LIVE SUBJECT

pected to Make Changes In the Law

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13. (Special)-A live subject for legislation at the coming session is presented in the situation of the state hall insurance department. This is maintained by the state for the convenience of crop growers who wish to buy insurance for about half what the private companies charge. The state takes the business through its precinct assessors and has the county treasurer collect the premium as a tax. It contributes nothing to the fund and is not responsible for any deficits. It takes from the fund the cost of supervision and adjustment of losses.

The business has been declining in favor for the last four years, each of which has seen the insured compelled to accept only a part of the coverage paid for. This year losses were scaled 50 per cent., which gives added unpopularity. Premiums start in the eastern part of the state at 2 per cent. of policy face and ascend to 7 per cent. in the far western part. This is about half what the private companies charge, and few of them have made money. This year \$119,000 of the \$137,000 losses were in the lowrated territory.

GOVERNOR OCCUPIES NEW STATE HOUSE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 3 (Special)-Governor Bryan is the first and sole occupant of the new statehouse. All of Monday a force of janitors were busy moving his old furniture into the new magnificence, where even the door hardware is gold-plated. The old furniture looked rather incongruous, but the governor said he was not going to wait for new furniture because the next legislature must authorize its purchase first and as most of it must be made to order, it will be a year before the new capitol can be thus outfitted. The governor has but two weeks to stay in office, and being head of the capitol commission he was able to order his office finished first so that he might have the honor of being first occupant.

KNOX COUNTY MAN SEEKING A PAROLE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7. (Special)-Alonzo Ridgers, sent up from Knox county for six months to two years for violation of the liquor law, is to have his hearing on an application for parole, January 13, with 26 others. J. Irvin, sent up from Boyd for crime against nature, one to 20 years, is also on the list, as are Forrest Holtzclaw, embezzlement, Rock, Harvey Cromwell, burglary, Holt; Clarence McEwen, aiding burglary, Nance, and Frank Rittwager, burglary, Burt. Arthur S. Allen, one of the group of Lincoln county officers convicted of treasury raids, is also an applicant. He was county clerk, and accused of embezzlement.

WOULD AVOID GIVING FATHER \$40 A MONTH

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 1 , (I. N. S.)-Robert Sharp Livingstone and Elsie Sharp of Santa Ana, California and Elizabeth Sharp Cook of Casper, Wyo., appealed to the Nebraska supreme court today the order of the decision forcing them to pay \$40 a month toward the maintenance of their aged father, William Sharp, of Loup City, Neb. Sharp declared he had given his children 440 acres of Nebraska farm land and now is destitute.

The defendants assert, however, that their father has a pension of \$20 a month and enough income from other sources to support him.

RURAL MAIL MAN FINALLY CETS VACATION

Blair, Neb., Dec ...-After traveling 170,676 miles, the equivalent of seven times around the earth, in delivering mail to patrons on rural routes since Marco 6, 1906, James Reid is taking a vacation of three months granted by the postoffice de-

For over eight years Mr. Reid traveled his route with a team and buggy, covering \$5,600 miles, and since he has been driving a car on his route he has rade 95,076 miles. He is 65 years olf, and will be retired on a pensior, in August, 1926,

Discovery For casts Insulin Manufacture

Chicago.-Discovery of the method of isolating the active element in insulin by Dr. Arthur Locke of St. Luke's hospital, ultimately will result in the manufacture of artificial or synthetic insulin so that this treatment for diabetic sufferers may be obtained much chapper than at present, according to an announcement at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Julius Sheigitz, head of the department of chemistry, said that "positive progress has been made by Dr. Locke in obtaining more potent product from insulia," but added that it could not be predicted how much time may be required before artificial preparation of the product can be accomplished.

PENNSYLVANIA COW GIVES 1.110 POUNDS OF BUTTER IN YEAR

Mohnton, Pa .- Sparrowhawk -. Tohanna, a cow of Holstein-Friesian breed, holds the American record, according to her owner, Abner S. Deysher, in milk and butter output. For one year she produced 28.028 pounds of milk, which yielded 1,110 pounds

HAIL INSURANCE | FARM FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

Nebraska Legislature Ex. Half of Realestate of Holt County Found to Be Unencumbered

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. . (Special)-Fifty per cent, of the farms of Holt county are without incumbrance of any kind, according to an investigation just completed by R. H. Parker of O'Neill. The report also shows that 25 per cent. of the farms are but nominally incumbered, while 15 per cent, are heavily mortgaged and 10 per cent. are in the process of foreclosure. The report also shows an excess of unincumbered livestock and other personal property over incumbered property. Bankers of Ewing. O'Nelli, Atkinson and Stuart declare the finances of the farmers and ranchmen to be in a healthy condition and that conditions in the county are better than for many years.

THINKS CONTRACTOR

ATTEMPTING TO GOUGE Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special)Insisting that the state is not obligated to pay a highway contractor for solid rock excavation when nothing more substantial than a plow was used to break it up. Attorney General Spillman has filed an answer in supreme court to the claim of the Peterson, Shirley & Gunther company for excess work on the Sloux county state highway.

The contractor claims \$129,000, where the state says it owes him only \$82,000. A district court judge awarded the contractor \$33,000 of the difference.

MAKES BIG SAVING

GUARANTY COMMISSION

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 4. (Special)-The state guaranty fund commission has filed with the governor a voluminous report of its activities for the year and a half of its existence. It shows that under this plan of handling bank receiverships, \$519,000 a year was saved. On the 25 receiverships that were created since its existence by the failure of banks it has saved \$191,000. Under the old way each bank had a receiver and an attorney or two.

Secretary Peterson says that the provision in the new law creating the commission which permitted it to take over failing concerns and operate them saved the situation in Nebraska the past year. Without it the guaranty fund would be insol-

SELF DEFENSE

Man Now Held for Murder Called Sheriff and Undertaker

North Platte, Neb., Dec. .- The body of Oscar Daniels lies in an undertaking parlor here while Hank Embree is charged with murder as a result of an argument which ended in a fight between the two men, 28 miles north of Sutherland. Daniels was killed when Embree sent the contents of a shotgun through his

After shooting Daniels, Embree called the McPherson county sheriff and related the shooting. He then telephoned an undertaker at Sutherland who in turn notified a local undertaker whto took the body to North Platte.

Embree said the shooting was in self-defense. According to his version of the affair, Daniels and an old man, named Lawrence, were at a ranch house 28 miles north of Sutherland when Lawrence started to go home.

When Lawrence started to crank Mr automobile, he said, Daniels attempted to stop him and began to abuse Lawrence. Embree then said he took Lawrence's side in the altercatton and then Daniels "turned on me with an ax." "In defending myself," Embree said, "I shot Danielz, killing him."

ADMITS KILLING MAN

WHO WRECKED HOME. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. -- Frank Bartos, attorney for Edward Schuerman, wealthy farmer, charged with shooting and killing George Rheinmiller, De Witt Rock Island section hand, on October 10, said he would introduce letters alleged to have been written to Mrs. Schuerman by Rheinmiller, asking her to get rid of her husband by poison or some other means. Bartos said the letters would show Rheinmiller threatened if she did not get rid of her husband he would do so himself. He said the letters would show that Rheinmiller broke up Schuerman's home.

Admitting the allegation of the state that Schuerman shot and killed Rheinmiller, the attorney for Schuerman stated that his evidence would prove that the murder was committed while Schuerman was temporarily insane caused by his knowledge of the love affair between Mrs. Schuerman and Rheinmiller.

MASKELL WOMAN IS TERRIBLY SCALDED

Ponca, Neb., Dec. -- Mrs. O. P. Lund, of Maskell, while assisting with the family washing at her home, slipped and fell, spilling the boiling water over herself. She was unable to remove her clothes until the flesh was literally cooked.

Medical aid was summoned at once. but little relief from the pain was felt until she was given an opiste. Not much hope is held for her receivery. Her children are at her side

ASSERTS PAPERS CONVICTED HIM

Man Found Guilty of Murder Files Long Appeal in Supreme Court

Omaha, Neb., Dec. -Two Omaha newspapers are blamed by James Griffin, in a hundred page brief filed in supreme court, for his conviction on a charge of manslaughter, the killing of Henry McArdle, whose dead body was found partly burned in a hay stack. Griffin says that the news papers used their influence to secure his conviction, and that they employed Mg headlines and printed distorted and false stories about the testimony. He complained to the trial judge, but got no satisfaction. He claims this deprived him of the fair and impartial trial the constitution guarantees him.

Another ground of complaint is that he was entitled to show that Joe Bronson, who was the state's witness, was a gun toter. He says the evidence showed that either he or Joe did the shooting and that this was a reason for allowing him to show his habit as to carrying deadly weapons.

RAILWAY COMMISSION HAS PROBLEM TO SOLVE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special)-The state railway commission is engaging in a bit of head-scratching over a problem in unscrambling. Twenty-five years ago the men who promoted a water and gas plant at Nebraska City built it out of the bond sales money and then voted themselves \$300,000 in common stock to reward themselves. Later the plant fell into hard lines, and didn't earn enough money to keep up the property. It was bought by the Insull syndicate, which borrowed on its notes \$700,000 in cash with which to make it an up-to-date plant. Now they want the commission to approve securities they propose to is-

sue to take up the notes. If the commission approves the \$700,000 there will be a larg or amount of securities out against it than the property is worth. It has no power to cancel the \$300,000 common and anyway it is in other hands now. It is not allowed by law to approve a larger security issue than is represented by property. But the \$700,-000 must be paid. The matter has been taken under advisement.

INVESTIGATE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF AUTO DRIVER

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. S.)-Officers from state law enforcement department arrived here to assist in the investigation into the death of Carl Aldrich, of Rockport, Mo, whose body was found beside his charred automobile. A verdict returned by a coroner's jury declared Aldrich death resulted from "foul means at the hands of persons unknown." According to police evidence showed that oil was poured on Aldrich's car and his dead body after he had been robbed and murdered. The car was completely ru-

HAS BIBLE PRINTED

yond recognition.

NEARLY 400 YEARS AGO Omaha, Neb., Dec. -A bible. printed in Germany in 1964-1565 is in possession of Mrs. Paul Karo of Lyons, Neb.

ined and the body burned nearly be-

On the title page is this inscription: "This book is printed by permission of, and the grace of the Elector of Saxony, Wittenburg, 1564." The book is brown and ragged

with age. It has come down through several generation of Mrs. Karo's family. It is 15 1-2 inches long, 10 1-2 wide and 6 inches thick. The back is leather covered and bronze cornered.

The book is full of half-page wood cut illustrations of various bible incidents. The books of the Apocrapha are included in the volume. The bible was brought to America

in 1888 from Germany by Henry Semmler, Mrs. Karo's father.

WEALTHY FARMER MUST PAY \$700 DAMAGES

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special.)-Otto Meyer, wealthy Lancaster county farmer, told it around that Mrs. Nannie I. Davis, wife of a neighbor with whom he had had trouble over wandering hogs, was a half-breed Mexican and had shot a man in Oklahoma. A jury, after hearing, for a week, testimony in the suit, which was for \$30,500 damages, has awarded her \$700. The entire neighborhood, Eroken up into factions, thronged the courtroom each day, and sat on opposite sides, glaring and jeering at one another during the trial. Mrs. Davis said Meyer had said he would run her out of the neighborhood.

The woman was arrested some time ago on complaint of Meyer. who said she shot at him. She said Meyer became abusive when she told him to keep his hogs at home, and she shot in the air to frighten him. She was released after trial.

COUNTY BUYS SNOW

PLOW TO CLEAR ROADS Bloomfield, Neb., Dec. cial.)-The Knox county board of supervisors has bought a large snow plow to be used in freeing the main roads of the county of their burden of snow. The machine clears a path 21 feet wide and will require a powerful tractor to push it.

TOWNS TO PROTEST

CANCELING OF TRAINS Bloomfield, Neb., Dec. . (Special.)-Representatives of the Bloomfield Commercial club will go to Wayne, next Monday, to protest against the removal of trains 50 and 51 on this branch. The state railway commission will hold a meeting at Wayne on that day, the meeting being called at 11:15 a. m. All the towns on this branch will have representatives there and the same is true of the Crofton branch of the M. & O

TEACH FARMERS TO CURE MEAT

Nebraska College of Agriculture to Put on Course. Dec. 29 to Jan. 2

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special)-A brand new short course in farm meats will be offered at the agricultural college. December 29 to January 2. Farmers will be given practical experience in the slaughtering and preparation of meats for home consumption. Lard rendering, sausage making, meat canning and soap making will be taught. The registration is limited and applications by mail will be received.

Other interesting short courses are scheduled to begin at various times and run from a few days to four weeks. The farm shop four weeks course and the auto tractor course will open December 29.

POULTRY WILL HAVE ATTENTION

Indiana Specialist to Lecture At Meeting of Nebraska Association

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. . (Special)-Professor A. G. Philips, chairman of the department of poultry husbandry of Purdue University in Indiana, will be the one speaker on the program of the Nebraska State Poultry association at organized agriculture, according to the announcement. His address will concern economical production of poultry.

Professor Philips was a delegate to the second World's Poultry conference held at Barcelona, Spain, in June, 1924. While in Europe, he had the opportunity to study poultry conditions as they exist there. He is among the oldest poultrymen in the country and what he has to say regarding production of farm poultry will be based upon his actual experience and study.

Purdue University has recently dedicated a new poultry building cesting \$80,000. This plant is a monument to the poultry industry in Indiana, the development of which has been in a large degree due to the efforts of Mr. Philips and his staff, states the Nebraska poultrymen who secured Mr. Philips' services for their meeting. Poultry feeding and egg incubation have been the particular problems studied at this institution.

The Nebraska poultrym hold their annual egg and poultry show at the Lincoln auditorium during the week. The poultry plant at the Agricultural college which has been completed within the year will be open for the inspection of visitors each day. The annual poultry short course offered to poultrymen of the state each year by the college will be held the week following organized agriculture.

BELLEVUE SCHOOL IS PRACTICALLY ABANDONED

Bellevue, Neb., Dec. : .- Four dormitories, an administration building, a gymnasium, lecture hall, president's house, and minor buildings, with 65 acres of campus, are in the hands of a caretaker here and while two tentative proposals are before trustees of the property, relative to its rehabilitation.

The Bellevue school plant, used as a vocational training school for disabled veterans, was abandoned by the government in October of this year after many of its soldier-students had returned to civil life.

Conversion of the property into an academy for boys of secondary school rank, which constitutes the first proposal is being considered by Dr. Larrimore C. Denise, president of the Omaha Theological seminary. This proposition calls for an investigation by a representative of Lawrenceville academy, Lawrenceville, N. J., which, Dr. Demise said, will be made sometime in January.

The second proposal, to utilize the property for an institution for training Christian workers, other than clergymen, has met with disapproval in the ranks of Nebraska churchmen. The question has come up, the Omaha clergyman said, as to whether establishment of another religious school is a "necessary wheel" in the state's religious education system, in view of the already established institutions of a similar purpose, in

The Bellevue school plant was formerly a Presbyterian institution and is still controlled by a board of trustees. The property was leased by the government.

NORTHERN NORMAL

NEEDS NEW BUILDINGS Aberdeen, S. D., Dec. ' (Special) -At the recent meeting of the state board of regents of education at Pierre, recommendation was made for the erection of two buildings at Northern State Teachers college here. Officials of the local school declare that these buildings are badly needed, as the school is crwoded The buildings as recommended include a structure for class-rooms and one to be used as a campus training school. The same recommendation has been made on two other occasions, but both times action was blocked.

NO FURLOUGHS FOR CONVICTS IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., Dec .. (Special.)-Following dozens of telephone calls and messages from relatives of the ex-service men now contained in Nebraska penal institutions, Governor Bryan has announced that under no circumstances will he issue furloughs to these young men that will enable them to spend Christmas with relatives or at home.

A one-pole tent that may be transformed into a raft has been invented by a Norwegian.

Wilson, As Leading Humanitarian, Has Firm Place in Nation's Annals

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch The congressional tribute Monday to the memory of Woodrow Wilson was a welcome and timely interlude in public affairs. It brought minds from the close application of daily duty into the prospect of the ages. It offered homage to one of the great presidents, not for his tangible achievements, his finished record of service, but for his striving and his sacrifice.

On such an occasion it may be asked what causes some statesmen to be remembered above others of their time? Why do Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Wilson stand out among contemporaries and among presidents? What is the common denominator of their fame?

Jefferson was a great democrat and a great statesman. But the democracy and statesmanship were inspired by a common quality-his humanity. He believed in the common man. Whether his belief was justified is beside the point. His political doctrines have suffered some severe twists and are largely disregarded today. None the less, his faith and his friendliness toward the common lot have made him a colossus among the shades of our fathers.

Allowing for the lingering element of civil war hatreds and sectional differences, Lincoln stands even closer to the hearts of Americans than does Jefferson. The measure of that difference may be only his greater fame as a humanitarian. A Cuban monument to Roosevelt has been erected and dedicated, not because of the importance of his part in Cuban liberation, either in state or in the field, but because his effort pictured the soul of emancipation for the common man.

Now Woodrow Wilson has been characterized by one of his colleagues as "the leading humanitarian of the modern world." He sought, first, to liberate mankind from autocracy and, second, to liberate the nations from war. He succeeded measurably in both aims. For both efforts he was cursed and maligned. Emancipation could be contrived only at the cost of war and human life. An iniquitous peace was accepted, when no better could be obtained, in the hope that a congress of nations working together for amity would contervail the evils of the treaty.

He made great gains at the cost of great losses. Political opposition and special interest remember only the losses. The ages take account of the gains. They know the quality of unselfish devotion. In statesmen it is none too common. Politics keeps score on the measures of the moment, the treaties signed, the written record. The ages remember great motives, great services, great moral and humanitarian causes. It is not so much that a redeemer prevails as that he dies in the cause.

Wilson was a great humanitarian. He thought the people were worth fighting for. He died in that thought. In that thought he will live.

THE EARNEST MAN Dwight.

The earnest men are so few in the world that their very earnestness becomes at once the badge of their nobility; and, as men in a crowd instinctively make room for one who seems eager to force his way through it, so mankind everywhere open their ranks to one who rushes zealously toward some object lying beyond them.

Well, We Guess This Settles It.

From the Kansas City Star. The Rock Island's new golden state train to California will have a "women's lounge" in which women may smoke, and with this graceful recognition of the equality of the sexes, the long battle waged over this claim seems as good as won for the women. Certainly no legal obstacle equality can finally stand after the

social obstacles have disappeared. Of course, one is not so simple as to suppose the women will use their own lounge to smoke in. They will smoke in the men's lounge with the men, both because of its superior advantages for advertising the aforesaid equality and because men are nicer to talk to than women. Nicer for women to talk to, that is. For men it's the other way around. The women's lounge then is to be considered merely as a symbol, not necessarily as a place in which to smoke. If women had to go to a particular place to smoke, and to smoke there only in company with their own kind, the real flavor of equality—not to mention that of to-bacco—would be lost to them. It would be an admission that their smoking was on a basis of inequality, that it had to be done in a way savoring of the clandestine. That is an admission not to be made in an age of equality.

Still, the women's smoking lounge is an achievement for the cause. It is a badge and a sign. It is a sign that the railroads, generally thought to be rather conservative, have recognized progress cannot be wholly blocked. In the matter of passenger rates they have always been for equality between the sexes, charging the same for both. Having admitted the principle, the logic of the present step was inexorable. And when an institution like a railroad surrenders to progress, what's the ese of government and laws holding out? We ask you.

When the Moon Hides the Sun.

From the New York World.

A total eclipse of the sun is the most spectacular display the skies can show us, and in "The Golden Bough" Sir James George Frazer tells of man's early efforts to placate the heavens when the sun was hidden. The Ojibways shot firetipped arrows at the sky, hoping to rekindle the sun's dying light. The Chilcotin Indians leaned on staves and walked in circles till the eclipse was over, believing, apparently, that they could support the failing steps of the sun as he trod his weary round. In the basin of the Orinoco River there were tribesmen who buried lighted firebrands because, said they, if the sun were to be extinguished all fire on earth would be extinguished with him except such as was hidden from his sight. These ceremonies the medicine-men prescribed, and the early peoples of the earth believed their

Not That Far Along. From the Chicago News. The tramp was telling his tale of woe at the old lady's house where he had called to get "just a crust of bread,

She seemed kindly disposed and like the majority of his fraternity, he was at once spurred on to telling the tale with all the appeal of which he was "I've asked for money," he pleaded, almost with tears in his eyes, "and I've begged for money and I've cried for

money, mum."
The old lady looked thoughtful. "Have you ever thought of working for it, my man?" she asked gently.
"No, mum," came the reply, without a moment's hesitation. "You see, I'm going through the alphabet and I con't got to W ye." men of medicine implicitly.

And modern man? No less a trusting creature. It is predicted now that on the 24th of January next the sun will be eclipsed; that the eclipse will cut a narrow path across the North Atlantic, and that for people living in this are the sun will be completely hidden. So bold is the modern medicine-man that he dares foretell the exact fringe of this eclipse and assert that if the moon behaves herself its edge will cut across Manhattan

And we believe him! Here is the moon, some two hundred thousand miles away, and the sun no end of millions more. Here are all manner of intricate computations by which it is figured just when an eclipse will come and just what corners of the earth will see it-computations not in the least bit understood by one man or woman in a million. Yet thousands of good people living north of Central Park will bear arm-chairs to cold apartment roofs on the morning of the 24th, convinced that their soothsayers will not fail them. We live in an age when mere man predicts his miracles, and the prophet. no longer relying of a four-leafed clover and a rabbit's toot, performs his work with better to is.

Borah and Britten.

From the Lincoln Journal.

It was a fitting coincidence that put Senator Borah and Representative Britten to talking war and peace on the same day. There, side by side, we had the two types of international statesmanship from which to choose.

Borah argued for the outlawry of war. Instead of international laws of war he would have international laws against war. There is no hope for peace, he said, as long as great powers will that there shall be no peace. He would have the powers substitute law and judicial tribunals for war. Then if war came, those by whom it came would be outlawed. Under that plan, the thought of the world would be focused against war as now it is focused upon war. How world thought is focused up-

on war, Congressman Britten illustrates. Japan is offended by our ex-clusion legislation. Congressman Britten concludes, therefore, that Japan is getting ready to attack us. The brown bantam is menacing the white plymouth rock. Mr. Britten would have the plymouth rock and all the other white chickens fronting the Pacific combine to bluff the bantam. The United States and Australia and presumably Mexico and South America and all white nations should have "a definite defensive policy" against Japan.

By the time that is done, Japan will of course have organized all the colored peoples of Asia and perhaps Africa against the whites. Then in due time will come the test of which race can kill off the other the fastest. That way the Britten thought leads. The other way Borah leads The Britten way is old and well tried. It produced 1914 and what followed. In view of that fact, the United States, let us hope will follow

One of the latest additions to the rapidly growing list of intrepid women travelers and explorers is Miss Philippa Bridges, whose father, a celebrated British soldier, is the present governor of South Australia. Miss Bridges has just completed a journey of 650 miles through uninhabited country of South Australia, mostly by camel transport, her only companions being a handful of Aborigines.

Sexton Kept Track. From the Edinburgh Scotsman.
"I canna get ower it," remarked a farmer to his wife. "I put a twa-shillin' piece in the plate at the kirk this mornin' instead o' my usual penny."

The beadle had noticed the mistake, and in silence he allowed the farmer to miss the plate for twenty-three consecutive Sundays.

On the twenty-fourth Sunday, the

On the twenty-fourth Sunday the farmer again ignored the plate, but the old beadle stretched the ladle in front of him and, in a tragic whisper, hoarsely said:
"Your time's up noo, Sandy."

One of the oldest superstitions prevalent all over Europe is the idea that animals assume the power of speech at Christmas time.