohibition ballots printed for them. I called up Secretary of State Pool and asked him what I should do about it, and he said for me to do as 'I damn pleased.' I did, by not having any prohibition ballots printed, and we haven't had any prohibition votes in Nance county since." This "confession" threw the cenvention in an uproar.

Mr. Gilmore said he favored a law to eliminate new political parties after they have been given a trial and have failed to get a certain per centage of the votes.

PROHIBITION AGENTS

SEIZE MUCH ALCOHOL Omaha ,Neb., Dec. (Special)-Federal prohibition agents, headed by "Bob" Samardick and A. E. Whitney, of Minneapolis, Wednesday made a large seizure of illicit liquor when they broke open a car containing 3,000 gallons of alcohol with a declared value of from \$90,000 to \$95,000.

BLOOMFIELD DIGS ITSELF OUT FROM SNOW DRIFTS

Bloomfield, Neb., Dec. , (Special) -This part of the state has just "dug out" from under the heaviest fall of snow that has been known for years. The first fall of snow was heavy and was unaccompanied by wind, packing down quite solidly. The last storm had a heavy wind as its accompaniment and drifted to a considerable extent. Railway service was crippled but all trains managed to get through, although from four to 10 hours late. Some loss to stock has been reported but indications are that this has been very light.